

Emergency Services Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
4/28/2021

Present: Director of Fire/EMS Robert McCoy, Linas Saurusaitis, Dan Plunkert, Gene Curfman, Rick Baker, Bruce Fleming, Mike Karolenko, Dave Coe, Eddie Ruch, Mike Thompson & Lynn Karr-Kratz.

Not Present: Dr. Mike DiNapoli, Commissioner Steve Wantz, and Deric Dunn.

Chairman (Rick Baker):

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call of all members.
- Introduction of guests: Ryan Dyson- Mount Airy VFD, employee
- Minutes from March Meeting – Final approval of the minutes will take place during the May meeting.
- Turned meeting over to Director McCoy to start off the member reports period.

Director McCoy (Statistics update):

- Director McCoy, Director Campbell, Eddie Ruch and Jason Tyler participated in a demonstration of the First Watch Program for statistical analysis.
- Information was relayed back to Keystone on the capabilities of First Watch, and the Department is waiting to hear back on what Keystone will be able to assist with.
- Brief discussion regarding free text in EMS reports. The idea was presented that if the free text was removed from the reports, we would be able to have more clear and consistent data reports.

Board Member Comments:

- The ESAC region reps stated that they vote on the current SOP's based on their Chief's opinions/views on the information within the policy.

Personnel Transition Status (Director McCoy):

- Hiring plan for FY22 is to employ 55 personnel. The positions are as follows: 2 Training Center staff, 4 Paramedics/EMS supervisors, 44 Fire/EMS personnel, and 5 part-time employees. The part-time employees hired will assist the Fire/EMS Department with leave abatement, peak period units, and to assist with staffing gaps across the county.
- Request to convert the Training Center positions into Operational employment opportunities to allow for assistance with personnel management/supervision and emergency response.
- Discussion on transferring of vehicle titles from CCVESA to the county so that the vehicles may be insured under the counties LGIT policy. CCVESA wants to ensure that when this process takes place, the reserve fleet continues to be maintained at the current numbers. An MOU was forwarded to the CCVESA President outlining their request.
- RFP- The Department has chosen a vendor to complete the EMS billing. The selection was sent to the purchasing department for final review and must be approved by the Commissioners
- MOU- All issues regarding continued funding and indemnification have been addressed. The Commissioners agreed to indemnify and will add to the counties LGIT policy.

Old Business (Rick Baker):

- 2-3 Duty Chief- The policy was not approved based on the majority vote.
- 6-2 Minimum Officer Training Standards- The policy was not approved based on the majority vote.
- 1-1 Code of Conduct- The policy was not approved based on the majority vote.
- 1-2 Chain of Command- The policy was not approved based on the majority vote.
- 2-8 Personnel Response in POV- The policy was not approved based on the majority vote.
- 3-1 Back Injury Prevention- The policy was not approved based on the majority vote.
- 4-1 Radio and MDT use- The policy was not approved based on the majority vote.
- 5-5 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)- The committee voted to pass this SOP.
- 5-3 Engine Tanker- The committee voted to pass this SOP.
- 5-4 Rescue Squad- The committee voted to pass this SOP.
- 5-2 Class "A" Pumper- The committee voted to pass this SOP.
- A lengthy discussion occurred after the voting of the SOP's regarding the flow of information from the ESAC reps to their members, the roles of the voting members, representation and the process moving forward. More discussion will be required at the next ESAC meeting.

Action Items *(Rick Baker)*

- Continue to discuss at each monthly meeting the transition process of hiring career county personnel.
- Email to be sent out to the station Presidents regarding potential re-appointing of the 1-year term board members of the ESAC.
- The committee will begin meeting in person at the Public Safety Training Center starting with the next meeting on Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at 19:00 hours.
- ESAC meeting was adjourned at 21:55 on 4/28/21.