

Emergency Services Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
6/16/2021

Present: Linas Saurusaitis, Dan Plunkert, Gene Curfman, Rick Baker, Dave Coe, Michael Karolenko, and Lynn Karr-Kratz.

Not Present: Commissioner Steve Wantz, Eddie Ruch, Bruce Fleming, Dr. Mike DiNapoli and Deric Dunn.

Chairman (Rick Baker):

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call of all members.
- Introduction of guests: Susan Mott- 1st Vice President, CCVESA.
- Minutes from March & April Meetings – Approved by members.

Board Member Comments:

- A meeting took place on May 12th, 2021 with previous Fire/EMS Director, Rick Baker and Linas Saurusaitis. It was a positive experience where the two ESAC members could discuss issues and provide additional information on a plan and provide input to efficiently provide fire/rescue/EMS services in the county.
- The goal of the ESAC is to be more vocal and actively participate in the progress and development of the Fire/EMS department.
- ESAC is in agreement that they are not in favor of proceeding with the current plan for hiring. The plan does not effectively address the needs of Emergency Services for the county.

Committee Reports:

- EMSOPS (*Dave Coe*)- The State of Emergency will be lifted effective July 1st, 2021. With this taking place, they are working on establishing EMT call response criteria in regards to PPE and mask wearing.

Statistics:

- Scott Campbell working with Keystone to ensure that there is a functioning report available to identify late or failed response by any unit dispatched on any call. Keystone is working on re-establishing the old version in addition to continuing to proceed with the new version. More information will be forthcoming as Scott continues to verify the data.

New Business

- CCVESA meeting with the commissioners to take place at the County Office Building Thursday, June 17th, 2021 at 1:00pm. The meeting is designed to discuss the transition status of personnel and define the roles of all stakeholders within the ESAC. Rick Baker, Bruce Fleming, Eddie Ruch and David Coe will be participating.
- The committee discussed the current hiring model of 44 personnel in FY22. The ESAC will work on crafting a plan that addresses the needs for the county. When a new Director is hired, we look forward to working with him/her.
- Different hiring scenarios were discussed to stabilize work force and provide the proper level of service to the citizens. The ultimate goal is to standardize the wages across the board and reduce station competition.

- The ESAC members voted to re-elect the current Chairman: Rick Baker and current Vice Chairman: Linas Saurusaitis for another year.

Action Items (*Rick Baker*)

- Continue to discuss at each monthly meeting the transition process of hiring career county personnel.
- Mike Karolenko to provide a briefing on the pay study that was conducted.
- The next ESAC meeting date will be on Wednesday July 14th at 7:00pm.
- ESAC meeting was adjourned at 21:10 on 6/16/21.