



County of Henry

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Emergency Services Advisory Council (ESAC) Meeting Minutes

The first ESAC meeting was held April 9, 2013 at Public Safety. The meeting was facilitated by Rodney Howell, Director for Henry County Department of Public Safety.

Agency attendees were as follows:

Mike Hylton (ALSC), Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Stuart Bowman (FCRS), Traci Shelton (HRS), Skip Smith (RRS), Jasper Peters (AFD), Junior Lynch (BFD), Andrew Nester (CFD), Randy Smith (DSFD), Brian Shuler (FFD), Charlie Bradshaw (HFD), Jerry Adams (PHFD), Cotton Trent (RFD).

Public Safety attendees were as follows:

Matthew Tatum (EMS Coordinator), Suzie Helbert (EMS Training Coordinator), Kiah Cooper (Assistant Fire Marshal) and Pam Mason (Administrative Assistant).

The meeting opened with a brief statement from BOS Chairman Jim Adams. Thanking each agency for their dedication to the cause also reiterating the importance of volunteer's in our county.

Items of Discussion:

Old Business

None

New Business

The meeting started with a power point presentation of what the goal is for the Emergency Services Advisory Council (ESAC).

All in attendance agreed that decisions and recommendations will be on a consensus based agreement.

A Strategic Planning Committee was organized with Committee members Junior Lynch, Andrew Nester, Skip Smith and Stuart Bowman. A meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2013 at the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department

County Wide Standard Operation Procedure were discussed and council decided that each agency review their individual SOP's and to continue discussion at the May meeting. It was mentioned that there may need to be two separate SOP's, one each for fire and rescue due to different standards required by the

Commonwealth.

There will be two standing committees: Fire and EMS to discuss issues unique to each discipline.

The ESAC then recessed while each committee to met briefly.

Reconvened/Open Discussion:

Fire: Apparatus status: Spoke of specific apparatus size and equipment already had on trucks and future needs. Also discussed “reasonable” apparatus alignment for stations: 2 pumpers and 1 tanker

Mutual Aid: Dual Tones, Follow protocol already in existence in day-to-day operations. Objective of this council is meant for occurrences of major incidents.

EMS: Apparatus status: Based on history average of 500 calls per unit we need at least 12 units, currently have 18. Under discussion, no decision made at this time.

EMS: Discussion of Henry County Public Safety’s license exempting it from OEMS requiring an EMT present for ALS providers to perform ALS skills. ESAC requested that Public Safety assist Bassett, F-C and Ridgeway with obtaining the same exemption. Obtaining this exemption will reduce confusion and provide uniformity throughout the county.

EMS: Outside billing was mentioned. This will be addressed at a later time.

Comments from the Public:

None

Announcements:

Next Meeting: May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Public Safety.