

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES – 03/20/08**

ATTENDANCE:

AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE	
Cartersville VFD	Willy Hurt	
Cartersville VRS	Kelly Hale	Bernie Becker
Cumberland VFD	Kevin Ingle	
Cumberland VRS	Bruce Zirkle	
Randolph VFD	Dan Pempel	Bobby Riddle
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	Aaron Hickman Grace Fitzgerald Tim Kennell	James Turney
Old Dominion EMS Alliance		
Virginia Dept of Emergency Management	Brian Iverson	
Virginia Dept of Fire Programs	Don Brown	
PHI Air Medical of Virginia	Chris Shaffer	
Buckingham County	Gordon Winn	
Red Cross	Jean Dunivan	
Community Representative	Lou Seigel	

Meeting called to order at 1910. Minutes of the prior meeting were emailed and approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Discussion regarding standardizing communication to alleviate unnecessary traffic to include:
 - all radio communication announce who is being hailed then callers unit #, channel if necessary.
 - first on scene is the incident commander and dispatch will assign the appropriate tac channel
 - responders will use tac channel to mark response or other information
 - IC will be the sole communication with dispatch
- New communications have been active and used by the sheriff's office. Some training and equipment modifications were done to address post-installation items that were found. Recommendation to escalate the equipment upgrades needed for fire and rescue personnel for the portables.
- Recommendation to include Public Works in the communications plans as they are now using the new system and it was discussed the increased traffic with multiple agencies and the need to improve the quality of its use and reduce the quantity.

GRANTS/FUNDING

- RSAF and PMEG grant applications pending, no awards have been announced
- AFG grant awarded, contract has been signed and awaiting equipment delivery
- Other grant worthy needs identified including additional air bottles, thermal imaging, compressors, burn building and gas detectors
 - VDFP mini-grants and rural development grants were cited as possible resources.

TRAINING

- Firefighter Instructor class slated to begin April 29th with participants from all three departments, to be held at the Cumberland Fire Department Tuesdays and Fridays and completed June 14, 2008

- Other training classes requested include vehicle extrication, pump operator, rural water supply
- Recommendation to establish a framework annual schedule of training to include EMT, FF and EVOC.
- Recommendation to work with surrounding counties particularly Buckingham for regional training goals
- Landing zone training slated for May 2008 after initial LZ sites have been identified and cleared.

RECRUITMENT/RETENTION

-Years of Service program – rosters to include start dates and eligibility were distributed and the deadline to submit was the next scheduled meeting.

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

- Cartersville VFD updated the issue with the truck that had a damaged pump and the recommendation to use the ESC truck purchased for such an issue. It was discussed that there were discussions about Martin & Dabney doing the motor exchange of the Cartersville unit with ESC unit. It was clarified that nothing can be done until the issue of the title on the ESC truck has been taken care of first.

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Training – May 9th & 10th at CVVRS – EVOC
- Training – March 22nd or 29th at CVRS - CPR
- Fundraiser – Apr 19th at CVVRS – Steak & Karaoke
- Training – Apr 29th – Jun 14th at CVFD – FF Instructor
- Fundraiser – May 3rd at CVRS – Potraits 10-6
- Fundraiser – May 9th at RVFD – Boston Butts
- Training – May 20th - ? at CVRS - EMTB
- Training – Late summer at CVVRS - EMTE

AGENCY REPORTS

- Cumberland County Dispatchers-nothing to report
- Cumberland County Sheriff's Office-nothing to report
- Local Emergency Planning Committee-not present
- PHI Air Medical- new supervisor, Dempsey Witt
- Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department-nothing to report
- Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad--nothing to report
- Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department-nothing to report
- Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad-nothing to report
- Director of Emergency Services -nothing to report
- BOS - nothing to report

REMINDERS

The next ESC Meeting will be April 17, 2008 at the CVFD with dinner at 18:30 provided by RVFD and the meeting at 19:00.

Meeting adjourned at 2130

Submitted by