

Amherst County
EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL
MEMBERS PRESENT 01/09/2013

Amherst Fire Department:

Amherst Life Saving Crew:Charlsea Goodin

Monelison Fire Department: Ernie Cash
Jason Friend

Monelison Rescue Squad: Vickie Padgett
Jim Fontaine

Pedlar Fire Department: Danny Tucker
Greg Tomlin

Pedlar Rescue Squad: Lisa Tomlin
Cheryl Tomlin

Big Island Fire Department: T.R. Goff Jr

Big Island Emergency Crew:

Gladstone Fire Department:

Piney River Fire Department:

Public Safety

Gary Roakes

Emergency Services
Council:

Charlie Singleton

Fire Training:

Trent Richie

Board of Supervisors:

Robert Curd

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Clarence Monday, County Administrator

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January 9, 2013

Charlie Singleton called the meeting to order at 1900. Opening silent prayer was made and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was made.

A motion was made by Jason Friend to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Lisa Tomlin. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the recruitment retention presentation. If money is given as a bonus, the comment was made that it will be taxed. If given as a reimbursement, it will not be taxed.

Vickie Padgett made motion to remove level funding from recommendation list for Board of Supervisors. Motion seconded by Jim Fontaine. Motion carried.

If bonus check is approved, the request was to make the check a true \$500.00 – raise amount to cover taxes.

This information will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on 1/15/2013 at 7:00 pm.

TRAINING:

Training schedule was reviewed.

Trent Richie brought up a discussion on conducting a Fire Attack class, 77 hours, instead of a Firefighter I class which has approximately 180 hours.

The Public Safety EMS training schedule it out but does not have the hours of training listed.

BREMS training night is the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 at Lynchburg General Hospital. EMSAT training is the third Wednesday each month at 1930 hours.

Rescue College will be June 8 thru June 13. Register on line at VAVRS.

Mini symposium will be held March 1-3 at CVCC.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charlie advised the Council to forward Gary who will be representing their agency on the Council for 2013.

Goals for the council for 2013 were discussed. Vickie stated that we must operate as a group not as a single group or person. Charlie Singleton talked to the County Administrator recently about this concern. Vickie stated the Council should go through the Chairperson to go to the Board of Supervisors.

Jason Friend stated that the minutes should be out within two weeks of the meeting and not the week of the next meeting.

Ernie Cash stated that we need to work for the good of the citizens of Amherst County, operate with more unity and help the volunteers. The council should be more of a leadership role and work toward recruitment of volunteer personnel.

A recommendation was made to have EMS day again.

Charlie Singleton advised that he will not seek reappointment from the Board of Supervisors to serve another four year term on the ESC. His term ends up on June 30, 2013. It was recommended that suggested names for a fire representative be brought to the April ESC Meeting. Gary also advised that the position would have to be advertised in the paper by the County Administrator's office.

Danny Tucker asked Clarence Monday and Robert Curd if we are legally liable while directing traffic on an accident scene. Clarence advised that we will have the county attorney review. Gary stated that he believes that we would assume some liability while directing traffic.

Robert Curd stated that the Council is stronger voice if they go together, unified approach. He also thanked the agencies for responding to the barn fire on his property.

A discussion was held about the hiring process and the Captains should be kept in the loop. They were advised that the process is ongoing. Gary advised that the Amherst Fire Department hiring process continue as well.

On the barn fire recently, there were two ambulances on the scene one career staff and one volunteer staff. The career staff was assisting the fire department with fire suppression. Need to have policy regarding this and one unit not clearing to handle calls. Gary advised that their just needs be communication between the two so that one will clear and handle a second call if it comes in and those assisting with fire will provide EMS on fire scene if needed.

Danny Tucker mentioned concern over pulling ALS personnel from Pedlar and covering vacancy at Monelison or Amherst then staffing Pedlar with two BLS providers. Gary advised that this is only done as a last resort if we cannot find ALS coverage or at the last moment if someone calls out sick. This is based on call volume in other areas and that Pedlar can meet ALS enroute if needed.

Danny Tucker asked why capital money has not been distributed. Gary advised that he will try to get out in January and that beginning in July, he will try to disburse funds sooner after the beginning of the County fiscal year so that it will be kept in the agencies same fiscal year.

Gary reminded all agencies to submit their 2012 budget / expenses to him as soon as possible.

Danny Also asked about fuel cost. Gary advised that with budget adjustments in the fiscal year, that all fuel cost for fire and rescue should be covered by the budget and no cost to the volunteer departments.

Ernie Cash advised that we need color designation for probation members in turnout gear. Red helmets are used for junior members. He recommended using red shields. No action taken.

Minutes were taken by Bill Camm as Gary was at Amherst Town Council Meeting.

Respectively Submitted
Gary M. Roakes