



County of Henry

Department of Public Safety

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The ESAC meeting was held at 6 p.m. on March 17, 2015 at the Blue Ridge Air Port. The meeting was facilitated by Rodney Howell, Director, Henry County Department of Public Safety.

Agency attendees were as follows:

Jasper Peters (AFD), Junior Lynch (BFD), Darrell Pace (CFD), Tommy Martin (DSFD), Brian Shuler (FFD), William Martin (HFD), Donald Turner (PHFD), Cotton Trent (RFD), Shari Hopkins (ALSC), Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Melissa Hubbard (HRS), Travis Pruitt (RRS), J. R. Powell (911 Ctr.)

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), Pete Draper, (Fire Marshal), Kiah Cooper (Asst. Fire Marshal), Kenny Shumate (Volunteer Coordinator), Pam Mason (Secretary)

Public attendees were as follows:

John Wilson (AFD), Andrew Delello (BRS), Randy Smith (DSFD), Tony Raymond (AirCare)

Old Business:

EMS Capitol Request

Radios – Operating Fund & Finance Committee
CIP Funds to match any grants that are awarded

Fire Capitol Request

Ridgeway will receive the CIP funding in 2015.
Request to increase CIP funding \$250,000 over 5 years

Communications 101 Class

Classes have begun with interest, both at stations and at HCDPS. Contact Kenny Shumate.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Grant to be submitted in May 2015

New Business:

Communications – J. R. Powell

- Remember to use different channels on large incidents (SAF OPS, LZ OPS, etc.)
- Requests for assistance with homes to have proper number identification plaques on each residence's for better ability to locate.
- Some cell phone GPS systems are hard to pinpoint the location of a caller. It pulls off the closest tower; therefore dispatch may set off tones for the closest location and are sometimes incorrect.
- Continue the three minute time limit between tones on fire calls, if not answered
- More information needs to be given to fire to a call, a short report like EMS. The only way now is if they scan the EMS channel.
- Air Truck accessibility. Company 15 has a lock box for the keys to the station. Everyone should have code to enter the building and respond the air truck.

The Rooster Walk is coming to Henry County. It will be located on Hobson Road in Axton May 21-25, 2015 (Memorial Day Weekend). Volunteer assistance may be needed during the festival as approximately 4,000 people are expected to attend throughout the event.

American Red Cross will be preparing Necessity Kits for victims of disasters. They will contain toothpaste/brush, soap and shampoo and other personal hygiene items to be given out when needed to disaster victims.

At this point, EMS Captains were dismissed.

Fire Sub-Committee Meeting

Mandated Training (Fire) was tabled again as discussion continued on the following:

- Discussion on the top three positions: Chief, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief.
- New officers will be required to have the below listed certifications for the office to be held by January 1, 2016. Timeframe too close for achievement.
- **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.)**
- Past officers can be elected again without the additional training
- All officers – will be required to obtain the following VDFP certifications: Firefighter I, Incident Command System 100, 200, HazMat OPS. Too many certifications to acquire in too short of time frame.
- Captain and above will be required to obtain the following VDFP 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.

Comments from Public:

Tony Raymond spoke on behalf of the AirCare staff thanking everyone for the great job being done when the air ambulance is needed.

Upcoming Training:

See attached for a list of upcoming training classes.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 @ HCDPS @ 6:30 p.m.