



## AMHERST COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL

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EMERGENCY DIAL 911  
July 13, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 13, 2022

**Location:** County Administration Building @ 1800

### In attendance:

Monelison Fire -	Joey Malott
Pedlar Fire -	George Napier
Amherst Fire-	Steve Drummond
Amherst Life Saving-	Charlsea Goodin
Public Safety -	Sam Bryant
	Jarred Scott
	Ben Bond
	Earl Taylor
911 Communications-	Debbie Campbell
Board of Supervisors-	Jimmy Ayers
VA Dept of Forestry-	Gary Hall-Matson

- I. The ESC Meeting was called to order at 1800 hours by Joey Malott.
- II. Invocation – Jarred Scott  
Pledge of Allegiance – All Attendees
- III. Approval of April 13, 2022, Minutes

Motion made to approve minutes of April 13, 2022– Charlie Goodin

Motion seconded by Steve Drummond

Unanimous Vote to approve.

There was one comment made which will be noted in Matters from the Floor.

- IV. Old Business:
  - a. Access (Amherst County Combined Emergency Service System) Subscription Program for Emergency Ambulance Transportation – what it is and who is eligible.
  - b. Amherst County Volunteer Department – Vehicle Tax exempt for 1 person automobile for ACTIVE MEMBERS who live in Amherst County.
- V. New Business:

- a. Area command Officer or designee positioned at their station assigning out task based on priority and working from there. Taking phone calls and /or information from dispatch on the needs. Dispatch will be notify at end of event to clear the event. It cuts down on the radio traffic, unless it is a structure fire or wreck then use OPS 1 channels. If its storm damage, then it should be private channels. There will have to be training on incident management strategy & tactics, & communication.
- b. Amherst Fire to discuss apparatus to the ESC.

Presentation by AFD Assistant Chief Steve Drummond regarding cost and specs for new apparatus from Pierce. Initially total cost was within \$10,000 of county monies. Pierce quoted pricing increases of 7%. Will increase again to 7.5% and by January 2023 another increase of 15%. However, Safety Factors were removed to decrease the price. Also, the change in the specification to decrease the water total from 2500 gallons to 2000 gallons. Concerns voiced that price gouging was being practiced by Pierce Trucking.

Joey Malott stated that a 6-man cab was not necessary.

Concerns were noted regarding the removal of safety factors. Board of Supervisor representative Jimmy Ayers noted that if the apparatus is known to have deleted safety equipment, the lawsuits would be endless for the jurisdiction, also because of variety of the apparatus drivers being volunteers.

Steve Drummond, AFD, stated that \$120,000 would be the minimum asking amount from the Board of Supervisors, as the increase of 14.7% markup came to \$127,455 for the \$1.2 million apparatus. He would be willing to accompany Sam Bryant, Director of Amherst County Public Safety at the July 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

It was noted that other truck vendors have and will have price increases as well. Suggestion was made by George Napier, Chief of Pedlar Fire Department for Amherst Fire to secure one or two more quotes from other vendors and Mr. Drummond agreed to do so.

R.W. Woody, from Monelison Rescue, and also a Lynchburg Fire Department Employee stated that a Commercial Tanker ( Elliptical bodies offer radius sides so material or odd-shaped items "self-center" in the box) drove better.

Motion was made by Steve Drummond to ask for monies from the BOS to cover the 14.5% markup (\$127, 455).

Motion seconded by Sam Bryant.

Discussion on the floor to present motion for a vote.

Vote tally:        1 Aye -Steve Drummond  
                      3 Nays – Joey Malott, R.W. Woody, George Napier  
                      1 Abstain – Charlse Goodin, Sam Bryant

However, Sam Bryant will make the presentation to the Board.

c. Status of Station #3 Monelison –

Awaiting delivery of furniture. Have loaner furniture at the moment. Still need to purchase household goods such as dishes, utensils, towels, etc. Also need to purchase a lawn mower.

Steve Drummond offered kitchen household items free to Station 3 from his grandfathers estate, which was graciously accepted.

The door between the Bay Area and the Living Area needs to be a Fire Rated Door instead of a wooden door.

The Malloy Ambulance will require driver training before officially placed in surface.

d. Discussion on Dean Roger agenda that was brought to the Board of Supervisors

Per Sam Bryant, the Dispatch pay is on the agenda for the next Board of Supervisors Meeting (7/19/22).

Brief discussion regarding placing a Paid Fireman at Stations was negative. Monelison Department was not in favor of this.

e. Virginia Fire Services Board – A Report of Findings and Recommendations  
Afford every leadership person to go to training. The 2-week training is held twice a year. Can request VFSB to critique department.

Motion made by Steve Drummond to recommend Board accept study recommendations by VFSB.

Motion Seconded by Sam Bryant.

Vote taken. Unanimous vote.

f. Fire Training Dates for Fall 2022

Fire Dynamics – Sometime in September-October timeframe. Departments must decide which weekend to maximize participation. It is an 8-10 hour class. Tentative date suggested would be September 24. Mr. Earl Copes will be contacted to find out availability.

VI. Matters from the floor:

**(Gary Hall-Matson- Department of Forestry Info Here)**

R.W. Woody made a correction to previous meeting minutes. Originally he asked for funding for a new generator for Monelison Rescue as the current one was relocated to Station 3. That funding request was for \$44,770. Since that meeting, Monelison Fire sold equipment and is now asking for \$9478 to cover new generator.

Motion made by R.W. Woody to request funding to reimburse.

Motion seconded by Joey Malott.

Unanimous vote.

Joey Malott suggested that the Volunteer Incentive (\$500.00) given yearly to the Volunteer members “hurts pride and ownership”. It isn’t bringing forth new members to the department.

Suggestions were made:

Trying to get the school system to accept Fire Department into the school system curriculum somehow. Sam Bryant said he would speak to Craig Maddox at ACPS.

Another suggestion was made to have a Community Based EMT Program rather than school. It was noted that Public Safety has been providing class training at the High School for several years and has only had one student to come from this class.

Another suggestion was made for monetary compensation for “Duty Crews at a Station”.

\$12,000 is available to each fire department to purchase firefighting turnout gear. Hose money available is \$20,536.28.

Radio/Dispatch updates have been ongoing with behind-the-scene updates with computers in radio systems. Towers will be going down for approximately 6 minutes during the night.

NG911 finished.

Marcus Law- CIT Counselors to be implemented by July 16 2022.

Per Charlseas Goodin BREM is holding a CEU Program. “Save the Date” notification is for 9/9,10,11.

Per Ben Bond, ZOLL increase of 4% for software. He is looking at other vendors to change. Fire

Module and Logistics.

**VII.** Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn made by Steve Drummond.

Motion seconded by Sam Bryant.

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 1800.