



County of Henry

Department of Public Safety

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The ESAC meeting was held at 7 p.m. on January 20, 2015 at the Henry County Emergency Services Training Center. The meeting was facilitated by Rodney Howell, Director for Henry County Department of Public Safety.

Agency attendees were as follows:

Jasper Peters (AFD), Junior Lynch (BFD), Jeff Beam (CFD), Randy Smith (DSFD), Brian Shuler (FFD), William Martin (HFD), Donald Turner (PHFD), Cotton Trent (RFD), Jessica James (ALSC), Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Melissa Hubbard (HRS), Travis Pruitt (RRS/911)

Agencies not present:

Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad

Public Safety attendees were as follows:

Rodney Howell (Director), Matt Tatum (Deputy Director/EMS Coordinator), Suzie Helbert (EMS Coordinator), Pam Mason (Secretary)

Public attendees were as follows:

Shari Hopkins (ALSC), Matt Nichols (AFD)

Fire & EMS met separately

Old Business:

Fire Sub-committee Meeting

- *Mandated Training (Fire) was addressed again:*
- Discussion on the top three positions: Chief, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief. The previous requirements stand as is; requested solutions to be emailed to Rodney and discuss at next meeting.
- New officers will be required to have the below listed certifications for the office to be held by January 1, 2016. **NOTE: Current officers may continue to hold their current positions without additional certifications. (Current officers shall not move up until certification for the position is completed.)**
- All officers – will be required to obtain the following VDFP certifications: Firefighter I, Incident Command 100, 200, HazMat OPS.
- Captain and above will be required to obtain the following Virginia Department of Fire Programs certifications: Firefighter II, Incident Command System 100, 200, and 300, HazMat OPS.

- Interior Firefighters are required to have Firefighter I.
- Drivers will be required to have at least Rural Water Supply, Basic Pump Operations and EVOC.
- All members will be required to take Henry County Communications 101, a course developed by Junior Lynch and Dale Wagoner. This shall be conducted as Multi Company training (combining companies together).

EMS sub-committee Meeting.

- Concerns with volunteers responding trucks that had not been checked off and were being found to be missing equipment. Each member of the committee agreed that this was a problem and they would emphasize to their membership the importance of checking the units thoroughly before any response.
- Are there any capital improvement requests wanted to be submitted for budget consideration. Ridgeway and Axton expressed a need for radios, Horsepasture expressed a need for stretchers, and Bassett shared they needed to update their heart monitors. Due to the variety of needs, it was suggested that a proposed RSAF Grant Match fund to be budgeted and ask for radios across the board. Everyone agreed that was the best approach.
- What are thoughts as to their ability to reduce the ambulance fleet of their agency. Matt shared with them that the state uses a number of about 600 calls per year per ambulance. Jeff Fulcher (BRS) argued that he could not find a national standard that showed such a number and that his board did not support them reducing their fleet. Fieldale-Collinsville and Ridgeway felt their fleet was appropriate for their responses. Horsepasture stated that they would actually consider the reduction. Axton stated they had a crash truck they had been trying to get rid of but their board would not let them and they did not feel the board would support the reduction of ambulances.

Capital Improvement Money:

- Ridgeway Fire Department is scheduled to receive it. It was put to a vote and all agreed that they would still receive it.
- Discussion to bring to the Board of Supervisors on an increase to \$250,000 over a five year basis. Remembering that these units belong to the county, not the volunteers through their taxes, etc.
- Using basic SPECS for the truck. Not adding a generator will save a substantial amount.
- All calls are being run, show statistics, good mutual aid between departments.
- Consider another ladder truck instead of RFD receiving the funding.

Mandated Training (EMS):

Discussion on standard equipment placement on all ambulances (or as close as possible) for easier access when needed.

Communications:

- Communications Class 101 – Kenny Shumate is still working with Karen Bryant (911 Center) to update current course and will announce when complete. They will present the course at Multi-Departmental trainings to cover as many volunteers as possible.

Mass Casualty Incidents:

A meeting will be held to discuss a table top exercise using an incident of a loaded school bus.

After any MCI incident the persons involved with the incident need to meet and discuss how it could be handled differently or better, what are the strengths and weaknesses (not a grip session) to better serve the county if another incident happens.

A mock drill has been requested after an actual incident occurred here a short while ago. Public Safety and the School System will meet to go over the process.

County Wide Alert:

See attached.

New Business:

The Fire Chiefs requested that when EMS arrives upon a fire scene that they establish a treatment area near the scene including AED, Oxygen and jump bag.

Comments from Public:

None

Upcoming Training:

See attached for a list of upcoming training classes.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 @ the Blue Ridge Airport @ 6:30 p.m.