

**Harford County EMS Standards Advisory Board Meeting**  
**March 5, 2019**  
**DES Training Room – 2220 Ady Road, Forest Hill**

Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: John Donohue (Chair), Ben Kurtz, Tami Wiggins, and Dr. David Hexter. Larry Richardson was absent.

Staff in attendance: Director Eddie Hopkins (DES), John Richter (DES), Sharon Blevins (DES), Dr. Paul Chizmar (DES), Ben Lloyd (Budget).

Guests in attendance: Sam Sauers (Co. 9), Mike Kalck (Co. 13), John Correrri (Co. 5-9), Greg Dietrich (Co. 10).

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**Chair Report**

Chairman Donohue called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. He stated that the draft Strategic Plan is to be presented to the County Executive at a date to be determined in the near future.

Mr. Kurtz moved to approve the February minutes as presented. Ms. Wiggins seconded and the minutes were approved 4-0.

**DES Update**

Director Hopkins stated that his office is working on scheduling a meeting with the County Executive. The Association approached Director Hopkins regarding whether county paramedics can drive VFC-owned vehicles. He is looking into that matter.

Eleven people attended an open house for prospective applicants for county paramedic positions. DES had a meeting with the Facilities & Operations Division to identify and discuss needs for a second EMS station. Mr. Kurtz asked Director Hopkins about re-routes. Eddie said that the only thing that has changed operationally is in regards to the blue alert.

**Old Business**

*Data*

No significant changes in response statistics.

*Strategic Plan*

The Objectives document was approved in February. Board members discussed the stakeholder groups that will need to be approached. There was also a discussion about the items that should be on the

agenda for the next quarterly meeting with the county executive. These included the strategic plan, the placement and timing of the second unit, the Foundation's budget, and the overall cost of EMS.

**New Business**

None this evening.

The board held a moment of silence in honor and memory of Judy Hinch (Company 2).

There being no further business, Mr. Kurtz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded Dr. Hexter. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Next meeting is April 2, 2019.