

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AGENDA
07/21/05

UPDATES/DISCUSSION

Review what happened over the last 3 weeks with the radio circuits.
Update on day/night coverage for Rescue.
Website Public Notice regarding service area changes
Communications Supervisor Position – County job opening

COMMUNICATIONS

Procurement/Re-assignment	Qty	Cost\$	Funding\$/Source
*Procure - Radio Consoles for Dispatch *Re-assign existing for public works/maint	1-2		
*Procure VHF low band freq for county admin purposes.			
*Procure A/C or other cooling means for radio tower utility shed.			
*Procure Handhelds for Sheriff's Office *Re-Assign existing 4 to County Admin.	4		
*Procure Fiber from county admin building to radio tower Alternate - wireless point to point			
*Procure Radios for Rescue *Re-assign existing to Fire	34	\$24,752	\$17,408 RSAF
*Procure Pagers for Rescue *Re-assign existing to Fire	51	\$25,347	\$18,360 RSAF

TRAINING

EVOC – July 23/24 hosted by RVFD, location CVFD
EMT B – Sept 6 hosted by CVVRS, location CVVRS
Water Rescue – Sept 17/18 hosted by ??, location ??
NIMS/ICS training status

GRANTS

Autopulse – Qty 6 (Rescue)
AED/Defibrillator – Qty 6 (Rescue), consider re-assignment of existing to Fire
Extrication Equipment – Fire
Protective Equipment – Fire
Vehicles – Fire/Rescue

RECRUITING/RETENTION

MRI Program updates

AGENCY REPORTS

Activity Report submissions for newsletter and County website

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Attendees:

Kevin Ingle, CVFD	Jean Dunivan, CVVRS/CVVFD	Catherine Kahl, Planning & Zoning
Bruce Zirkle, CVFD	Kelly Hale, CVVRS	Rose Payne, CVRS
Bill Bailey, RVFD	Steve Thompson, RVFD	Aaron Hickman, Director of IT

Director of IT reviewed the issues faced over the past three weeks. Initially, Verizon cut the lines to the circuits and was unable to repair immediately. Then there was a voltage surge on the rescue channel engaging the line so that no dispatching could occur. Finally, the issue spread across all channel causing intermittent problem with rescue, fire and sheriff. The resolution was to replace the Verizon circuit and order a backup circuit should another failure occur. By having the backup, future issues will allow us to switch over to the backup circuit and allow for full troubleshooting without impacting other services. Additionally, the DC controlled base stations (rescue, sheriff and fire) are presently being converted to tone control through additional hardware installations by Procomm.

CVRS & CVVRS reported Day/Night rescue coverage has been going well, there continues to be cooperation between Cumberland and Cartersville to utilize mixed crews when necessary. Rose Payne indicated that she continues to work with the reserve members to repair any damaged relationship and recruit them back to active status. Day/Night coverage has been provided 24/7 although the inability to dispatch appropriately has placed an increase level of stress on the providers.

CVVRS reported that Jon Donnelly of the Old Dominion EMS Alliance had offered to donate \$100 to organize an 'ice cream' social activity on behalf of the ESC Committee and invite members from all the agencies represented on the committee. Further discussion included possible locations, dates and activities. CVFD expressed interest in acting as chair to organize the event.

Director of IT discussed the Website Public Notice for any further questions or revisions. Discussion included additional 'road testing' to ensure that the boundary markers would ensure the fastest response times. It was agreed that some modifications may take place as better information was available.

Director of IT made recommendations regarding equipment procurement needs to ensure all funding opportunities were used before expiration. He agreed to create a proposal for the next Board of Supervisors meeting to outline the funding available and the recommended equipment needs so that an RFP can be done.

Training updates included the upcoming EVOC class on July 23/24 hosted by RVFD and held at CVFD; EMT-B class hosted/held by CVVRS beginning Sept 6, the Water Rescue class tentatively scheduled for Sept 17/18 has been cancelled, NIMS/ICS training is ongoing and information was distributed regarding online access to the training. Other training included an Extrication that has not been finalized but is targeted for August 2005.

A discussion regarding some equipment needs identified as possible grant opportunities. Agency reps will seek an opportunity to discuss their information and experience with agency specific grants with the Grant writer on possible grants that we may be eligible.

Recruiting/Retention discussed relative to the MRI Program proposed to some members of the Board of Supervisors. It was agreed that the committee would prioritize the recommendations and seek out the assistance of Howlett & Associates for potential grants available.

Agency reports were discussed and agreed to be submitted at each Board of supervisors meeting with activity records in total rather than by agency.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm