



AMHERST COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL

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**MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2020**

Location: County Administration Building @1900

In attendance:

- S. Owen – Monelison Fire Department
- S. Drummond – Amherst Fire Department
- G. Napier – Pedlar Fire Department
- L. Tomlin – Pedlar Fire Department
- R. Beadle - Pedar Fire Department
- R.W. Woody- Monelison Rescue
- J. Fontaine – Monelison Rescue
- C. Goodin – Amherst Life Saving Crew
- De. Campbell – Amherst Public Safety – 911 Communications
- J. Tolliver – Amherst Public Safety – 911 Communications
- S. Bryant – Amherst Public Safety
- C. Davis - Amherst County Sheriffs Department

The ES Meeting was called to order at 1900 hours.

Prayer: - J. Fontaine
Pledge of Allegiance - All

- I. Discussion to approve **Minutes of December 9, 2020 Meeting: Correction to Section IV. Matter from the Floor: Monelison Fire ENGINE 23- cost to maintain since 2015 is \$28,275.95.**

Motion made to approve minutes of December 9, 2020 with noted correction – R.W. Woody
Motion seconded by S. Owen

Unanimous Vote to approve.

There was no public citizen comment.

Review of Council By-Laws by Sam Bryant.

II. New Business:

a. Election of Officers for year 2021

1. For Council Chairman

S. Owen nominated Joey Malott

Seconded by S. Drummond

Motion carried by unanimous vote. Joey Malott elected Chairman for year 2021.

2. For Council Vice-Chair

R.W. Woody nominated Steve Drummond

Seconded by Rodney Beale.

Motion carried by unanimous vote. Steve Drummond elected Vice-Chairman for year 2021.

b. Dates established for upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, April 14

Wednesday, July 14

Wednesday, October 13

And other dates as warranted.

III. Old Business

- a. Discussion on Ethics/Discrimination & Harassment Training. Per S. Bryant, chiefs will hold a meeting later this month. J. Malott will bring the MFD documentation for review.**
- b. Mountain/Dirt Bike Training – per S. Bryant still in process of obtaining an instructor.**

III. Matters from the Floor

- a. Steve Owen – discussion on whether there is sufficient First Responder coverage for calls since we have the Pandemic.

Per Sam Bryant, Amherst County has 3-4 fully staff ALS ambulances. Some concern for Big Island coverage but has spoken to J. Blankenship and feels there is coverage for this area. Bedford has gone from 4 staffed to 3 staff ALS ambulances.

ALS units are running 24/7. Sam Bryant discussed that when the “ALL CALL” dispatch comes over the radio that departments are stepping up to the plate to offer assistance.

- b. Per Lisa Tomlin of Pedlar, Pedlar is getting up a Wildland First Aid Certification class. They have a date set for March 13 – 14 (weekend). The instructor is Math Rosefsky out of Charlottesville. The cost for the class is \$215.00 per student. (Normally they will offer a discount but due to the pandemic, they are unable to do so because short funds). The cost will include everything but lunch. Pedlar Auxiliary will provide that at no cost due to our location. Class size can be anywhere from 12

– 24 people. We can do more with an additional instructor but space is limited so will not go over 24. Pedlar has 8 members that have confirmed they will be taking the class with 2 we have not been able to speak with yet. I would like to offer this class to others in the County but would need to know pretty quickly if any are interested. Each organization would need to pay for their members (unless you think this is something the county would fund for us?). Would also like to make the class available for Bedford County members to attend, if they want to since they so graciously opened their class for us. Do know that several of them were talking with us and said they would be interested in the class. Unfortunately, if they do want to attend, they will need to pay for their members. Lisa will be sending the instructor an email on Thursday to definitely hold this weekend for us as George Napier has given us the okay to proceed. Location of class needs to be atleast a 75 x 75 building. Pedlar is checking into Buffalo Recreation and Pleasantview School Auditorium. Also mentioned was Monelison and Amherst Fire Buildings. Rodney Beale of Pedlar discussed the SAR training he participated in. It covers Basic training with basic items in a backpack, no equipment. For incidents such as shock, soft tissue, chest.

Training is recertification every two (2) years 16-18 hours (classroom and hands on).

Question posed about participants receiving credits. Lisa Tomlin to find out.

- c. Sam Bryant discussed Covid mass vaccination sites posed. VDH is exploring the concept of establishing regional PODs that can support expedited vaccine delivery. Sam reached out to Mr. Wells of ACPS to offer up Amherst County High School located at: 139 Lancer Lane Amherst, VA 24521 in the Town of Amherst Virginia. They have a large stadium for outside work and could use the cafeteria at the rear of the school in case of inclement weather. Testing process is somewhat slow with test responses. Dr. Wendy Wilcoxon is in process of implementing Fire & EMS Immunizations as the Doctor of record for our area. There is a feeling that the current increase of cases are stemming from the Christmas/New Year's holidays. There is serious hope that the cases will decrease around April/May 2021. Reiterated mask wearing, keeping hands away from face and hand washing.
- d. Sam Bryant stated that Public Safety Department has purchased a ZUMRO TENT System. This will be compatible with the one(s) located at LGH and Lynchburg Fire Department. A/C and heat capable.
- e. Public Safety has also purchased two (2) new medic units.
- f. Steve Owens discussed Monelison's relationship with VDOT. Great response time from Richard Toms when called.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ County Administration Building @1900

Motion to Adjourn –Steve Drummond

Second by – R.W. Woody

Meeting adjourned at 20:10 pm.