

**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**  
**02/23/06**

**UPDATES**

Approval of minutes from January Meeting (previously e-mailed)

**ACTION**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

RFP - Towers

Communications Project – Phase I and recommendations for Phase II

**ACTION**

**TRAINING**

EMT B – Class start date 10/18/05, Class tests 1<sup>st</sup> week of March!

NIMS/ICS training & status

BLS CE – 03/15 7 pm at CVRS (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) Topic - AED

First Responder class – 02/05 2-5pm at CVFD

VAVRS Rescue College – June 2006

Additional upcoming training scheduled and/or suggestions for classes.

**EQUIPMENT/PROCUREMENT**

CVVRS – Ambulance has arrived!

Vehicle replacement schedule

**ACTION**

**GRANTS/FUNDING**

Sept 2005

RSAF - Awarded 01/06 –

Received 2 Autopulse \$24,456.00, pending RSAF reimbursement

March 2006

RSAF - recommend submitting to replace 3 stretchers & 5 Defibrillators

VDFP - recommend submitting to replace Fire Vehicles & Turnout gear

Philip Morris – need more information

Other recommendations?

Sept 2006

RSAF - ‘special projects’ for the communications center

Need more information

RSAF - EMD funding

**PUBLIC RELATION/RECRUITING/RETENTION**

Service Recognition program

**ACTION**

**AGENCY REPORTS**

Activity Reports

PEVFD Activity reports

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – 02/23/06**

**ATTENDANCE:**

AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE	
<b>Cartersville VFD</b>	Larry Kelly	
<b>Cartersville VRS</b>	Kelly Hale	Jean Dunivan
<b>Cumberland County Board of Supervisors Director of Information Technology Local Emergency Planning Commission Grant Writer/Administrator Sheriff's Office/Dispatch</b>	Bill Osl Not Represented Not Represented Judy McReynolds Billy Black	
<b>Cumberland VFD</b>	Kevin Ingle Sam Price	
<b>Cumberland VRS</b>	Rose Payne	
<b>Randolph VFD</b>	Bill Bailey	Dan Pempel
<b>Old Dominion Emergency Services</b>	Not Represented	
<b>Virginia Department of Emergency Management</b>	Not Represented	

The minutes from the January 19, 2006 meeting were distributed to all members through e-mail. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**TOWERS:** In response to a previous question regarding the structure of the towers, the group was informed that the towers will be stand alone without guide wires. Right now everything hinges on tower placement. Bill reported that Verizon will be placing a tower in the North, plans are moving forward with the tower at Randolph; however, the question remains of the central tower. It was asked if the RSAF Grant money could be used to purchase the Blue Ridge Tower. Research will be done to determine if will be more cost effective to build a new tower. The question was asked who is in charge of deciding tower placement in the courthouse area. Bill said he will work on this.

All the agencies have been experiencing problems with the new radios. It has been determined that 80% of the problems are the result of a defect with the radio heads. Aaron has a meeting Monday with Kenwood/Vertex on a solution. The group offered the following compensation suggestions for time & trouble:

\*Additional two radios for Randolph VFD to complete standardization

\*Hand-held radios to meet current needs:

CVFD does not need any more

RVFD 2

CVVFD does not need any

CVRS 5

CVVRS 6

Kevin has purchased a cable to help with reprogramming and is waiting on the software.

The other 20% of the problem is software issues so dispatch has been switched back to the old system.

Having to switch back reinforced the necessity and feasibility of redundancy.

Document any radio issues and send to Aaron. Joe from ProComm will be here the 25-28<sup>th</sup> to continue working on the system. The question was asked what he would be doing and Kelly said she would check with Aaron.

We are at the point of moving into Phase II of the project. There are two options:

1. Use of T1 lines would have a cost of \$800,000+. This would include approximately \$600,000 in core costs and \$200,00 to eliminate the telco connections. This option would incur \$700 per month per location for a total of \$2100 per month plus \$18,000 in maintenance costs.
2. Use of fiber would cost approximately \$100,000 for + the fiber. There are grants available for fiber, which we have already received some grant funds for fiber. The maintenance cost will be minimal because it will be handled in-house.

It was stated that the newly formed Telecommunications Committee does not support the fiber initiative. Bill Osl explained that the Telecommunications Committee was formed to pursue providing wireless internet countywide. He said that he will talk to the committee to find out why their initiatives are overflowing into the Communications Project in process for the ESC.

Billy reported that they completed a two week test of the new system under rescue only. There were issues of feedback and no voice transmission. It was suggested that because the new system requires speaking directly into the mic that headsets may alleviate some of the problems.

The committee agreed that we provide positive and encouraging feedback to our agencies.

As discussed in previous meetings, reiterate to your members that first on scene determines channel and report to dispatch in order to prevent lock-out.

## **TRAINING**

VAVRS Rescue College will be held June 5-9 in Blacksburg. There will be courses available for EVOC and CPR Instructor Certification. A pre-requisite for taking the class is an instructor test which is available on-line and has a cost of approximately \$25. Registration will be available in April. Participants to date:

Rose Payne	CPR Instructor Certification
Mark Chambliss	EVOC Instructor Certification
TL Wingo	EVOC Instructor Certification
Roger Myers	EVOC Instructor Certification

In our budget request, it was requested that the county pay for members to obtain training. Although there is no cost to rescue college, travel & accommodations will need to be paid. Bill will let us know.

Bill Bailly asked if the National Safety Council CPR certification can be used in place of the AHA. This is an option for fire but not for rescue. It may be possible to bridge over from NSC to Red Cross and AHA.

The First Responder Class has met twice and has enough participants to continue.  
There will be training on the Autopulse at CVRS on 3/1 at 6:30 PM

The House Fire Training Exercise will be held Sunday. Fire will arrive around 1000 and rescue at 1400. Powhatan will bring their thermo imaging equipment. There will be two safety officers monitoring at all times. This training exercise will help standardize operation. They will perform a couple of unexpected situational exercises. They have been working on the building to ensure that it is safe. There are no hazardous materials.

Fire Fighter I classes to be held at the CVFD has been tentatively scheduled to begin April 29. The possible schedule would be Saturday & Sunday, Skip a weekend, Saturday & Sunday. Kevin said they currently have 16 enrolled and there are instructors in the county that will help make up any missed classes.

CVFD has been awarded an EVOC class but it has not been scheduled.

Larry Kelly asked about the Fire Marshall Training. Kevin said he had e-mailed Jerry but has not followed-up and will call Don Brown. Currently CVVFD has two people interested and RVFD has one.

## **EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES**

CVVRS' new unit has arrived!

All representatives were to check with their agencies on the equipment replacement schedule and turn in at this meeting. Anyone who forgot to bring with them are to e-mail them to Kelly. This replacement schedule will utilize grant and county CIP funds. Possibly change the replacement schedule to rehashy 2 rescue units 1 year and replace 1 fire the next year. Dan said that some ISO ratings may cause issues with getting funding.

All the fire departments will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 at the CVFD to discuss standardization of equipment.

Kevin reported that he has been contacted by a member of the Powhatan County SD about a 1988 Ford Van with an 18' box unit they are selling. It has a new generator, is carpeted, paneled, has cabinets, heat and new AC. It also has low/high/ultra high radio equipment. It has 47,000 miles and new tires. It has a V8 carbureted gas engine. They are asking \$4000-5000. This vehicle could be used as a mobile command center. It can be used as an air/lighting unit and hold air packs for the fire departments. It can also be used as a back up mobile command center for EOC. Kevin will talk with Jerry about what he sees as needs. Powhatan is replacing it with another mobile command unit. The fact that it is 18 years old means that it will not have major insurance/liability costs. This may be a piece of equipment the three fire departments can split the cost, and then see how the county can put to use.

Kelly has received a 12' pull down screen that mounts on the wall. It was agreed that because the committee holds its meetings at CVFD and most other sub-committee meetings are also held at the CVFD, that the screen would be mounted in their conference room.

It has been suggested to obtain a 3<sup>rd</sup> dispatch console to use for training. Funding is available through RSAF and AFG grants.

## **GRANTS/FUNDING**

Judy distributed information on the Assistance to Firefighter Grants. It was discussed that each CVVFD and RVFD will apply for individual agency grants requesting trucks. Bill Bailey will help Larry Kelly in this process. CVVFD has started the process submitting fire reporting, a requirement for applying for grants. The just received the software and were told to enter from January 1 now and catch up on previous years.

Rose & Kelly are working on RSAF and Phillip Morris Grants for cots and defibrulators. Currently we are waiting on the financials from CVRS.

Aaron & Kelly will be submitting a project status and request another 90 day extension on the Communications project RSAF grant.

Bill Osl reported that Bill Hogan from Prince Edward Emergency Services attended a budget meeting where they discussed their Squad Care Program. Would the committee be open to having him attend a meeting and provide background information and answer questions regarding this program? The committee said it would be good to have first hand information and also be able to ask questions.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS/RECRUITING**

Comments about the retention incentive package submitted at the last meeting included:

\*Include dispatch in nominations for quarterly recognition.

\*Bill Osl said that instead of messing with the county tax that could possibly provide a cash reimbursement by sending a check on the providers anniversary date.

### **OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

For everyone's general information the following is a list of each agencies monthly meetings:

1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	CVFD, CVVFD
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	CVVRS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	CVRS
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	RVFD

Bill Bailey brought up the issue of possibly forming a fire association increasing the ability to apply for grants. The committee said that becoming an Emergency Services Association with dues being paid and a bank account would be good for county emergency services. Bill will bring additional information to the next meeting.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

RVFD Chicken BBQ for Emergency Services Providers	2/25	6:00		
RVFD Irish Night		3/18	5:00 or 6:00	
Bodacious		4/8 & 9	5/20 & 21	9/16 & 17

### **REMINDERS**

**ESC Meeting will be March 23 at the CVFD at 19:00. CVFD will be providing dinner and Judy McReynolds will provide dessert at 18:00.**