

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2021-06**

**BILL NO. 2021-03**

**Title of Bill:** Establishment – Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

**Synopsis:** A Bill to establish the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, its membership, organization and role.

**Introduced by:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** March 16, 2021

**Public hearing scheduled on:** April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Consideration scheduled on:** May 4, 2021

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by (date) at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on (date) a public hearing was held on (date) and concluded on (date).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

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1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 34, Section 34-1 of the Code of Cecil County, the Department of  
2 Emergency Services was established as the Cecil County Civil Defense and Emergency Management  
3 Agency in 1961; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Emergency Services was reauthorized in 1999 to administer,  
5 coordinate, and operate emergency medical services, emergency management, emergency  
6 communications, and other emergency services as assigned, delegated, or required by law; and

7           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 34, Section 34-4 of the Code of Cecil County, the Department of  
8 Emergency Services shall be responsible for coordinating emergency medical services within Cecil County  
9 in accordance with the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Title 30; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services is vitally important to the Department of Emergency  
11 Services, the Cecil County Firemen’s Association, the County Administration, and to every resident and  
12 visitor to Cecil County; and

13           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
14 MARYLAND, that a new Article V to be titled “Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board” in Chapter 16  
15 Boards, Committees and Commissions, of the Code of Cecil County is hereby enacted to read as follows:

16           **“ARTICLE V. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.**

17           **SECTION 16-30. BOARD CREATED AND PURPOSE**

18           **THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (“THE BOARD”) IS CREATED TO PROVIDE**  
19 **OVERSIGHT OF CECIL COUNTY’S CAREER EMS SUPPLEMENT SERVICES, WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE**  
20 **DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (DES) TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE/EMS DELIVERY SYSTEM.**

21           **SECTION 16-31. MEMBERSHIP**

22           **A. THE BOARD WILL CONSIST OF FIFTEEN (15) VOTING MEMBERS.**

- 23           **(1) NINE (9) MEMBERS, ONE FROM EACH OF THE NINE VOLUNTEER FIRE/EMS COMPANIES;**
- 24           **(2) FIVE (5) MEMBERS, ONE FROM EACH OF THE FIVE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS;**
- 25           **(3) ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IAFF LOCAL.**

26           **B. THE BOARD WILL ALSO INCLUDE THREE (3) EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.**

- 27           **(1) DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES,**
- 28           **(2) LOCAL PHYSICIAN EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR,**
- 29           **(3) ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE CECIL COUNTY FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION.**

30 C. MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY  
31 COUNCIL, TO A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.

32 SECTION 16-32. ORGANIZATION

33 A. THE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT A MEMBER TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT AND A SECRETARY  
34 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM. EACH OFFICER MAY BE RE-ELECTED TO ONE ADDITIONAL TERM.

35 B. THE PRESIDENT SHALL DETERMINE THE MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION; AND  
36 NOTIFICATIONS OF MEETINGS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

37 C. THE BOARD SHALL MEET NO LESS THAN FOUR (4) TIMES ANNUALLY.

38 SECTION 16-33. ROLE OF THE BOARD

39 A. THE BOARD SHALL FUNCTION IN AN ADVISORY ROLE AND RENDER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
40 COUNTY ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON OPERATIONAL  
41 ISSUES, WHICH WILL SUSTAIN THE CAREER/VOLUNTEER RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL RENDER THE BEST  
42 DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CECIL COUNTY.

43 B. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CECIL COUNTY FIREMEN'S  
44 ASSOCIATION THROUGH THEIR COMMITTEES, AND ENTERTAIN A FORMAL POSITION FROM THE  
45 ASSOCIATION ON MATTERS OF RELEVANT IMPORTANCE THAT IMPACT THEIR DAILY OPERATIONS.

46 C. MEDICAL GUIDELINES AND PERSONNEL RELATED MATTERS ARE NOT WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF  
47 THE BOARD.

48 (1) MEDICAL GUIDELINES ARE ASSIGNED TO THE LOCAL EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

49 (2) PERSONNEL-RELATED MATTERS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY  
50 SERVICES.

51 D. THE BOARD SHALL INVESTIGATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY  
52 ADMINISTRATION OF OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT MAY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.”

53 AND IT IS FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this  
54 Bill shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date that it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

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BY Council Manager