

FAAB MEETING - TALLEYVILLE FIRE COMPANY – MAY 19, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Mike Shaw, Representative, District #1
Eric Haley, Representative, District #2
VACANT, Representative, District #3
Andy Hall, A/Chairman/Representative, District #4 N/A
Dennis Godek, Representative, District #5
Fran Williams, Representative, District #6
VACANT, Representative, District #7
Chief Jeffrey P. Miller, NCC/ESC

AsstChief Donald W. Holden, NCC/ESC N/A
Chief Mark Logemann, NCC/EMS
Patricia Fox, President NCCFCA N/A
Ken Dunn, County Executive's Office
Councilman William Bell N/A
Karen Barlow, Councilman Bell's Office N/A
Susan Moore, County Executive's Office N/A
Tyler Boroj, Talleyville Fire Company

1900 HOURS: Acting Chairman Hall was not able to attend the meeting; Representative Williams was designated as Acting Chairman; A/Chairman Williams called the FAAB meeting to order; there were no corrections/additions/deletions to the minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting; **MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW AND SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE GODEK; MINUTES WERE APPROVED. NOTE: APRIL 21, 2022 meeting was canceled – no quorum.**

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Jeff Miller:

Personnel/Staffing: We presently have thirteen vacancies within the 911 Center; have made six offers as a result of interviews that took place last week. Kudos to our Human Resources Department for focusing on our staffing problems; will have six candidates and interviewed sixteen. Will soon be advertising for the vacancies in RECOM and Fireboard; encouraging promotion from within; need five candidates before advertising outside. Have made five promotions (from PSO area) between Fireboard and RECOM; they eventually were able to move from PSO area to their respective dispatcher positions (for training) as we still needed coverage in the PSO area. **Seventh Citizens Academy/PSO Certification Offer:** We are having information sessions inviting the public to train for the open PSO positions; they will be held on June 8 and June 22; academy training will be held the last two weekends in July; we have had much success with these training sessions. **800 MHz Update:** Still on track (upgrade) for accomplishing the FCC requirement to be fully upgraded to P25 compliance by the end of December, 2024. Still working through some issues with TDMA compliant radios that will be allowed on the Maryland First system; we believe that most of the surrounding jurisdictions in the state of Maryland now have TDMA radios with the TDMA technology. Chief Miller explained what TDMA is: *it double digitizes the signal that goes over the trunk system.* Chief Miller continued to explain that *the sixteen-trunk system, once it goes to TDMA, will expand to thirty-two trunks obtaining twice the band width.* The state of Maryland refuses to let any non-TDMA radios into their system. DIVCOM has been working remarkably well with the agencies that typically go into Maryland; discussions continued. We are currently working with the state of Maryland, Salem County, and Delaware County; the equipment is working its way in and Delmarva Communications has been installing the equipment; so, we have a temporary work around of switching channels/patching; it's not optimal but works better than no SECOM. When the project is complete (next month and half) we should be able to talk to everyone; still have a problem with Delaware County; they are very secure about their key (Johnson Control system); working on this issue; discussions continued.

HVAC Replacement in the 911 Center: We have been trying to replace (third time within seventeen years) the HVAC system; has been out to bid and awarded to Summit Mechanical (they are familiar with the problems). Due to equipment that is just not in the United States now; the project was supposed to start last February; will possibly be starting this project in December, 2022 (plan to do December, 2022/January/February, 2023). Discussions centered on this project being done in stages; logistics of limiting disruption in services; etc.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: Chief Mark Logemann:

Personnel/Staffing: Chief Logemann mentioned that they have opened the posting for accepting applications for the paramedic academy; it is scheduled to close on August 1, 2022; will be starting their academy education process at Good Fellowship about mid-January, 2023. We have the support of the County Executive and Public Safety Director's offices to have academies on an annual basis. Still currently seeking certified paramedics; have offered a \$10,000 signing bonus for certified paramedics and not seeing an influx of applicants; discussions. Regarding staffing; we have twenty-two vacancies (inclusive of ten overfills – Council legislation and twelve actual vacancies). **Current Academy at Good Fellowship:** This academy is doing very well; started in January, 2022; went through the BLS portion with no issue; they are about four/five weeks into the ALS portion; on Tuesdays and Thursdays they are doing clinical rotations. **Statewide Changes in EMD:** Chief Logemann discussed upcoming changes to the ALS response on certain PMD codes. AsstChief Johnson attended the NCCFCA meeting two weeks ago and briefed the group on the topic; discussions on these changes have involved the NCC Medical Director and the State Medical Director. Discussions continued regarding how the changes affect the CAD; etc. **SCAR Event on May 17, 2022:** Was a successful event. Discussions continued on ultrasound/PDA training in the field; using whole blood, and the proper handling of it in the field; etc. Chief Logemann fielded questions from Representative Godek regarding authorized strength; compassionate concerns of handling a death (within the residence), and transporting it out of the home; hospital taking custody of the body; etc. **Medic #6 Relocation:** Medic #6 has been temporarily relocated to Fire Station #10 while their facility is being renovated.

NCCFCA: President Patricia Fox: N/A

NCCVFA: A/Chairman Williams: nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: A/Chairman Williams:

Proposed Budget/Financial Reports from Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Communications Submitted: A/Chairman Williams requested that, *next year, the FAAB have the proposed budgets prior to them being submitted to Council.*

NEW BUSINESS: A/Chairman Williams:

VEHICLE THREATENING A STRUCTURE; VIA VIRTUAL VOTE (on April 11, 2022), MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE GODEK TO ACCEPT AND SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE HALEY; MOTION WAS APPROVED.

SUSPEND 'CHARLIE' RESPONSES FOR MEDICAL ASSISTS FOR 90 DAYS [TRIAL PERIOD]; MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE HALEY TO ACCEPT AND SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE GODEK; MOTION WAS APPROVED.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE FIRES to be DISPATCHED as a LEVEL 2 RESPONSE; MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE GODEK TO ACCEPT AND SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE HALEY; MOTION WAS APPROVED.

IMPACT FEE REQUESTS: A/Impact Fee Chairman Reeder:

COUNTY GOVERNMENT: Mr. Ken Dunn:

Mr. Dunn reported that a significant order was placed for PEs; getting low on equipment/masks/rapid tests (no plan to backfill rapid test supplies). Testing continues; anyone who needs to be tested can go 24-hours/day outside of the Gilliam Building; there's a cooler there with LabCorp kits; pick up is every day except Saturday/Sunday; stressing that infections are on a rise. **Expiration Dates on Rapid Tests:** The ones that were given out to the fire companies may have expired dates (May/June/December); pay attention to the saline in the test tube; if it's dried up (may be affected by temperature extremes), that part of the kit is no good. **FAAB Appointments with County Council:** Both District #3 – Brian Reeder and District #7 – Dave Majewski, should be confirmed on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District #1: Representative Shaw reported that he would like to get the FAAB officers elected and have further discussions with Susan Moore on agenda/meetings; Mr. Dunn said that she will be present at future meetings. Discussions continued about posting meetings/agendas; open meetings; avoiding casual lunch/dinner discussions and impact on boards; etc. Representative Shaw asked about Impact Fee inquiries; A/Chairman Williams directed him to speak with Representative-elect Brian Reeder the A/Impact Fee Chairman.

District #2: Representative Haley suggested having the FAAB meetings in the Snow Room at the Public Safety Building (keeping the location the same and centrally located); Chief Miller will check on it.

District #3: VACANT; in process; should be confirmed by Council by May 24, 2022.

District #4: A/Chairman Hall; N/A

District #5: Representative Godek requested the following; all questions/comments/discussions were answered by Chief Miller:

1) Discussion of my meeting with Chief Miller; *discussions.*

2) Reports to be provided to FAAB by Chief Miller on monthly and quarterly basis; *determine what do you want on the report and how do you want to see it; CAD web view overload needs to be addressed; Chief Miller hopes to deliver the first report by September (a few before that); discussions.*

3) Fire Board compliance with IRP concerning Box Alarms specific to High Rise Structures; *discerning what building is a high-rise and what building isn't; Chief Miller is requesting consistency; continued discussions.*

4) FAAB compliance with Open Meeting Laws; *questions for Susan Moore.*

5) Fire Board and Call Taker Staffing/Call taking workload of on-duty dispatchers; *discussions.*

6) Call Taker and Fire/EMS Dispatcher Training Program; *training program is working well; graduated eleven new training officers; educate the new candidates as to the nature of the job; MDTs being created; obtained extra positions from Council; discussions.*

7) QA/QI procedures for Emergency Communications; *calls are reviewed from start to finish; Chief Miller discussed the intentions of identifying errors/improvement of the process, i.e., roll calls and training time. By the end of summer, all 911 Center supervisors will be trained/certified in the QA/QI process.*

8) Capabilities of CAD for provision of response and call data to Fire Companies; *use of updated systems; working with network group; ability to run the reports yourself being connected to the server in the 911 Center; discussions.*

9) Fire Board Channel Assignments; *covered.*

10) Fire Chief requests for audio copies of 911 calls; *audio release form will be drawn up by Jordan Perry, Esq.*

By-pass/Scratches: Future discussions.

District #6: A/Chairman Williams mentioned that all points were covered.

District #7: VACANT; in process; should be confirmed by Council on May 24, 2022.

REPORTS FROM GUESTS:

**NEXT FAAB MEETING JUNE 16, 2022
AT STATION #26 – TOWNSEND FIRE COMPANY
FAAB MEETING WILL START AT 1900 HOURS**