

Emergency Services Committee
Washington County Administration Building, Abingdon, VA
4/13/2015
6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Jason Berry
 Bill Clark
 Tim Estes
 Jason Johnson
 Theresa Kingsley-Varble
 Mike Mason
 Philip McCall
 John McCormick
 Randy Pennington
 Michael Pridemore
 BJ Scyphers
 Dwayne Stanley
 Mike Starr
 Ricky Stumbo
 Don Venable

Mark Venable
 PG Widener

Others Present:

Clifford Chapman
 Freddy Lewis
 Tim Morgan
 Nick Sturgill
 Mike White

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Mark Venable, Chair.	
Welcome & Introductions	Mark Venable welcomed the committee and led introductions.	
Approval of Previous Minutes	<p>Discussion of prior meeting minutes was held. Jason Berry asked for clarification about the Valley Rescue Squad recommendation noted in the minutes as \$80,000 (\$50,000 operational+\$30,000 personnel). Estes noted that the committee did recommend \$30,000 for personnel for Valley Rescue Squad.</p> <p>A motion was made by Phillip McCall to approve the February and March meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.</p>	
General Discussion		

Members Present:

Others Present:

New Business

SCBA Fit Test Update—Mike White noted that training will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at the Public Safety Building. There will be an MOU for each department. Theresa will send an email with more information.

Apparatus Inventory Update—Will be done annually, possibly with the budget request.

EMD OMD—Dr. McLeod has given notice of intent to resign. Jason and Theresa had a conference call with Dr. Brock Blankenship who indicated that he will try to help find a local OMD to assume those responsibilities. Committee discussed expectations and goals of the new OMD including protocol review/revisions to address concerns. Kingsley-Varble noted that she has had dispatch note possible issues. The timeline for this switch is the end of June.

Discussion on Requirements for Fire Chief—Kingsley-Varble noted that the Information from Loudon County was brought forth to the committee for informational purposes. With discussion of Line of Duty Act and budget funds, discussion was held to begin thinking about this from a liability standpoint. Jason stated it was given to him by a Board member. Challenges and benefits of such requirements were discussed. Estes provided historical information related to Loudon County. Randy Pennington stated that he would oppose this if it would create a burden on departments. Ricky Stumbo noted that centralized training would be beneficial. Berry noted that funds are allocated for training, so departments need to identify those needs. Mike White discussed construction of a training center at Green Spring Fire Department and enquired about locating the forcible entry door trainer there. Kingsley-Varble noted that currently the trainer is just out in the weather. She also noted several other training devices available for use. Mark Venable asked what training Fire Programs could provide, and Tim Estes discussed the programs that DFP could offer. Kingsley-Varble noted that the City of Bristol Chief has approached her to discuss joint training opportunities.

ATL Funds—Kingsley-Varble noted that ATL funds need to be expended by the end of the month. She noted that checks are being turned around very quickly.

Mike White noted that the WCSA has started a lot of training for personnel. The hydrant program was also discussed.

Question was raised regarding how payments of apparatus will be made. Berry noted that it would be spread out of over multiple cycles pending future Board allocations. The first draw-down would be July 2017. Pennington noted that the Board has discussed a capital improvement plan. Bill Clark stated that he felt the allocations have been weighted too heavily toward fire. Berry noted that the intent of the annual inventory assessment will be to identify the greatest need. Estes stated that the committee should consider what apparatus they want to support. Estes recommended creating an ad-hoc committee to create a fleet management committee and a training committee to develop plans to come back to the committee. McCall noted that there are many challenges, especially since apparatus costs and fundraiser income is decreasing.

Members Present:**Others Present:**

	Stumbo recommended that someone create a scope for those committees before appointing them. Estes noted that an ad-hoc could explore all facets of the issue to look further out. Estes noted that the direction of the committee grew out of the Fire/EMS Study. Stumbo noted that grants are harder to apply for under the current system. Kingsley-Varble noted that this can be included in the budget projection. Possible solutions were discussed.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015. This meeting will be held at the Government Center building.	
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:



 Gregory Woods

May 11, 2015

 DATE OF APPROVAL