



# County of Henry

## Department of Public Safety

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The ESAC meeting was held at 7 p.m. on November 18, 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:

Jasper Peters (AFD), Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Junior Lynch (BFD), Darrell Pace (CFD), Devin Smith (DSFD), Brian Shuler (FFD), William Martin (HFD), Donald Turner (PHFD), Cotton Trent (RFD), J. R. Powell, (Communications).

### Agencies not present:

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), Kiah Cooper (Asst. Fire Marshal), Kenny Shumate (Volunteer Coordinator), Pam Mason (Secretary).

### Public attendees were as follows:

None

### Old Business:

#### *Membership Applications – Approved.*

Applications are accessible on line, but paperwork for finger printing will come through Public Safety before going to the sheriff's office.

#### *Mandated Training (Fire) Approved as follows:*

- New officers will be required to have the below listed certifications for the office to be held by January 1, 2016. **NOTE: Current officers may continue to hold their current positions without additional certifications. (Current officers may not move up until certification for the position is completed.)**
- All officers – will be required to obtain the following VDFP certifications: Firefighter1, Incident Command 100, 200, HazMat OPS.
- Captain and above will be required to obtain the following Virginia Department of Fire Programs certifications: Firefighter II, Incident Command System 100, 200, and 300, HazMat OPS.

- Interior Firefighters are required to have FFI.
- Drivers will be required to have at least Rural Water Supply, Basic Pump Operations and EVOC.
- All members will be required to take Henry County Communications 101, a course developed by Junior Lynch and Dale Wagoner. This shall be conducted as Multi Company training (combining companies together).

### *Mandated Training (EMS)*

To be discussed at next meeting

### *Dual Training between agencies*

Kenny Shumate to contact and coordinate through stations/companies for training available.

### *Communications*

Communications Class 101 – Kenny Shumate is working with Karen Bryant (911 Center) to update current course and will announce when complete. They will present the course at Multi-Departmental trainings to cover as many volunteers as possible.

J. R. Powell covered the Communications with the 9-1-1 aspect.

- Any existing radio calls have priority over any other calls
- Proper way to contact dispatch: "Unit Number to C-Med, Central"
- Proper way to announce "enroute" "clear" and/or "arrival" to any destination "Unit Number and street number & name". Example: Clear 2014 DuPont Road
- Responders shall always acknowledge receipt of the Short Report
- When possible use Pre-determined LZ locations. Dispatch already has coordinates for them; also it is faster and easier for dispatch to give to air ambulances.
- ESAC requested that 911 establish "flag words" such as code/safe/red for problem areas. (Known Domestic homes, vicious animals, hoarders, etc.).

### *Grants:*

The County was denied the Regional SCBA Grant this year. It was general consensus to reapply again.

A regional Grant for Turnout Gear was addressed. Since some departments have compliant while others are running out of date. It is decided that for now it is best for each company to apply for their individual PPE grant and Public Safety will assist in writing the grant.

EMS can apply for needed AFG grant money also.

Public Safety has approval from DuPont to use the Drafting (Pit) Basins to test trucks.

### *New Business:*

It was decided that Debriefing should be mandatory after Mass Casualty Incidents and other large incidents. They will Include all parties involved (dispatchers also). It was also agreed that it should be held within a week of the incident.

#### County Wide Alerts:

If an incident commander decides to do an all call for all county resources, either/or both fire and rescue, all available personnel will report to their station. Once there and organized into a resource type per NIMS (example: interior engine company, ALS ambulance) they contact Incident Command and report resource availability. The IC can then assign the available resource to a specific task and location. This will avoid mass unorganized arrival of resources at an incident wondering where to report. This will reduce self-dispatching, confusion and aid in accountability and ensure that responders will have the necessary equipment for the assigned task. Using this procedure, the IC can do an "All Call" sooner without worrying about calling too many resources that are not needed. Also this will provide an early total of available resources. If not needed, responders can be disregarded from the standby at their station. The suggested time allowed for the resource availability report is fifteen minutes.

Martinsville Speedway has changes that need to be addressed via next race. Carillion has backed out so it puts more on ground units, this will discuss changes in the near future. Use of the Aquafina water tank will be another benefit and will be checked into with the speedway by the next race.

#### Chief's Conference

Information must be completed by January 30, 2015.

Deadline for turning into VDFP by March 15, 2015.

#### Comments from Public

None

#### Upcoming Training:

See attached for a list of upcoming training classes.

Request for Arson Awareness and Vehicle Extrication, both are in the being addressed

**Next meeting date: Tuesday January 20, 2015**