

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES – 02/21/08**

ATTENDANCE:

AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE	
Cartersville VFD		
Cartersville VRS		
Cumberland VFD		
Cumberland VRS		
Randolph VFD		
Cumberland County Asst County Administrator Board of Supervisors Director of Information Technology Local Emergency Planning Commission Grant Writer/Administrator Sheriff's Office/Dispatch Director of Emergency Services		
Old Dominion EMS Alliance		
Virginia Dept of Emergency Management		
Virginia Dept of Fire Programs		
PHI Air Medical of Virginia		
Buckingham County		
Red Cross		

Meeting called to order at 1900. Minutes of the prior meeting were emailed and approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Discussed communications project and status. Due to a manufacturer issues, previously specified components are no longer available. Replacement components have been identified but are not currently available. It was discussed that the central tower can be activated under the new system; however the northern and southern towers will not be activated until the remaining equipment is available. It was recommended to proceed with the central tower being activated and add the northern and southern towers at a later date. It is expected that this will still meet or exceed the current communications needs
- Discussion regarding the dismantling of the base stations at the Cartersville VFD and Randolph VFD sites. Recommendation was to table the discussion until the March meeting.
- Options were discussed with regard to moving the conversion of the fire departments to UHF portables versus pagers ahead of schedule. Recommendation to discuss the current CIP earmarked for vehicle replacement and surplus monies that could facilitate the additional personnel equipment needed for the fire departments.

GRANTS/FUNDING

- EMD Dispatching software was discussed and the related grant opportunity through Philip Morris. The group discussed the pros/cons of a card based system versus a software system. It was recommended to pursue grants as available. It was recommended to table a decision on card versus software system until a demo or site visit could be arranged to see both types.

-In line with the vehicle replacement schedule, Cartersville VRS and Cumberland VRS are moving forward with pursuing RSAF grants to replace or re-chassis vehicles within their agency.

-Quotes were received for both MSA and Survivair SCBA equipment. Currently Cartersville and Randolph VFD use MSA and Cumberland uses Survivair. The recommendation was made that given the amount awarded for replacement air packs, it was more cost-effective to convert one department to MSA than vice versa. It was further recommended that the 25 packs be split among the 3 departments and a re-alignment of the MSA equipment at Cartersville and Randolph to ensure a standardized alignment among all three departments.

TRAINING

-Sheriff department is pursuing an active shooting grant. Plans are in the works to plan several scenario drills for mass or critical incidents for county staff. It was recommended to incorporate the air medical and other emergency agencies in separate scenario level drills

-Additional CE training can be applied for approval through the OEMS, PHI agreed to assist with additional training opportunities.

-Further requested/upcoming training yet to be scheduled is a Live Burn, First Aid, EMT-E and Firefighter Instructor I class

RECRUITMENT/RETENTION

-RVFD submitted several members eligible for the Level of training awards

-Powhatan submitted a request to honor a recruiting/retention program for volunteers in their departments but reside in Cumberland County. The committee recommends a reciprocity agreement for those volunteers in our departments but reside in Powhatan County but contingent upon whether the County is willing to support the additional potential budget impact. The committee recommends an opinion from the County whether they are able to support this.

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

-Cartersville VFD reported a pump issue resulting at the recent brush fire incident resulting in a significant estimated repair cost. A recommendation was made to utilize the truck purchased by the ESC with the blown engine as a more cost efficient option than replacing the damaged pump. The vehicle is in better condition than the Cartersville unit and all that would be needed is a much less expensive service cost to remove the engine from Cartersville's unit and placed in the ESC unit. Further discussion was tabled until the recommendation could be brought before the members of Cartersville VFD.

NEW BUSINESS

-Approval given to pay ProComm for 2 radio heads purchased in December for the new vehicles and the towing expense of the Goochland truck purchase.

-Discussion regarding the Cumberland VFD purchase of the compressor for refilling the air tanks

-A suggestion was made to consider putting emergency call boxes as the emergency stations.

-BOS recently appointed Kevin Ingle as the Fire Marshall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 24th - EMT-B continuing education

Mar 1st – RVFD Basket Bingo

Mar 7-9 – Super CE class

Mar 14th – RVFD St Patricks corned beef and cabbage dinner

Mar 28th - CPR

AGENCY REPORTS

CVVFD – Nothing to report

CVVRS – Reported 2 new trainees and 1 EMT-B

DISPATCH – Nothing to report

CVFD - Reported that the 2 units replaced by Goochland vehicles were sold \$4,000

CVRS – Reported 2 new members, the BOS had lifted the resolution and returned the operation to the membership with a newly elected President, Phil Scarborough.

LEPC – Reported the committee is currently working on the City Readiness Initiative to develop the deployment of product in a critical incident. Current recommendations include using the school buses and designated site deployment. Next meeting is scheduled for Mar 26th at 11:30 am.

RVFD – Reported 2 new members with 1 at a FFI level.

SHERIFF – Nothing to report

PHI Air Medical – new facility nearing completion located behind the airport hanger

Director of Emergency Services – Reported the current budget workshops under way, extremely difficult time as there are many constraints with the many budget needs of county services.

BOS – Reported the new school is moving along with state of the art designs and infrastructures. A recommendation from the floor was made to arrange for a tour for Fire and EMS agencies/departments to familiarize emergency personnel should an incident arise.

REMINDERS

The next ESC Meeting will be March 20, 2008 at the CVFD with dinner at 18:30 provided by TBD and the meeting at 19:00.

Meeting adjourned at 2130

Submitted by Aaron Hickman