## Fire and EMS Oversight Committee Washington County Administration Building, Abingdon, VA 8/12/2013 6:00pm

Members Present:

Nadine Culberson Pokey Harris Cherith Marshall Phillip McCall Randy Pennington Britt White Greg Woods Others Present:

Glade Spring Lifesaving Crew Green Springs Vol. Fire Department Meadowview Fire Department Valley Rescue Squad Members Absent:

Joey Burke Bill Clark Tim Estes Mike Mason

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible
Call to Order	The Town Hall meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pokey Harris.	Person
Welcome & Introductions	Pokey Harris welcomed the panelists and guests and introduced Facilitator Greg Woods.	
General Discussion	Greg Woods opened the meeting by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to provide information regarding the work of the Fire and EMS Oversight Committee as it relates to the committee's mission. Woods read the mission of the committee, as defined by the Board of Supervisors, which has served to set the focus and scope of work of the committee. Woods introduced various members of the committee for their comments.  Joey Burke, Chair of the Committee and Fire Service Representative, was unable to attend the meeting. Britt White, Fire Service Representative, stated that he felt the committee had worked well together and was open to all requests.  Bill Clark, EMS Representative, was unable to attend.  Mike Mason, EMS Representative, was unable to attend.	
	Randy Pennington, Board of Supervisors Representative, stated that the committee had accomplished a great deal and applauded the work. He indicated that the purpose of the committee was not to eliminate any of the support to fire and EMS agencies but to find the most effective way to utilize the available resources. He indicated that the committee members had worked well together and that they were open to all requests.	

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	Phillip McCall, Board of Supervisors Representative, indicated that he was pleased with the work of the committee. He briefly discussed the importance of the Apparatus Assessment and stated that Fire and EMS agencies are the only ones qualified to determine what they need, and this seems to be a good way to review needs in the county.	
	Tim Estes, Regional Fire Programs Representative, was unable to attend. He provided a letter of support from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs regarding the mission and work of the committee which Woods read to the attendees.	
	Greg Woods, Regional EMS Representative, stated that the Southwest Virginia EMS Council is proud to participate in the work of this committee. Through his work with the RSAF Grant program, he has long been aware of the county's support of EMS agencies. He applauded the County for being proactive approach to identifying and addressing needs.	
	Nadine Culberson, County Administrator, expressed her pleasure with the work of the committee. She noted that the committee had done a great job to identify a process, and she expressed her appreciation for the spirit of collaboration expressed by the members of the committee. She noted that the success of the committee could be a great model for other future committees and projects of the County. Culberson introduced Cherith Marshall, Community Development and Planning Director. Marshall discussed development of the County's Comprehensive Plan. She noted the importance of participation by Fire and EMS agencies to ensure that the plan is truly representative of the current and future needs of the County.	
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