



County of Henry

Department of Public Safety

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ESAC Minutes – November 28, 2016

Agency attendees:

Jeff Fulcher (BRS), Jeff Tatum (FCRS), Laura Carter (HRS), Travis Pruitt (RDRS), Lee Cooley (BFD), Jeff Beam (CFD), Tommy Martin (DSFD), Brian Shuler (FFD), William Martin (HFD), Donald Turner (PHFD), and Cotton Trent (RFD)

Agencies not present:

Axton Life Saving Crew and Axton Fire Department

Public Safety attendees:

Matt Tatum, Suzie Helbert, Lisa Garrett, Jason Sturm, Kenny Shumate

Other Agencies:

Henry County Rescue Squad Association, Henry County Fire Association and Henry County Sheriff's Office

Public attendee(s):

None

July 25, 2016 minutes were approved as written.

Division Reports:

- Fire Prevention-Report by Lisa Garrett, Fire Marshal
 - She thanked everyone for their assistance and patience during the recent local burn ban. The purpose of the ban was not to go out and write tickets but to provide a mechanism to require fires be extinguished.
 - She reminded everyone to please let her know when they install smoke detectors, especially those through the Red Cross program so that accurate records can be maintained.
 - There were no questions for the division.
- Operations-Report by Jason Sturm, Operations Division Chief
 - He ask that everyone please be patient with him as he begins his new role as he knows he has a tremendous amount to learn and looks forward to working with everyone.
 - V3 wasn't quite ready with the billing company but is now and we will be going live December 1st.

- For the rescue squads, he informed everyone that he had been notified by the hospital that blood vials are not being labeled appropriately. He reminded everyone that these are to be label as soon as possible after they have been taken and while in the presence of the patient.
- There were no questions for the division.
- Training and Volunteer Coordination-Report by Suzie Helbert, Deputy Director
 - She presented a draft policy in how to allocate the training fund the county has for the volunteers. The consensus was the policy was acceptable and should be allocated on a first come first serve basis.
 - There continued to be issues with obtaining criminal histories so she implemented a policy that requires the volunteer to physically bring her the fingerprint card after it has been completed. Since that process has been implemented, for those who have returned the card to her, the results of the criminal history has not been delayed.
 - In 2017, the training division has set a goal of three training sessions per week. Each of these will be open to all responders.
 - EMT class begins 1/3/2017
 - FF-I class begins 1/4/2017
 - Kenny ask everyone to give him specifics of training that was wanted. Suggestions consisted of communications, air-truck and ladder truck.
 - There were no questions for the division.

Partners of Fire and EMS Reports:

- Fire Association-Report by Lee Cooley, President
 - The association is looking at hosting a forestry fire fighting class.
 - There were no questions for the fire association.
- Rescue Association-Report by Melissa Hubbard, President
 - Next meeting is scheduled for 12/19/2016 at Ridgeway. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 6:30.
 - The association has discussed a new member recruitment candidate period. The goal of the discussion is to lead to a new member orientation program that is standardized.
 - There were no questions for the rescue association.
- Communications Center- No one present
- Sheriff's Office-Report by Lane Perry, Sheriff
 - Sheriff Perry wanted to express his sincere appreciation to everyone for the teamwork shared between each department and his department.
 - He reminded everyone that he realizes the importance of the service that we provide and the urgency in most cases but ask that once the immediate threat to life had been addressed and an investigation had began that everyone must check-in and out of the scene with an investigator. Not doing so can lead to issues with the overall investigation.

- AlrCare-No one present
 - Brian Shuler did inform everyone that the LZ at club 21 did not exist any longer.

Old Business:

- Matt brought up that several efforts to standardize things had been attempted but were not able to move forward effectively because he had received very limited feedback from the departments.

New Business:

- Unless the county is paying for radio work on your behalf using funds from the state, the radio shop invoices must be paid immediately.
- The fire departments requested that staff respond to all unauthorized burns as most of these can be immediately handled and do not necessarily need an apparatus to respond.
- An RFP had been sent out for the billing services for EMS.
- The consensus was to ask the board of supervisors for the following in the 2017/2018 budget.
 - 5% increase in the fire departments operations budget
 - \$250,000 for fire truck
 - \$300,000 set aside for future ladder truck purchase
 - \$100,000 set aside for future structural needs
 - ATL and Return to locality funding to remain the same
 - \$200,000 for an ambulance
 - \$52,000 to replace radios
 - \$4,000 for each (Fire and EMS) for training travel
- The county's EMS response plan that requires annual review has been sent out to the captains. Matt ask for them to please respond with any feedback as soon as they could so this could be funneled through the rest of the approval process.

Public Comment (2014-2015)

- None

Open Discussion

- Travis ask if the patient's weight could be added to the short report.
- Cotton brought up an incident today that after a delayed response from VSP to an incident, it was found to have been a very long delay in VSP actually being notified of the incident.
- Matt was ask to clarify the co-title requirements in order to be on the county's insurance. He responded that in order for the county to provide insurance, the county must have a vested interest in the property. The easiest way to do this is by listing the county's name as a co-owner. It is just like a husband and wife putting both names on a car title.

Announcements

- The Bassett Christmas Parade is 12/3/2016 at 2:00
- For the next 3 Saturdays, White Christmas will be showing at Movie Town and admission is 2 cans of canned food.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2017

Attachments

Sign in sheet

Co 13 Proxy

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