

# Crawford County



*County Commissioners*  
**Chairman**  
Eric S. Henry  
**Vice-Chairman**  
Francis F. Weiderspahn, Jr  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
John Christopher Soff

**EMS Commission Members**  
Neil Fratus, City of Titusville  
David Basnak, EMERGYCARE Inc.  
Dan Bresee, Cochranon Fire Dept.

**EMS Commission**  
c/o Crawford County DPS  
632 Pine Street  
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

**EMS Commission Members**  
Jason McPherson, Meadville Ambulance  
Kurt Dennis, Greenwood Township  
Maderia Paraskos, Conneaut Lake Amb  
Austin Bates, Springboro Ambulance  
Krista Geer, Active Aging  
Megan Mason, Linesville Ambulance  
Bill McClincy, EMMCO West  
Jodi Greer, Centerville Ambulance  
Josh Manuel, Crawford County DPS  
Bill Taylor, Townville Ambulance  
Tonya Moyer, Crawford County Care Ctr

## **Crawford County Emergency Medical Service Commission MINUTES**

June 22, 2023, 9:00am

I. Commissioner's Welcome: Crawford County Commissioner Eric Henry welcomed the following Members to the June Meeting; Kurt Dennis, Maderia Paraskos, Austin Bates, Krista Geer, and Tonya Moyer. DPS Staff; Greg Beveridge, Allen Clark, and Don Bovard. Guest Kimberlie Bovard.

### II. Guests

- a. MD Ally: Ivan Whitaker and Marissa Rosario from MD ALLY presented a virtual presentation on their telehealth services that they provide. From the low acuity call data provided by DPS they figured at least 16% of the calls were non-emergent and could benefit from their services. There are 20,000 EMS calls annually in Crawford County with 4,000 telehealth appropriate calls which is four to five calls a day that could be transferred to MD ALLY.

They provide a video link to the patient directly with a doctor. There are three ways to access their system; from 911, from EMS, and directly from the patient by calling 311. MD ALLY looks to see what other resources are available for the patient to meet their medical needs to include transportation to a hospital.

The benefits include community education and a change in culture of residents not calling 911 for non-emergent medical needs. MD ALLY is paid through the patient's insurance. The power point presentation is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Henry said the next step is to discuss this system with the hospitals. A couple of additional questions after the presentation was over was what are the percentages of calls that MD ALLY forward back to 911 and has anyone slipped through the cracks and did not receive medical treatment.

### III. Report Out of Subcommittees

- a. Communications Director Greg Beveridge reported that the 911 Center is using Prepared Platform for 911 call checks. They received a steaming live video

from a caller at a structure fire that morning. The next step is to be able to forward that live stream to field units. This system also aids in language translation. ASAP to PSAP went live June 18. The 911 Center has direct access to over 1,000 alarm companies through the CAD. They are the 7<sup>th</sup> 911 Center in Pennsylvania to implement this system. Flight Vector will link the 911 Center to STATMedevac in data sharing information. The dispatchers are now entering the person's weight on I Am Responding messages for lift assist calls which helps the departments know how many personnel are needed. This suggestion came from a firefighter from West Mead #1 Fire Dept. Pulse Point is a community-based system to alert subscribers of the need for CPR and where the closest AED is will be rolling out in the near future.

- b. Government                      A Master Plan for the Elderly for the Future will be beginning shortly
  - c. Volunteer Services              Nothing to report
  - d. Paid Services                      Commissioner Henry reported that Aaron Rhone, the Bureau of EMS Director has left and a search for another Director is ongoing.
  - e. Stakeholders                      Krista Geer reported that she has spoken to the geriatric association and asked them to reach out to the EMS agency in their areas.
- IV. Action Items for Next Meeting              All subcommittee need to meet before the August meeting and come to the next meeting with updates
- V. Next Meeting, August 24, at 9:00am at Crawford County DPS
- VI. Adjournment:                      Meeting adjourned at 10:22am