



AMHERST COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL

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**MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2022**

Location: County Administration Building @ 1800

In attendance:

Monelison Fire -	Joey Malott
Monelison Rescue-	RW Woody
Pedlar Fire -	George Napier
Amherst Fire-	Steve Drummond
Amherst Life Saving-	Charlsea Goodin
Public Safety -	Jarred Scott
	Ben Bond
911 Communications-	Debbie Campbell
Board of Supervisors-	Jimmy Ayers
VA Dept of Forestry-	Gary Hall-Matson

- I. The ESC Meeting was called to order at 1800 hours by Joey Malott.
- II. Invocation – Jimmy Ayers
Pledge of Allegiance – All Attendees
- III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to accept all three meeting minutes by Steve Drummond
Motion seconded by Charlie Goodin
Unanimous Vote to approve.

- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Area Command Officer

Steve Drummond stated that AFD would like the Chiefs to get together and make this happen.

Discussion followed about setting up training on a regular basis to include EOC training for department heads.

Forestry – 4 hour class – Wednesday, January 19, 2023 – pizza provided at 06:00 pm @

Amherst Fire Department

- b. Amherst County Volunteer Department – apparatus – No discussion
- c. Status of Station 3 – All Furniture in – ready to go – last door to be put in within the next 2 weeks
Concerns include a need to redraw lines of coverage area and making changes in CAD.
Need to hire staff. Concerns with Unit 7 – Small – Not all equipment on the truck
- d. Increase of Dispatch Pay
- e. Paid Firemen @ Monelison – negative response
- f. VA Fire Services Board

V. New Business:

a. Incentive Program for Volunteers

- Pedlar – no need to make changes
- Amherst Fire Department – would like to leave the same, not in favor of pay per call
- Amherst Life Saving Crew – leave the same

b. Aware of problems with text messages. Will be switching to ESP Program. It will be the 1st of the year before fire makes the change.

c. There is a need to improve communication between Career Staff and Glenda Hash of Amherst Life Saving Crew when there are issues with the building or the trucks. They have her number

d. Academy dates for Fire Fighter I- trying for a start date in January 2023.

e. Training

- Wednesday – Extrication Training with Amherst Fire Department
- AFD-Engine Company Class – must have FF! –March 31 – April 2, 2023
- Forestry Annual Park Test
Amherst County High School – November 5, 2022 @ 8:00 am
Nelson County High School – November 13, 2022 @ 8:00 am

VI. Matters from the Floor:

a. Charlie Goodin asked if there was training money available to purchase a set of AED trainers.

b. ALSC and Monelison Rescue asked where their 4 For Life Money was. They both received emails requesting receipts and were told they would get the money after turning in the receipts. As to date, they have not received their money.

- c. Gary Hall Matson-reminded everyone that fire season officially starts October 15th. Hurricane Ian helped with drought situation. Prediction is for warm, dry air this fall.
- Forestry has now districts-David Powell out of Charlottesville is head for this area. Gary Hall-Matson is primary response for Amherst County.
 - A special equipment trailer that belongs to Bedford County was used for a hay bale fire in Amherst County. This trailer is used for structure protection and large area protection. A handout was provided by Gary listing the trailer equipment. Gary stated there is grant money available to equip a trailer. Joey Malott said Monelison Fire Department had a trailer that they would donate for this. Information was given for the members to think about this for future discussion.
 - Campbell County pushed back date to early December 2022 to join radio group.
- d. Pedlar has lost a box light. Asking if any other agency could have picked it up after a recent fire.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn made by Charlie Goodin.

Motion seconded by George Napier.