



County of Henry **Department of Public Safety**

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ESAC Minutes – July 17, 2019

Agency attendees:

Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Daryl Hatcher (FCRS), Penny Martin (HVRS), Travis Pruitt (RDRS), Michael Moxley (AFD), Junior Lynch (BFD), Todd Norman (FFD), Jeff Walker (HFD) and Cotton Trent (RFD)

Agencies not present:

Axton Life Saving Crew, Collinsville Fire Department, Dyers Store Fire Department, and Patrick Henry Fire Department

Public Safety attendees:

Matt Tatum, Suzie Helbert, Lisa Garrett, Kenny Shumate

Other Agencies:

Henry County-Martinsville Joint Communication Center, Martinsville-Henry County Fire Association, Henry County Rescue Squad Association, Henry County Sheriff's Office, AirCare, and AirLife

Public attendee(s):

Earl Emerson

Minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved without any additions or corrections.

Division Reports:

- Fire Prevention-Report by Lisa Garrett, Fire Marshal
 - The division is active in multiple investigations at the moment.
 - The smoke alarm program is still active; please reach out to Kiah if you need any assistance or have questions about smoke alarms.
 - Make sure if you are installing a Red Cross provided alarm that you complete the appropriate paperwork.
 - Darrell Hatcher asks about installing them in a rental property, and Lisa stated this is the responsibility of the landlord.
 - There were no additional questions for the division.

- Operations-No Report
 - Matt asks that if anyone had any questions or needs from the Operations Division, to please reach out to Jason.
 - There were no immediate questions for the division.
- Training and Volunteer Coordination-Report by Suzie Helbert, Deputy Director
 - Flyers containing upcoming training was handed out. (attached)
 - There were no additional questions for the division.

Partners of Fire and EMS Reports:

- Fire Association- Report by Lee Cooley, President
 - The fire association recently conducted a training day. Some discussion about maybe moving next year's class to Philpott Lake.
 - The October Fest and Association Safety Day is October 5th. He asks that every department participate, both fire and EMS. He encouraged everyone to attend.
 - The Association has had t-shirts made to sell.
 - There were no questions for the fire association.
- Rescue Association- Report by Travis Pruitt, President
 - They have created a committee to look at October Fest's participation.
 - They have partnered with both Bassett and Magna Vista High Schools to offer the 'Stop The Bleed' program to all their staff.
 - The next meeting will be August 18th at Horsepasture Rescue Squad.
 - There were no questions for the rescue squad association.
- Communications Center- No Report
- Sheriff's Office- Report by Lane Perry, Sheriff
 - Sheriff Perry reported that it appears that gun-related crimes, along with methamphetamine-related crimes, appear to have subsided some.
 - Opioid is a continued issued they are working on.
 - Thanked everyone for their continued partnership.
 - There were no questions for the Sheriff.
- Air Medical-
 - AirCare- Mack reminded everyone of the importance of obtaining a weight of the patient during the days with higher temperatures.
 - AirLife- Tony reported that there was a new base manager, Karlie Smith, that we should hear from soon.

Old Business:

- Fire and EMS Day
 - Matt asks for any feedback regarding this year's fire and EMS day. There were no comments.
- FY 20 Budget
 - Matt reported that the FY 20 Budget had been adopted and allocated. The funds became available on July 1.

- Items presented that ESAC had asked for, and their status was reported by Matt.
 - Fire Truck CIP- This year's ATL funds will be used to fund the Fire Truck this year.
 - CIP Loan Program- Though the concept was understood and quite likely can be done in the future, it was not approved for this year.
 - 5% increase for Fire Department Operations-The 5% increase for the fire department's operations was not accepted.
 - Volunteer Incentives- The request for a waiver towards the motor vehicle license fee for volunteers was not approved but will be looked into.
 - Additional Staffing- Of the 16 positions requested, four(4) were approved and have begun working. They should be completing their orientation by the first of August, and we will staff an additional truck from 10:30 AM to 11:00 PM each day.
 - Radio Fund- The increase was approved this year, so every department will be allocated up to \$4,400 to use to purchase radios or pagers with.

New Business:

- Emergency Services Parade
 - Suzie reported that B99 had contacted the department and offered to do an event to bring attention to the first responders in the community; they had recently done one in Franklin County, and they felt it was a success for everyone.
 - The county can cover the cost.
 - Everyone agreed to participate.
 - There was a discussion about the potential route, but everyone agreed they wanted to include as much of the county that was practical.
 - Suzie asks for volunteers to work with her to iron out the details.
 - Jeff Fulcher, Daryl Hatcher, Junior Lynch, Travis said he would appoint someone from Ridgeway Rescue, and Cotton said he would ask Corey Light to assist.
 - Suzie will communicate further details with everyone as they develop.

Public Comment (2006-2007)

- None

Open Discussion

- Everyone was reminded that the intent of the air truck is for use during an active fire. After a fire or any other time, the bottles should be transported to a station with a compressor.
- Matt informed everyone, Rian Culligan, the new radio tech had started work.

- Lee asks if we could check with PSA about hydrant maintenance because he had seen some with much growth around them, making them hard to locate.

Announcements

- Ridgeway Rescue will be hosting an EVOG class Sept 6&7 and a UTV class Nov. 16&17.
- Horsepasture Rescue Squad has a fish fry coming up this Friday evening.

Next Meeting: TBD