

Emergency Services Committee
Washington County Administration Building, Abingdon, VA

5/11/2015
6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Steven Barlow
 Tamara Bellinger
 Jason Berry
 Bill Clark
 Tim Estes
 Theresa Kingsley-Varble
 Freddy Lewis
 Mike Mason
 Phil McCall
 Claude McClouthin
 Randy Pennington

Others Present:

Tamara Bellinger
 Max Hermann
 Chris Olinger
 Joe Straten

Michael Pridemore
 B.J. Scyphers
 Dwayne Stanley
 Mike Starr
 Ricky Stumbo
 Nick Sturgill
 Mark Venable
 Britt White
 P.G. Widener
 Greg Woods

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mark Venable, Chair.	
Welcome & Introductions	Mark Venable welcomed the committee and led introductions. Venable introduced Joe Straten and Max Hermann for the Memorial Day event. They discussed the Memorial Day event and the 5k plans. They are looking for volunteers to assist with the 5K run. They want to recognize all first responders. Departments can call Joe or Max for more information. To register go to the State of Franklin website.	
Approval of Previous Minutes	Discussion of prior meeting minutes was held. A motion was made by Freddy Lewis and seconded by Randy Pennington to approve the April meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.	
General Discussion	SCBA Fit Test Update — Training was held. Four departments participated including Meadowview FD, Green Spring FD, Brumley Gap FD, Damascus FD. The City Of Bristol VA FD also participated. Lucy is working on agreements for use of equipment. Randy Pennington asked if training was efficient	

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so that other agencies can use the equipment. Britt White said he felt comfortable using the equipment after completing the training.

ATL Funds-Update—Theresa Kingsley-Varble noted that most funds have been expended. They are waiting on three to four departments.

EMD OMD Vacancy—The county is still currently looking for a replacement. The county has reached out to physicians at JMH.

New Business

Saltville Rescue Funding Consideration: Agency leaders requested financial assistance from the county. Chris Olinger said there was 112 projected calls in Washington County this year. In 2012, the agency received \$7,500 from the county; prior to that, it was \$15,000. Berry suggested that agency come back with a specific request. He noted that budget meetings are almost finished, but there should be one more meeting.

Grant Match Requests: Green Spring Fire Department received a forestry grant and is requesting matching funds. Kingsley-Varble noted that this should be put into the budget requests. Berry noted that in the future, such requests should be submitted with their budget.

Insurance Opportunities for Volunteers: Berry noted that VACORP is offering insurance for volunteers. Rick Stumbo asked about Workman's compensation group coverage. Berry will look into Workman's Comp. and get back with the committee.

Dwayne Stanley asked about getting the \$20,000 cut from their budget back. Berry is pulling call data and hopes to figure out annual trend. The Board needs that information to better understand needs. While we cannot change things that happened in the past, we can look at data and needs to make the best choices in the future.

Dwayne had questions about agreements to respond to grass fires and pumping basements. The thought process was for personnel safety to not have them tied up on scene for calls for which departments do not need assistance. Kingsley-Varble said if the county receives something in writing outlining the request, they will examine it. She noted, however, that more variability between departments could lead to dispatch issues.

Woods noted that new ambulance specifications will likely be going into effect that will require cot retention systems on all new ambulances. This will add significant base costs to future ambulance purchases.

Stanley said that he would like to move to an ambulance rotation. Pennington stated that we need to look at the current system, possibly appoint a subcommittee to look at this. They will propose a food tax

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	in the county that will go directly to support Fire/EMS. Phil McCall noted that the county tried this in 2003 and 2004, but it did not pass. Estes noted that the subcommittee has been mentioned twice before.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8 th . This meeting will be held at the Washington County Life Saving Crew at 6:00 pm.	
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:


Gregory Woods

07/13/2015

DATE OF APPROVAL