



County of Henry

Department of Public Safety

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Emergency Services Advisory Council (ESAC) Meeting Minutes

The ESAC meeting was held June 18, 2013 at 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:

Jesse McGrady (BRS), Clinton McCloskey (FCRS), Traci Shelton (HRS), Travis Pruitt (RRS), Jasper Peters (AFD), Junior Lynch (BFD), Kenny Shumate (CFD), Tommy Martin (DSFD), Brian Shuler (FFD), Charlie Bradshaw (HFD), Jerry Adams (PHFD), Sam Brown (RFD)
Axton Rescue Squad was not represented,

Public Safety attendees were as follows:

Matthew Tatum (EMS Coordinator), Suzie Helbert (EMS Training Coordinator), Lisa Garrett (Deputy Fire Marshal) and Pam Mason (Administrative Assistant)

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Stuart Bowman

The minutes from the May 21, 2013 were approved.

Items of Discussion

Old Business:

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) All fire and EMS stations shall provide a copy of their SOP's at the next meeting.
- Virginia Volunteer Workforce Association: Class in Henrico County, Chiefs or line officers (also open to EMS) was held Saturday, June 8, from 9-4.
Comments: Opinion of those attended: Company 7; Waste of time. Company 15; Career Oriented.
- SAFER Grant: Public Safety will probably apply for personnel.
- Committee Reports:
Both Fire & EMS committee minutes were approved.

New Business:

- Communications: Use of different channels, i.e. F/R OPS, SAFECOM, SAFE OPS. Suggestion was made for SAFE OPS to possibly be renamed to AD OPS, AIR OPS or LZ OPS use as flight channel. Maybe when a major change in radio channels, but not at this time.
 - Apparatus: Radios from units taken out of commission should be offered to other agency's units and not for personal vehicle use.
 - Radio Shop/Chris to reprogram radios? No one was aware of this.
 - Priority Dispatch to MVA's: A discussion about fire company response to vehicle crashes using the new Emergency Medical Dispatching resulted in HCDPS collecting data from their response. The agencies wish to determine if response protocols to MVC's need changing base upon information received from the EMD.
 - Radio Shop Equipment Ordering: Agencies are not to use Chris to order equipment. If Chris orders equipment for the agencies it causes duplication and confusion. From this date on if using the radio shop to obtain a price, print a written quote, order item(s) and pay for them. If applicable, send Pam the receipt for reimbursement via Fire Programs and Four for Life Funding. Vendor discounts may start thru Chris at the original quote.
 - ATL - Fire Programs and Four for Life Funding Guidelines: Copies of guidelines and categories appropriate for receiving funds were distributed to each agency.
 - NFA Leadership Course: Courses to take Leadership 1, 2 and 3. City has applied for #3.
 - 3 reasons volunteers quit: 1st – Poor/Lack of Leadership, 2nd – Politics, 3rd – Conflict with other volunteers.
 - Instructors will be from outside the County.
 - To obtain Fire Officer 1 a student must be certified FF I & FF II and be an Instructor
 - Leadership Course thru Rescue College. Same as NFA but receive certificate and credit. Interest was shown with both Fire and EMS.
 - Standardization of Equipment/Gear: Helmet Color Code Deferential:
 - Color coded helmets to show position of fire fighter.
 - Do not order new helmets as this is a long term work in progress, possibly thru a grant. Any new helmet orders should use this as a guide including using a grant.

Chief Officers	WHITE
Interior FF	YELLOW & RED
Non interior FF	BLACK (orange stripe for Jr FFs)
Strictly EMS	BLUE
- We will discuss this again at July meeting.
- Department colors at present.
 - Axton Fire: Black Red, Yellow
 - Bassett Fire: Yellow
 - Collinsville Fire: White, Red, Yellow

- Dyers Store Fire: Red, Yellow, Black for Juniors
- Fieldale Fire: Red, Yellow, Black
- Horsepasture Fire: Yellow, Black
- Patrick Henry Fire: White, Red, Yellow, Black
- Ridgeway Fire: Orange Reflective Tape for non FF's
- Bassett Rescue: Blue
- Ridgeway Rescue: Yellow

Upcoming Training:

Fire

- ICS300 - July 16-18
- FF II – Sept 4
- FF I – Online – Spring
- Weekend NFA Train – US Academy Sept 28-29 – Registration dead-line August 16 – Cost \$70.00
- Instructor Symposium – October 5-6
- Leadership 1 NFA Course
- Strategy Tactics Officer NFA Course

EMS

- CE/Tunicates
- Skills Protocol Practicals – July
- EMT Class – August 13 will end and test before Christmas
- Officer Class – Blacksburg
- Semi-Annual Check Offs has been approved by the OMD with 1 check off being completed at HCDPS or Station 5.

Comments from the Public

- ID Badges – Waiting for printer ribbon

Announcements

- HCDPS has 2 table top exercises scheduled in September with a third in October.
- Next Meeting: July 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Henry County Emergency Services Training Center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: If you are not attending be sure to share these minutes with your proxy.