

Amherst County
EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL
MEMBERS PRESENT 01/09/08

Amherst Fire Department:	Trent Richie Jr. Blake Robertson Tim Pig	Amherst Life Saving Crew:	Glenda Hash
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Monelison Fire Department:	Rick Hunter Ricky Coffey Jason Friend	Monelison Rescue Squad:	Vickie Padget
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Pedlar Fire Department:	David Boggs Randy Fauber	Pedlar Rescue Squad:	Brian Hammack Gene Steimly
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Big Island Fire Department:	Danny Brown	Big Island Emergency Crew:	
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Gladstone Fire Department:	Gary Peters	Gladstone Rescue Squad:	
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Amherst County
Search/Rescue:

Public Safety	Gary Roakes
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Emergency Services Council:	Charlie Singleton Bill Camm
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VDFP Training:	Trent Richie Jr.
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Board of Supervisors:	Chris Adams
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County Attorney:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

County Administrator:	Rodney Taylor
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January 9, 2008

Bill Camm called the meeting to order with Trenton Richie giving the invocation. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was made.

The minutes were reviewed. Motion by David Boggs and seconded by Trent Richie to accept with one correction which was Bill Camm opened the meeting the October Meeting. Motion carried.

Gary introduced District 3 Supervisor Mr. Chris Adams as the new Board of Supervisor to the Emergency Services Council. Mr. Vernon Wood stepped down from this position. Gary will draft a letter to be sent to Mr. Wood for his service on the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jason Friend reported on the progress of the County Awards Committee. The Award packets were distributed to each department as Jason explained the process. Nominations are due back to the committee by February 15 and the banquet is scheduled for April 5, 2008. All agencies are encouraged to submit nominations.

Charlie Singleton reported that the Emergency Services Council bylaws committee has not met. A meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2008 at Monelison Fire Department.

Rick Hunter reported on some of the changes that need to be made to the Fire Standard Operating Guidelines document. A discussion was also held on the implementation of the document as a county wide policy. Each volunteer department as well as the Department of Public Safety will be responsible for implementing and enforcing these guidelines to create more uniformity in the county for their respective departments. Chris Adams also noted that we need to develop EMS guidelines. The following committee was established to develop the EMS guidelines: Glenda Hash, Charlie Goodin – Amherst; Jim Fontaine, Vickie Padget – Monelison; Brian Hammack Pedlar.

TRAINING:

FIRE: Ricky Coffey will be distributing a schedule for upcoming training classes.

RESCUE:

Monthly EMS training continues – every Wednesday at Amherst Life Saving Crew 11:00 am and the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Monelison Fire Department.

Amherst Life Saving Crew is in the process of becoming an EMSAT training site for the office of EMS.

Trenton Richie will coordinate an ICS 300/400 class with Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Charlie Singleton recommended that Warren “Petey” Peters and Trenton Richie co-coordinate the fire training for the county. The Council was in agreement with this recommendation.

A discussion was held regarding other training programs such as Swift Water Rescue and Vehicle Extrication.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary advised the council of a meeting that John Boon and I had with Deputy Chief Walter Bailey from Lynchburg Fire Department on Wednesday January 9, 2008. Walter is trying to increase regional cooperation and will be developing a presentation for the surrounding localities of the city regarding mutual aid request both into and out of the city. He will be contacting Public Safety to set a date for this presentation in the future which will be posted for all departments. He did state that when coming in to the city for mutual aid only respond on emergency apparatus; do not respond in a personal vehicle. He stated that the city is glad to offer assistance and welcomes the same from the counties.

Chris Adams asked each department to submit there vehicle repair expense for 2006 and 2007 to Public Safety to be forwarded to Chris. These costs are for basic vehicle repair such as oil changes, tires and basic repair. He is collecting data to research the possibility of starting a fleet management program for all county owned and volunteer fire and EMS equipment as a possible cost savings.

Brian Hammock requested to have Pedlar’s first due run area changed in the area of 1970 Wagon Trail Road. He stated that it would be quicker for Monelison or Amherst to respond to the Matohe side of Wagon Trail that it would Pedlar. Public Safety will look at this recommendation and change to provide for the quickest response to this area. Changes will be communicated once made.

Charlie Singleton made a motion and seconded by Rick Hunter to have the minutes of the ESC within two weeks of the meeting and to have the agenda out one week prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

Charlie Singleton reported on a legislative bill that has been submitted to require mandatory Firefighter I training for all members of fire departments volunteer and career. This would be similar to the requirements of EMT certification for EMS providers to function as an Attendant-In-Charge in the back of an ambulance. Charlie will keep the council informed on this bill.

Rick Hunter inquired about funding for a new station for Monelison Fire & Rescue as it is in the Capital Improvements plan for the County. Rodney Taylor and Chris Adams advised that is in the plan but not included in the initial bond that is being reviewed at this time. The Board of Supervisors is joining with the School Board to have a study done regarding land acquisition and structural needs for all county resources which this project will be included in that study. Rick inquired if Monelison Fire & Rescue Corporation purchased land would the county reimburse them at a later date. Rodney and Chris advised they could not commit at this time as there are many variables such as if the property is purchased in one location and the study revealed that the station would better serve the community in another location, then the department may not be reimbursed. Rodney also advised that he could not tell the department how to spend there money.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Amherst County Administration building.

2008 Meeting dates:

April 9, 2008

July 9, 2008

October 8, 2008

Respectively Submitted

Gary M. Roakes

01/24/2008