Fire and EMS Oversight Committee Washington County Administration Building, Abingdon, VA 10/22/2012 5:30pm

Members Present:

Others Present: Sammy Campbell Members Absent:

Nadine Culberson Bill Clark Ernie Doss Tim Estes Pokey Harris Theresa Kingsley Kevin Leonard Phillip McCall Dulcie Mumpower Britt White

Greg Woods

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Call to Order	Kevin Leonard brought Goodson-Kinderhook's new tanker for review. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Ernie Doss.	
Welcome & Introductions	A quorum was present for conduct of business. Introductions were made for the benefit of new members and visitors. BJ Scyphers membership status was discussed. Theresa Kingsley contacted the agency Chief who instructed her to replace his. Pokey Harris will draw another agency for membership. Elections were discussed. A motion was made by Tim Estes to keep the committee structured as current until the committee is officially structured by the Board of Supervisors. Doss will assume responsibility of Committee Chair. The motion was seconded by Greg Woods. The motion carried.	
Approval of Previous Minutes	The September 24 meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Tim Estes and seconded by Pokey Harris to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.	
General Discussion	Pokey Harris discussed the apparatus assessment. Assessments have been received from Abingdon Fire Dept, Brumley Gap Fire Dept, Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept, Damascus Volunteer Rescue Squad, Glade Spring Fire Dept, Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Dept, and Washington County Fire Rescue. Four had been received as of last month. Tim Estes asked if the assessment is required for the budget submission. Harris indicated that it is. Estes asked if agencies failing to submit assessments will receive zero funding. Harris noted that budget request documents replaced vehicle inventory with the assessment and are required for the budget process. Doss stated that reductions in funding would be	

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	fair. Nadine Culberson stated that a reduction in funding is different from zero funding. Bill Clark questioned provision of duty rosters. He indicated that they do this on a monthly basis, so it would be hard to project for a year. Harris stated that the duty rosters will ultimately assist with EMD implementation. Estes stated that it may not be feasible to project these for a year. Harris stated that departments should indicate that in their budget request. If such data is not available, departments might indicate staffing by crew and not by staff names (i.e. A, B and C Crew). This would allow dispatch to tone the appropriate agency based on available resources. Theresa Kingsley stated that	
	EMD may not resolve all of those issues, but it is a start. Clark addressed the issue of response to the Offset in Tennessee. A lengthy discussion ensued and some options were discussed. Estes stated that the only way to truly fix the issue is dual licensure. Clark stated that was not feasible due to the associated costs.	Culberson to draft letter.
	Culberson stated that due to the assessment being a new requirement, it should be sent out as its own letter. We should assist in completion of the assessment if asked, and departments need to be reminded that failure to submit the assessment will impact their budget. Estes asked if supervisors could be asked to speak to chiefs, captains in their areas. Culberson will draft a letter to agencies who have not submitted.	
	Harris noted some changes to the EMS Rules and Regulations. Among those is a requirement for localities to establish response interval and response percentage standards in the local EMS response plan.	
	Harris also discussed the creation of an ALS position. It will be pushed out a month. She is working with human resources and personnel committee. Estes asked for a definition of that position. Harris stated that it will be one ALS provider as an employee of the County to be placed where needed. Estes stated that he hoped this would lead to all currently-funded positions being made County employees.	
	Greg Woods followed up on actions related to the equipment issue raised by Leonard and provided an update on drug boxes and American Heart Association training center approval.	
	Estes discussed a request for a Firefighter 1 class. Abingdon Fire Training Division is willing to teach it. They may ask for some funding, and Harris indicated she is happy to discuss this. She noted that the class is looking at an EMT-B class as well. Estes asked about Mr. Fletcher's class. Harris stated that the funds built up in that account could be used to fund it. Estes noted that not every fire department is	•

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	a member of the fire association.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held December 3, 2012 at the new Government Building beginning at 5:30 pm.	,
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.	1

Respectfully submitted by:	
Sugary L. Woods	12/3/12
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