

Amherst County
EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL
MEMBERS PRESENT 10/09/2013

Amherst Fire Department: Trent Richie Jr. Amherst Life Saving Crew: Charlseal Goodin
Clyde Mayberry Glenda Hash

Monelison Fire Department: Ernie Cash Monelison Rescue Squad: Vickie Padgett
Jason Friend Jim Fontaine

Pedlar Fire Department: Danny Tucker Pedlar Rescue Squad: Lisa Tomlin
Greg Tomlin

Big Island Fire Department: Brandon Cocke Big Island Emergency Crew:
Taylor Neas

Gladstone Fire Department: Piney River Fire Department:

Public Safety Gary Roakes
Lee Day

Emergency Services Council: Charlie Singleton
Bill Camm

Fire Training: Trent Richie

Board of Supervisors: Robert Curd

County Administrator: Clarence Monday

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ellen Bowyer, County Attorney
Monica McCullough, VDH

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October 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 Glenda Hash to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Vickie Padgett. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vickie Padgett to amend the agenda to include Derrick Keiser with the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) for a special presentation. Motion was seconded by Charlie Goodin. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Derrick Keiser with the Virginia Department of Forestry reported that there are now five people in the James River Work area which includes Amherst, Campbell and Nelson Counties with the office being in Amherst. They are not assigned to a particular county but work the entire area. The Hummer is being replaced by a new engine or brush truck. Spring Fire numbers were up in comparison to 2012 and they issues 7 4PM burn violations. Three dry hydrants were approved in the county by the grant but they have not been installed. Virginia Forestry grants will be available after the first of the year on a 50/50 match. They can also repair rakes instead of throwing the broken ones away.

OLD BUSINESS:

The incentive resolution drafted by the County Attorney was distributed. Ellen Bowyer reviewed the document. The question was asked if a member comes in the middle of the year, can we prorate the incentive. Gary advised that if they met the criteria he does not see any reason that it could not be prorated. Danny Tucker asked for personal property tax reduction on one vehicle be added to the incentive package. Vickie stated that if the vehicle is not in your name, then that doesn't qualify for the incentive. Clyde Mayberry asked to increase the amount to \$750 or \$1000 to try to get people in the system. He stated that the days of true volunteerism is over. Ernie asked Robert Curd if they had considered adding any more to the incentives. Robert advised the Board would evaluate and see how it goes in the future.

A motion was made by Danny Tucker and seconded by Ernie Cash to ask the Board for up to \$500 reduction on personal property on one vehicle per member for 2013/ Motion carried with one abstention – Vickie Padgett.

A motion was made by Danny Tucker and seconded by Ernie Cash to adopt the resolution drafted by the County Attorney. Motion carried.

The County Attorney also addressed the concerns of fire and EMS personnel directing traffic at incidents. Ellen stated that as long as you are performing the actions in the scope of your duties and there is no gross negligence, then a volunteer directing traffic should be covered.

Gary will work with Mike Allen with VDOT to conduct training and train the trainer training.

TRAINING:

Lee advised the Firefighter II class will start in the spring and will be coordinated by David Conyers. Lee also advised that the Leadership class did not occur due to the lack of participants. Incident Safety Officer class will be taking place in Pedlar.

A discussion was held regarding change the county SOGs to state the minimal fire training required to function as a fire fighter as a volunteer will be the Fire Attack training program instead of the current Firefighter I training that is required. A motion was made by Danny Tucker and seconded by Clyde Mayberry to change the minimal training to Fire attack which must be obtained within 18 months of a new member being voted into a volunteer agency. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Danny Tucker will chair the committee on changing the bylaws for the Emergency Services Council.

A motion was made by Danny Tucker and seconded by Trent Richie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

Gary M. Roakes