

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
EMERGENCY SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

*Mr. Stanley Williams, Chairman
Mr. C. Daniel Davis, Co-Chairman*



James R. Guy, President
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

MINUTES of 5 October 2016
MEETING #156

Chairman Stanley Williams called a regular meeting of the Emergency Services Committee (ESC) to order on Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 1900 hours.

The meeting was held at the ECC with the following members present:

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Co. 1	Gary Bell (Absent)	Keith Watts (Absent)
Co. 19	Bob Miedzinski (Absent)	Rocky Woodburn (Absent)
Co. 2	Bill Smith	Paul Colonna (Absent)
Co. 29	Erin Burch	Marie Kurtz (Absent)
Co. 3	Wayne Johnson	Richard Sullivan (Absent)
Co. 39	Betsy Myers	Gary Easley (Absent)
Co. 4	John (Peanut) Gatton	Ronald Hafner
Co. 49	George Gatton	Brian Evans (Absent)
Co. 5	Michael R. Huseman	John D. Nelson
Co. 59	Ron Mattingly	Steve Gibson (Absent)
Co. 6	Joe Held	Aaron Canter (Absent)
Co. 7	Daniel Davis	Steve Facini
Co. 79	Stanley Williams	April Johnson (Absent)
ALS	Joe Held	Carol Boehm (Absent)
ES&T	Bob Kelly (Absent)	Steve Cooper

- Introduction of Guests

Tommy Mattingly represented Leonardtown Company #1 this evening

Commissioner President Randy Guy stopped in to offer any assistance the committee needs and the importance of Public Safety in St. Mary's County. Also is asking for citizens to sign up on volunteers' boards and commissions.

- Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOTION TO POSTPONE APPROVAL UNTIL NEXT MEETING - PASSED

- Correspondence/Communications

NONE

- Standing Committees

- Budget – N/R
- Bylaws – N/R

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- Grants – N/R
- Legislative – N/R
- Low Interest Loans – Bay District VFD is asking for \$590,000.00 for replacement of Tower #9 – **MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**
- Master Plan – Looking for a copy of the “plan” to begin taking a look for possible revision
- Planning – CIP to be discussed at the December meeting
- Scholarship – Discussion to proceed with recommendation of the committee chairman – **MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**
- Training – MFRI FALL schedule available
- Recruitment and Retention – Mrs. Bell reported “success” during the County Fair with potential recruits. Discussion on “retention of volunteers” Kelly and Betsy are working on plans to better offer retention programs in the county
- Fire Board Liaison – Training classes for fall season are ongoing. Pagers for use by our volunteers have been removed from the budget by BOCC. Dr. Somers spoke about “aviation flyouts” and issues with EMEDS. “Unit Dispatching” still under review
- Ambulance Assn – Ken Hicks representing (need letter from Rescue Squad Association)
- Public Safety/ES&T – Dillion, Golden Beach, Veterans Home tower going on line soon. 800mhz. pagers and standard paging require “switching independently”. Pagers that are in will go out to Department Chiefs and Deputies for their use and feedback
- Old Business – High School Cadet PPE needs cleaning, Co.#3 offered their washer/dryer
- New Business – Vice Chair Davis has (3) three issues to bring up to the committee from County Fire Chief:
 1. Unprofessional Dispatchers (laughing, discourteous behavior)
 2. Countless Dispatch Errors
 3. Accountability of Dispatchers
- Cadet Program – Much discussion on the discontinuing of the program by BOE...**MOTION TO HAVE ESC CHAIR SEND A LETTER** to Superintendent Mark Smith requesting a meeting with volunteer leadership including ESC, County Chiefs, Fire Board Chair, and Rescue Squad Assn President to further discuss and find a solution to reinstate the program. BOCC will be copied in the letter.....**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Good of the Order:
- Roll Call of Companies: 1, 2, 4, 19, 29, 49 no report
 - Co. #3 – Installation of Officers Banquet November 12th
 - Co. #5 – MSFA Executive Meeting in Ridge 10/15 & 10/16 Antique Apparatus Muster at St. Mary’s City on CSM Campus on Saturday afternoon
 - Co.#7 – Super Bingo 10/27 Spaghetti Dinner 11/4

Co. #39 – Breakfast for Dinner each Saturday evening through the remainder of the year. October 29 is a seminar for Veterans

Co. #79 – Haunted Trail last weekend n October

Adjournment: at 1956 hrs.

Next Meetings: Special Meeting (if needed) – 11/2/2016

Next Regular Meeting: 12/7/2016