



County of Henry

Department of Public Safety

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ESAC Minutes – January 16, 2019

Agency attendees:

Ricky Holiday (ALSC), Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Daryl Hatcher (FCRS), William Martin (HVRs), Travis Pruitt (RDRS), Michael Moxley (AFD), Junior Lynch (BFD), Tyler Beam (CFD), Tommy Martin (DSFD), Todd Norman (FFD), Charles Bradshaw (HFD), and Cotton Trent (RFD)

Agencies not present:

Patrick Henry Fire Department

Public Safety attendees:

Matt Tatum, Suzie Helbert, Lisa Garrett, Jason Sturm

Other Agencies:

Henry County-Martinsville Joint Communication Center, Henry County Fire Association, Henry County Rescue Squad Association, Henry County Sheriff's Office, AirCare, and AirLife

Public attendee(s):

Additional representatives from AirCare and AirLife

Lisa Moore

Amy Stone

Matt opened the meeting and welcomed the new Chiefs and Captains to the Council.

Matt presented the minutes from the August 2018 meeting. They were approved as presented.

Division Reports:

- Fire Prevention-Report by Lisa Garrett, Fire Marshal
 - Reminded everyone to feel free to call if any assistance is ever needed.
 - There were no questions for the division.
- Operations-Report by Jason Sturm, Operations Division Chief
 - Reported operations staff has been very busy and they welcome the opportunity to help in any way. Please ask everyone to contact him with any needs or concerns.
 - There were no questions for the division.
- Training and Volunteer Coordination-Report by Suzie Helbert, Deputy Director
 - Flyers containing upcoming training was handed out.

- Working with the volunteer EMS Captains, the division presented a new quality management program which includes quarterly skills reviews, to the OMD and he has approved the program. The program went into effect January 1, 2019.
 - Ricky Holiday ask if there was an update on the new protocols. Suzie responded that WVEMS had actually stopped given a potential date due to there still being so much work to be done on them.
- There were no additional questions for the division.

Partners of Fire and EMS Reports:

- Fire Association- Report by Lee Cooley, President
 - The October Fest and Association Safety Day October 5th. He asks that every department participate, both fire and EMS. He encouraged everyone to attend.
 - Due to last year's success, the association will be doing another training this year at the reservoir.
 - There were no questions for the fire association.
- Rescue Association- Report by Linda Miller, Secretary
 - The association is looking into the possibility of totally reorganizing to include the mission and vision of the organization.
 - They are looking at opportunities to come together for training.
 - Their next meeting is February 25th at Axton Life Saving Crew.
 - They are working to update their agency patches and ask that everyone please share their patches with them.
- Communications Center- Report by Tierra Dillard, Deputy Director
 - Concerns about the protocol in regards to dispatching an air ambulance. She reminded everyone that the protocol has been established since May 1st and the dispatchers are expected to follow the protocol. She ask everyone to not get upset at the dispatcher when they are following the established protocol.
 - Tommy Martin stated that it was illegal to deny a patient's request for an ambulance or air ambulance. Tierra restated that until the protocol changes, they will continue to dispatch as they are currently doing.
 - Lisa conveyed a concern that there was recent call in that the fire department was never notified of the CAD notes indicating a resident at that address had a dangerous history, yet when they arrived, the house was surrounded by law enforcement personnel. Tierra said she would look into this.
 - There were no questions for the Communication Center.
- Sheriff's Office- Report by Lane Perry, Sheriff
 - The Sheriff's Office is extremely thankful for the working relationship with each agency.

- They have recently hired 30 Deputies which addressed a long period of time that they were short handed. He thanked everyone for their patience during this time.
- The new jail project seems to be advancing. He reported that will dictate the hiring of about 100 additional personnel.
- There were no questions for the Sheriff.
- AirCare- Mack reported that Carilion Clinic – Roanoke Memorial just received accreditation as a Level I Pediatric Center. For this reason, pediatric patients transported from our community will most likely be carried to that facility.
 - There were no questions for AirCare.
- AirLife- Tony reported they just finished the process to become CAMTS Accredited. They are still waiting the final approval of the CAMTS Board, but they have not been told of any pending issues.
 - Tommy Martin asks if AirLife carried blood. Tony responded they do not at the moment.
 - Tommy ask if the science supported the use of blood. Tony responded that there are various studies in regards to this but the consensus is the science remains 'neutral'.
 - There were no additional questions for AirLife.

Old Business:

- Fire and EMS Day
 - Matt reminded everyone that after the last meetings discussion, he had not received any additional suggestions for Fire and EMS Day.
 - Junior Lynch ask if the nomination forms for outstanding awards could be sent out earlier. Matt stated he would get those out ASAP.
 - It was suggested that the names for the years of service awards be printed in the program and not read.
 - After further discussion, the conclusion was that the only names that would be read aloud would be names with 20+ years of service.
 - Questions arose in regards to the only recipients of a plaque are those with 25 years of service.
 - After much discussion, Matt stated he would look to see if the budget would allow for plaques to be given for 40 and 50 years of service, in addition to the 25 years of service plaques.
 - The consensus was that Saturday evening worked better than Friday evening.

New Business:

- FY 20 Budget Items
 - CIP
 - After much discussion, the consensus was that the process of using the ATL fund for the truck worked good. It was ask that an additional appropriation be allocated to add to the ATL fund.
 - An additional allocation to allow the County to provide a zero percent interest loan was also requested.
 - FD Operations Allocation
 - The departments ask that a 5% increase in the operations allocation be considered due to the increase in call volume, inflation, and the fact that fundraisers are becoming less effective and creating burn-out of their members.
 - Volunteer Incentives
 - Consensus was the board consider waiving the motor vehicle license fee for one vehicle owned by an active member.
 - Additional Staffing
 - Matt reported that he had gotten a formal request from a department for additional staffing to be added to the Public Safety Department so that additional assistance would be available to help with emergency responses. Matt has already spoken in detail with the department making the request and conveyed to them that any additional staffing would be available for the entire County and could not be committed to a single department, which the department representatives agreed to and understood. Matt then ask for everyone's feedback as to the need.
 - After hearing unanimously that there was a need for additional staffing, Matt ask everyone to provide justification for the need.
 - The causes for the need were
 - Increase in calls for service being the most significant reason
 - Decrease in volunteerism
 - Increase in training demands
 - The loss of a private EMS agency who provided back-up to the system
 - Increase in operational cost and decrease in donations and fundraising success creating volunteer burnout from doing fundraisers.
 - Matt then ask how much more assistance was needed. He pointed out that for each 24/7 crew requested, equates to eight full time employees.

- After discussion from everyone, Matt specifically ask each agency representative for the number of crews they felt was needed to be added 24/7. Every agency representative responded with two crews.
- Matt concluded the discussion by agreeing to put together the request for the additional staffing, along with all of the additional budgetary request. He also reminded everyone that everyone in the room had agreed to the request and that it would be detrimental to any request if actions took place outside of the meeting that could be interpreted as not supporting the request.
 - Charlie Bradshaw echoed this comment. He also recommended that everyone be in communication with their County Board member about the needs expressed yet remain supportive of everything that has been requested.
- Agency Rosters
 - Matt reported that everyone should have received their most current roster that needed to be updated. They should have received two, one for LODA which has to be filled with the Clerk of Court and the other being for the years of service awards.
 - Various individuals expressed frustrations with this process because they had submitted updated rosters on numerous occasions just to received rosters back that did not reflect their updates.
 - Matt committed to everyone that he would personally look after this project this year because it had to be done, had to be accurate, yet he did not want it to be considered a burden each year to keep accurate.

Public Comment (2015-2016)

- None

Open Discussion

- Travis ask if there was in updates in regards to OEMS updating the rules and regulations, specifically in regards to the requirement of having an EMT on the truck in order for an ALS provider to provide ALS care.
 - Matt stated he was not aware of them posting anything. He is going to check on it and reminded everyone that when the time comes out for public comment, everyone with concerns needed to express them at that time.

Announcements

- Ridgeway Rescue will be hosting a 'Stop the Bleed' program on January 25th from 1800-2000 and and EVOC program on January 27th.

- Dyers Store Fire will be having a breakfast on January 19th.
- Horsepasture Fire will be having a breakfast on January 26th.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2019

Henry County Emergency Services Advisory Council

January 16, 2019

Axton Life Saving Crew	<i>[Signature]</i>
Bassett Rescue Squad	<i>[Signature]</i>
Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad	<i>[Signature]</i>
Horsepasture Rescue Squad	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ridgeway Rescue Squad	<i>[Signature]</i>
Axton Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>
Bassett Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>
Collinsville Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>
Dyers Store Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>
Fieldale Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>
Horsepasture Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>
Patrick Henry Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ridgeway Fire Department	<i>[Signature]</i>

Matt Tatum	<i>[Signature]</i>
Suzie Helbert	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lisa Garrett	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jason Sturm	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kiah Cooper	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kenny Shumate	<i>[Signature]</i>
Adam Martin	<i>[Signature]</i>
J.R. Powell	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lee Cooley	<i>[Signature]</i>
Darren Lockridge	<i>[Signature]</i>
AirCare	<i>[Signature]</i>
AirLife	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lane Perry	<i>[Signature]</i>

Other Attendees (print)

<i>Linda Miller</i>	
<i>Billy Haynes</i>	
<i>Lisa Moore</i>	
<i>Amy Stone</i>	

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Fire Training

1/09/2019

ESAC Meeting – January 16, 2019 @ 1830 HCDPS

Firefighter II – March 4, 2019 @ HCDPS Sign up vafire.com

ICS 300 – March 12 - 14, 2019 @ HCDPS Sign up @ covlc.virginia.gov

Fire Association Meeting – March 14, 2019 @ Co# 8 1830hrs

IFGO – March - Date TBA

Basic Pump – April - Date TBA

DFP EVOC – May 13, 15, 18, 2019 @ HCDPS Sign up w/ Kenny

Firefighter 1 – July 29, 2019 @ HCDPS Sign up w/ Kenny

Every Tuesday Career Fire Training Day- Call for topic and time

All classes are held at HCDPS, unless otherwise noted

For info and to sign up for any of the above classes please contact:

Kenny Shumate: kshumate@co.henry.va.us or amartin@henrycountyva.gov or Suzie Helbert:
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Upcoming Training January-March

01/10/2019

- NREMT Class @ HCDPS Jan. 15-May 9 @ 1800-2200
- Countywide Training Night—Every Monday evening at rotating stations beginning Jan 21 @ HVRS @ 1800-2000—Flyer to follow with Dates, Locations, Topics(with CE Area Listed)
- Respiratory Assessment/Airway Management Training @ HVRS Jan 21 @1800-2000 and PHVFD Jan 28 @1800-2000
- Cardiac Assessment/ACS/STEMI Training @ RDVRS Feb 4 @ 1800-2000, ALSA Feb 11 @1800-200, HVRS Feb 18 1800-2000
- VAVRS EVOG Class @ RDVRS Feb. 16-17 @ 0800-1700

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For info and to sign up for any of the above classes please contact:

Kenny Shumate: kshumate@co.henry.va.us

Adam Martin: amartin@co.henry.va.us

Suzie Helbert: shelbert@co.henry.va.us

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**OFFICIAL PROXY
For January 16, 2019**

To: **Matt Tatum, Facilitator
Emergency Services Advisory Council**

By executing this Proxy, I hereby certify that

William Martin

(Name)

is aware of the most recent discussions of the council and is authorized to discuss and vote on all matters on my behalf, that come before the Emergency Services Advisory Council during the meeting scheduled for January 16, 2019.

Laquell J. G. Horsepasture Volunteer Rescue Squad
(Signature and Department)



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(Name)

is aware of the most recent discussions of the council and is authorized to discuss and vote on all matters on my behalf, that come before the Emergency Services Advisory Council during the meeting scheduled for January 16, 2019.

[Signature] 911 CENTER
(Signature and Department)