



# County of Henry

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## Department of Public Safety

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### Emergency Services Advisory Council (ESAC) Meeting Minutes

The ESAC meeting was held July 15, 2014 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:

Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Junior Lynch (BFD), Darrell Pace (CFD), Randy Smith (DSFD); Mark Jackson (FFD), William Martin (HFD), Donald Turner (PHFD), Cotton Trent (RFD).

Agencies not present:

Axton Fire Department, Axton Life Saving Crew, Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad, Horsepasture Rescue Squad, Ridgeway Rescue Squad

Public Safety attendees were as follows:

Rodney Howell (Director), Matt Tatum (Deputy Director/EMS Coordinator), Suzie Helbert, (EMS Training Coordinator), Kiah Cooper (Asst. Fire Marshal), Kenny Shumate (Volunteer Coordinator), Pam Mason (Secretary)

Public attendees were as follows:

None

The minutes from May 21, 2014 were approved.

Old Business:

**Communication**

- Chris McCullough has completed the radio frequency changes (SAF OPS to LZ OPS).
- Request for dispatchers attend ESAC Meetings.
- Set CAD to send call reports when fire departments clear scene even though EMS may still be there.
- Communications being more specific on call detail i.e. cross streets and if possible land marks.
- On smoke investigations, dispatch needs to be more specific as to what kind i.e. house, vehicle, brush.
- Possibility of GPS on units to assist on closest call locations (\$45.00 per unit.)

**Heavy Tactical Rescue Team**

HazMat OPS class was completed. More information to come in the near future.

## **Planning Session**

An overview and comments from the Planning Session previously held come up with the following topics of importance:

- Mandated Training:
  - EMS training is rigid compared to fire training. Topics mentioned for mandated training include Communications, FF I, FF II Officer Training, NIMS, IFCO, Leadership classes.
  - Officers need certain certifications to hold different offices
- Other Training
  - MEGA CE weekends for EMS for recertification
  - Dual Training between agencies
  - MASS Causality held possibly at race track, include dispatchers and law enforcement
- Volunteer Incentives:
  - Free County Decals
- Communications:
  - Training on radio use

## **Appreciation Dinner**

Appreciation Day Dinner will be very similar to last year with the additional entertainment. Per chief's and captain's everyone enjoyed and agreed to continue.

## **New Business:**

### **RIT Team**

- Suggested to physically go to each station and be familiarized with each units equipment and placement. Also requested each station and company have apparatus equipment placement similar for easier access when different personel running calls. Although difficult with different truck styles, place in general location.

## **Comments from Public**

None

## **Upcoming Training:**

See attached for a list of upcoming training classes.

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**