

Amherst County
EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL
MEMBERS PRESENT 1/22/2014

Amherst Fire Department: Trent Richie Jr.
Gary Ahern

Amherst Life Saving Crew: Charlseah Goodin
Glenda Hash

Monelison Fire Department: Ernie Cash
Jason Friend

Monelison Rescue Squad: Vickie Padgett

Pedlar Fire Department:

Pedlar Rescue Squad: Lisa Tomlin
Cheryl Tomlin

Big Island Fire Department:

Big Island Emergency Crew:

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:

County Administrator:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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January 22, 2014

Bill Camm 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 Charlie Goodin to accept the minutes with one correction – Jason Friend was not at the previous meeting (October 2013). Motion was seconded by Glenda Hash. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding getting internet access at Pedlar. Gary advised that computer consultant will be looking at existing system to determine if we have the equipment available to accomplish this.

Discussion was held regarding applying for a FEMA grant for fire hose, self-contained breathing apparatus, and personal protective gear.

TRAINING:

Charlie Goodin distributed EMSAT schedule.

A discussion was held regarding the county hosting an EMT and Firefighter I class in the fall of 2014 to attract new volunteers. A motion was made by Jason Friend to request that the Board of Supervisors fund a Fire Attack/Fire Fighter I and an EMT class for a cost of \$22,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Ernie Cash. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the Virginia Department of Fire Programs survey conducted on Amherst County Fire & EMS services. The Board of Supervisors member John Marks comments were presented to the Emergency Services Council. In reference to the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG), a discussion was held to begin better enforcement of the existing SOG's and to have better accountability on all scenes and to try to better implement rapid intervention teams on all structure fires. It was also recommended to conduct a RIT class. In regards to item #2 of Mr. Marks' comments, the ESC elected to skip this item at this time. In regards to the safety officer comment, the ESC felt that this process was in place and is addressed in the SOG's. The ESC felt that better enforcement of the SOG's will address this issue. In regards to recruitment retention, the ESC felt that we should adopt a county wide recruitment retention program and that offering the above-mentioned classes will help address this issue.

The Freedom of Information Action packet provided by the County Attorney was distributed to the ESC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ernie Cash and second by Jason Friend. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted
Gary M. Roakes