

Amherst County
EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL
MEMBERS PRESENT 08/12/2015

Amherst Fire Department: Trent Richie Jr. Amherst Life Saving Crew: Charlseal Goodin

Monelison Fire Department: Jason Friend Monelison Rescue Squad: Vickie Padgett

Pedlar Fire Department: Eldon Bradley Pedlar Rescue Squad: Lisa Tomlin

Public Safety Gary Roakes

Fire Training: Trent Richie

Board of Supervisors:

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August 12, 2015

Trent Richie 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 Vickie Padgett and seconded by Eldon Bradley to approve the May 13, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Fire Academy Graduation was set for August 26, 2015 at the Sheriff's Office.

Gary reminded all departments that financial statements are due prior to funds are distributed from the County.

A discussion was held regarding co titling vehicles. Departments do not feel the limited amount of capital funds received by the County, do not support co-titling. Gary stated that an effective date should be set an any vehicles purchased after that date should be co-titled. Existing equipment would be cover with the dissolution article. Gary stated that the Council needs to continue to work on reaching an agreement to resolve this issue.

Gary discussed with the Rescue Captains the continued decrease in volunteer EMS participation on calls. Amherst and Monelison are running about 2.5% each with Pedlar Rescue volunteers running only a few calls. Gary suggested that the rescue organizations look at Public Safety managing the business aspect and having all agencies fall under one EMS license. EMS volunteers would still be able to run calls and provide services to the citizens, but would not have to worry with the business aspect.

Fire/EMS Study: Gary presented the following mission statement to be adopted by the Council.

To serve the citizens of Amherst County by safeguarding collectively and individually, their lives and property against the death dealing and injurious effects of natural or man-made disasters, and to coordinate responsive capabilities of career and volunteer fire, rescue services and other agencies that respond during times of emergencies and disasters.

To complete this mission of service to the public, certain goals and processes have to be developed and instituted; among these are:

In coordination with Federal and State Governments, plan and prepare for emergency operations, which will insure that casualties and property loss will be minimized and normal conditions will be restored as rapidly as possible in the event of a disaster.

In coordination with the nineteen (19) career personnel staffing the EMS stations 24/7, three (3) volunteer fire departments, and three (3) volunteer rescue squads, that serve Amherst county through their respective officers, provide emergency fire, medical, and other emergency services in an immediate and effective manner to the citizens of the county.

- Update, continue to implement and exercise all Emergency Operational Plans for Amherst County.
- Assist the volunteer fire departments and rescue squads in the county identify and develop their relationships with the Board of Supervisor, County Administration, and each other through a conscientious effort of communication, education, and participation.
- Continue to enhance the emergency service capabilities of Amherst County through the effective use of resources, volunteer organizations in the private sector and assignment of emergency service responsibilities to all employees.
- Develop a comprehensive training program the county to provide for all emergency response personnel a means of practical training evolutions.

This is the same mission statement on the Public Safety website updated. Lisa Tomlin made a motion and was seconded by Charlie Goodin to adopt the mission statement

A discussion was held in regards to reallocating funds for out of county fire and EMS agencies. The Council will review as we go through the budget process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary presented a list of the fall festivals and the coverage was discussed.

New insurance cards for the vehicles were distributed to be placed on each apparatus. Gary asked the Captain and Chiefs to make sure the old cars were removed.

TRAINING:

The Fire Academy will be starting on September

Through The Lock class will be held at Monelison on September 12 from 8-5. There will be a \$90.00 person fee for the class.

EMS training weekend will be September 11/12, 2015.

Charlie Goodin distributed the EMSAT training schedule and also reminded EMS personnel about the EZ IO training in September.

The new backboarding protocol was also discussed fro EMS providers.

Trent Ritchie discussed the ladder inspection and he was able to secure the necessary stickers that are needed on some of the ladders.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

The next meeting date will be September 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Jason Friend and seconded by Charlie Goodin to adjourn the meeting.

Gary M. Roakes