

CUMBERLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA  
August 24, 2006

CALL MEETING TO ORDER	Kelly Hale, Chair
COMMENT/APPROVAL MINUTES	ACTION
GUESTS      Guardian – Air Packs	
OLD BUSINESS	
Communications Project Update	Aaron Hickman
Retention/Recruiting Package	Jean Dunivan/Bill Osl
Creating Emergency Services Association	
Purchasing Fuel through County	
Letter to postmaster requesting assistance with addressing enforcement	
False Alarms at Cumberland County Schools	
Area 2 Hazmat Trailer from VDEM	Bruce Zirkle
GRANTS/FUNDING	
AFG Update	Bill Bailey/Larry Kelly
TRAINING	
Fire Fighter I	Kevin Ingle
Fire Marshall Training	Kevin Ingle
EQUIPMENT	
Vehicle Replacement Schedule	Bruce Zirkle
AGENCY REPORTS	
Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department	
Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad	
Cumberland County Dispatchers	
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office	
Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department	
Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad	
Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Randolph Volunteer Fire Department	
NEW BUSINESS	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS	
SET NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, PLACE, AND DINNER	
ADJOURN MEETING	

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – 08/24/06**

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
<b>Cartersville VFD</b>	Not Represented	
<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 Director of Emergency Services</b>	Bill Osl Not Represented Not Represented Judy McReynolds Not Represented Not Represented	
<b>Cumberland VFD</b>	Kevin Ingle	Sam Price
<b>Cumberland VRS</b>	Rose Payne	Mark Chambliss
<b>Randolph VFD</b>	Not Represented	
<b>Old Dominion Emergency Services</b>	Not Represented	
<b>Virginia Department of Emergency Management</b>	Not Represented	

The minutes from the July 27, 2006 meeting were distributed to all members through e-mail. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The first phase of the communications project is winding down. One of the final steps is appropriating the tower that will be located at RVFD. If this process is not completed soon there is a risk of losing grant funds. There are still some bugs with the new radio equipment that Aaron and Noah are working on. With reporting mechanisms in place to help determine whether caused by technical, training, or weather these can hopefully be resolved soon. Even with these, the current communications system is far better reliable than the previous one.

**TRAINING**

What has happened with Fire Fighter I training/testing? We are currently waiting on Don Brown to set up additional training and the re-test. Don Brown pulled the notification letters pending decisions of the meetings he would be holding with class members and instructors. Kevin has spoke with VFDP representative four times since the meeting we had. It was expressed that the longer we wait the more it will take to prepare for the test. Kevin will contact Don Brown again to follow up.

There is no word on RVFD increasing the limit on the Hazmat class to be held in October.

There is no Fire Marshall classes close b y but a new list will be out in October.

**RECRUITMENT/RETENTION**

The Recruitment/Retention package still has some details to be worked out. Members are working on establishing what constitutes a member in good standing. A list of members receiving personal property tax refunds/discount will be needed in the county office by March 1. Everyone is to bring recommendations for a fixed tax relief amount to the next meeting.

Kevin has received documentation from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs for recruitment and retention and will share this with all agencies.

### **EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES**

The committee continued discussions on obtaining fuel for emergency vehicles through the county. Jill Matthews from the county has been working on this process. She found that there is no extra cost for delivering to RVFD and CVVRS. RVFD is currently using the same vendor; however, CVVRS is working with a different vendor so there will be some cost to changing over to county funded. Discussions on how the bills would be handled with a couple of options brought to the table: 1. The fuel charges would be deducted from the 6 months appropriation or 2. A monthly bill will be sent to each agency. The keys have been ordered and agencies need to contact Linda Staylor at 492-4724 to discuss authorized people and to obtain keys. A simple monthly log will be used to track usage.

The CPR Equipment ordered for the county came in higher than the estimated \$525 amount. The total was actually \$756.18. The committee approved to have Kelly reimbursed for this amount. The classes will be offered at no charge for county emergency services personnel; however, a fee for out of county participants will be established. Jean will work on establishing the fee based on supplies which include the book, pocket mask, and cards. Class size is limited and priority will be given to county emergency services personnel.

Kevin will see where we stand on implementing the Vehicle Replacement Schedule and report back at the next meeting. Trucks need to be ordered based on the standardization that was discussed in previous meetings.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

CVVFD	Not represented
CVVRS	A lot has been accomplished at the building utilizing ordered community service
Dispatch/Sheriff	Not represented
CVFD	Kevin stated that he had sat back and waiting because he felt other agencies had priority needs; however, CVFD now has critical equipment needs that need to be addressed.
	Another dance is being planned and possibly some Karaoke events.
CVRS	A CE class was held with 4 people from CVRS and 2 from CVVRS.
LEPC	Not represented
RVFD	Not represented

### **GRANTS/FUNDING**

Bill informed the committee that the county is working on financing for capital projects and if there are any equipment needs please let him know quickly so it can be included in this process.

If the financial information for CVRS can be obtained, an RSAF grant for training, additional autopulse, and new stretchers will be submitted by the 9/15 deadlines.

Judy passed out information on three grants that are currently available. Kevin and Kelly will work on completing the process to obtain computer, training, PPE, and rescue tools through these grants.

### **OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

The committee is continuing discussions on forming a Countywide Emergency Services Association. Forming this association will help standardize equipment, obtain additional grant funds, help establish and enforce protocols, and help reduce the cost of emergency services in the county. Kelly reported that the original

charter of the ESC goes right along with forming an association. Forming the association will insure a continuation of the committee and the progress made for county emergency services regardless of changes in county government. Changing the committee to an association will provide the ability to make changes rather than just recommendations.

Due to the numerous false fire alarms at the elementary school the committee is in the process of establishing an ordinance that would allow fines being issued for false alarms. There would be different rates established for commercial and residential. A proposed fee of \$250 per call was discussed. Bill asked for an explanation of the alarm system. Kevin explained how the alarm system works and where the possible failures are occurring. It was reported that school representatives have been known to disable the alarm to prevent it from going off; however, after a set number of hours the alarm re-arms itself. There have been critical issues concerning the key holder for the school failing to show during the alarms which is creating liability issues for the fire department. The key holder is trying to release the call from a cell phone without responding to the building to reset the alarm. These false calls risk the safety of our volunteers and increase the wear & tear on equipment. They also tie up the time of members unnecessarily. This ongoing problem is also creating risks to other county residence because volunteers who have to get up and go to work are turning off pagers in order to not be disturbed by numerous false alarms to the school throughout the night. The feelings of fire department personnel are that the Board of Education has not addressed the issue because it is not a priority to them. There are current communications between the county, the school board, and the fire department in an attempt to resolve the issues before the ordinance becomes effective.

The committee discussed the implications of the landfill on emergency services in the county. We are aware that there will be an increase in possible vehicle accidents, fires, and industrial accidents. Committee members are going to contact emergency services agencies in counties with established land fills. Bill asked that everyone try to attend the Planning Commission Meetings to be held at 7:00 on 9/6 and 9/18.

ODEMSA has revised the Patient Destination Policy stating that all patients will be transported to the closest appropriate facility unless redirected by on-line medical control or by a diversion. A stable patient may be transported to the patient's choice if allowed by local EMS polices and available resources. With limited personnel in the county transport to SCH is first choice for all calls.

Rose and Kelly have been in contact with dispatchers during most days using on-line instant messaging.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/4	Yard sale @ CVVRS
9/13	LEPC Meeting
9/16-17	Bodacious
10/14	Hazmat Class

### **REMINDERS**

**ESC Meeting will be September 28 at the CVFD with dinner at 18:30 and the meeting at 19:00. The Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad will be providing dinner and Cumberland Volunteer Rescue will be providing dessert.**