



AMHERST COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL

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EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

**MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

Location: County Administration Building @1900

In attendance:

- J. Malott – Monelison Fire Department
- J. Friend - Monelison Fire Department
- S. Owen – Monelison Fire Department
- Da. Campbell – Monelison Fire Department
- S. Drummond – Amherst Fire Department
- G. Tomlin – Pedlar Fire Department
- L. Tomlin – Pedlar Fire Department
- R.W. Woody- Monelison Rescue
- J. Fontaine – Monelison Rescue
- C. Goodin – Amherst Life Saving Crew
- De. Campbell – Amherst Public Safety – 911 Communications
- B. Hardwell – Amherst Public Safety – 911 Communications
- S. Bryant – Amherst Public Safety
- J. Scott – Amherst Public Safety
- J. Ayers – Amherst County Board of Supervisors

The ES Meeting was called to order at 1900 hours.

Prayer: - J. Friend
Pledge of Allegiance - All

I. Discussion to approve Minutes of October 6, 2020 Meeting:

- AYE: J. Malott, J. Friend, S. Owen, Da. Campbell, S. Drummond, R.W. Woody, G. Tomlin, L. Tomin, C. Goodin, D. Campbell, J. Toliver, S. Bryant,
- NAY: NONE

There was no public citizen comment.

II. New Business:

- a. Discussion on EMS captains making calls on when to send the Fire Department
This concern arose from a call in Appomattox County where miss-information was brought to the chiefs by private citizen, D. Tyree. It was clarified that mutual aid requests for Fire response does not go through our EMS Captain. However, mutual aid for EMS response does.
- b. Discussion on Emergency Incident Reporting Software. Monelison Fire is the only one not using what other agencies in the county use. Not changing until at least May/June time frame when current agreement expires. Wants to be sure that the information currently captured is transferable.
- c. Discussion on Ethics/Discrimination & Harassment Training. For the Chief's and captain's to look at. Discuss possible policy.

When an issue arises, a resolution must be immediate and department must accept. Monelison Fire has implemented a policy for their department. A copy of that policy was circulated for attendees to review. Sam Bryant to discuss with Human Resources Director, Linda Warner, specifics with EAP, i.e., Ethic/Harassment/Drug/Alcohol Testing; and each department having access to EAP.

- d. Yamaha TW 200's Dirt Bikes (Bike 1, Bike 2, Bike 3) status on training

Per Sam Bryant, has been in contact with possible instructor. Class TBA.

- e. SHR Training

VDEM holding training on December 13 and 14. Amherst County has been fortunate to be able to secure seven (7) spots for training. Lisa Tomlin stated that she would be available to attend should a participant currently signed up would be unable to attend.

Motion Made by Sam Bryant:

Pedlar Fire Department would be the lead in Amherst County for Search & Rescue.

Monelison and Amherst Fire Departments are Swift Water Rescue.

Motion seconded by Joey Malott.

III. Old Business

Per S. Drummond, AFD new compressor could arrive possibly the week of December 14-18, 2020. Old compressor is being removed on Sunday, December 13.

IV. **Matters from the Floor**

J. Friend asked for clarification regarding the "Radio Maintenance Guy" marking up for a call. This person is Eric Spitzer of ELCOM. He has various certifications and is a member of Rustburg FD. Per S. Bryant, he would be adding value to any call he marked up for and attended

J. Malott stated that two of his members going to become auxiliary members but still be affiliated and would respond if available. He wanted to know if they would still be covered by the insurance. Would continue to keep radios issued at this time. Should activity ceased, then they would be required to turn in their radios.

Monelison Fire ENGINE 23 – PIERCE – Year 2010

Since 2015, has cost approximately 428,275.95 to maintain. Some of the issues include DEF engine issue, Pump packing, pump handles.

(Engine 22, 2002, is a better vehicle, less maintenance \$\$ than 23. Want to keep)

Would like to sell Engine 23 and Rescue 21(would lose cascade system)

Bobby Sinclair to give a quote for trade-ins.

MFD would like a Rescue/Pumper Vehicle. (\$700-\$750 Thousand price range)

Refurbish or Replace at 20 year mark?

Chiefs to meet on this issue in January to formulate a plan before submitting to Board of Supervisors. Motion made by S Bryant and 2nd by S. Drummond.

Jarred Scott, Amherst Public Safety discussed COVID-19 cases in Amherst County. Last week, 11/30-12/4 there were 15 cases. This week the cases have increased to 25. The disease is increasing. Continued vigilance in face masks, hand washing, etc. Vaccine is forthcoming. S. Bryant, director of public safety said he would not make it mandatory for employees to receive vaccine though he personally would get the vaccine.

All EMS Agencies have had their State Audit/Inspections and have done well with only minor issues that are readily corrected. Amherst Life Saving received compliments on correcting the errors from previous audit smoothly.

Amherst Life Saving Captain, Charlseia Goodin stated that the Articles of Dissolution are currently with the Lawyer – merging with Public Safety.

Monelison Rescue per R.W. Woody needs to replace the generator. Have been working to resolve the building issues that have occurred.

Pedlar Fire is looking into alternatives for a new generator-new/used, diesel/propane and how to pay for this.

Updates on George Napier Jr- is in rehabilitation facility and should be able to come home for Christmas and then back. Does need more surgeries. Discussed various ways for donations.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ County Administration Building @1900

Motion to Adjourn –R. W. Woody

Second by – Sam Bryant

Meeting adjourned at 20:10 pm.