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Emergency Services Advisory Council (ESAC) Meeting Minutes

The ESAC meeting was held August 20, 2013 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), Clinton McCloskey (FCRS), Traci Shelton (HRS), Junior Lynch (BFD), Kenny Shumate (CFD), Tommy Martin (DSFD), Brian Shuler (FFD), Nickie Hairston (HFD), Jerry Adams (PHFD), Cotton Trent (RFD), Mike Hylton (ALSC), Jasper Peters (AFD), Skip Smith (RRS).

Agencies not present: none

Public Safety attendees were as follows:

Suzie Helbert (EMS Training Coordinator), Kiah Cooper (Ass't Fire Marshal), Pam Mason (Secretary), Rodney Howell (Director).

Public attendees were as follows:

None

The meeting opened with a question/answer period on the minutes from July 18, 2013. They were approved with one correction, Skip Smith was in attendance at this meeting.

Items of Discussion

Old Business:

Standard Operations Procedures and Training Records: Rodney advised the agencies that we still need copies of their Standard Operation Procedures and the training records on members. Some departments still have not turned them in but will start with what has already been received.

Criminal and Driving History Request Forms: All departments have received and have no questions regarding information.

Communication: The reprogramming of radios is on hold until Pittsylvania County forwards information about their channels. Rodney spoke to J. R. Powell of the Communications Center in regard to Landing Zones. There was confusion on who/where the Landing Zones would be utilized. It is determined that pre-determined Landing Zones established will be used unless a

dire emergency or conflict. Air Care (Carilion) used EMS COM to contact as they could not transmit/receive on SAF OPS. Suzie Helbert to check into this.

Heavy Tactical Rescue Team: There is interest in starting a Heavy Tactical Rescue Team for the county. Several of the departments have expressed having volunteers requesting to attend and take/start a team. About 16 total as of this meeting. Will work with the City Fire Department as they have the equipment. Also acquiring information for a grant to fund this project. Maybe include Dan River Basin.

Exemptions for BRS, RRS, FCRS:

Letters have been received by RRS, FCRS. BRS still waits. Questions concerning ALSC, HRS, DSFD were brought up as why carrier staff were not assisting with ALS when drivers were available at their respective stations. When all squads are exempt this will start taking place on a regular basis.

Number of Station Vehicles:

There was much discussion on the number of units each station would have. Questions on rotation out of EMS units, and how the formula was determined. No agreement has been made. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Vehicle Insurance:

Fire units would have to be put in county's name to have lower rates on insurance. This will be a decision of each department.

New Business:

Grants:

SAFER Grant has been entered to see if qualification is excepted. If so 13 positions will be open to assist the county in answering calls.

Recruitment & Retention Grant to pay volunteers to attend classes.

Upcoming Training:

National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NR-EMT) Course: August 27 – January 25, 2014

FireFighter II: September 4 – November 30, 2013

FireOfficer I – TBA

Leadership I: TBA (National Fire Academy Course)

Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations: TBA (National Academy Course)

Virginia Department of Fire Programs - Instructor Symposium: October 5-6, 2013

Inaugural NFA Tennessee-Virginia Training Weekend: September 28-29, 2013

Infectious Disease Control Basic course: November 22, 2013 from 6:00-10:00pm

Next Meeting scheduled for September 17, 2013.