



County of Henry

Department of Public Safety

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ESAC Minutes – May 8, 2024

Agency attendees:

Matt Nichols (AFD), Junior Lynch (BFD), Cassandra Womack (BRS), Tyler Beam (CFD), Randy Smith (DSFD), Stuart Bowman (FCRS), Todd Norman (FFD), William Martin (HFD), Latoya Hagwood (HRS), Mike Hudson (PHFD), AJ Goins (RFD), and Ryan Mize (RRS)

Agencies not present: - NONE

Public Safety attendees:

Matt Tatum

Other Agencies: - NONE

Public attendee(s): - NONE

Matt Tatum opened the meeting at 19:02. He welcomed all attendees and introduced the purpose of ESAC to first-time attendees. Matt apologized as he had misplaced the minutes of the previous meeting; therefore, there were no minutes to approve.

HCDPS Update:

Report by Matt Tatum, Director

- Fire Prevention
 - The grading project for Commonwealth Crossing was scheduled to begin soon. That project may require some assistance from Ridgeway Fire, at which time Lisa Garrett will contact them.
 - There were no questions.
- Operations
 - The board has approved four new positions, one per shift, for the Operations Division to go into effect on July 1, 2024.
 - There were no questions.
- Training and Volunteer Coordination
 - There are plans to conduct another EMT class in the fall.
 - Matt encouraged everyone to contact Suzie and schedule a time to meet with the current EMT class to recruit them.
 - A Firefighter II class was canceled due to a lack of enrollment.
 - A Firefighter I class is planned to begin this Summer.
 - There were no questions.

Partners of Fire and EMS Reports:

- Each organization was contacted before the meeting for any report they may have. The Director of the Communications Center and Sheriff Davis replied that they did not have anything to report; however, they both welcomed any questions or feedback on anything they could do.

Old Business:

- FY-25
 - Matt went over the details of the FY-25 budget as it pertained to the volunteers. He shared his excitement about seeing the funding approval for the Rescue Squad's operations and the increase in the fire truck funding. He conveyed his opinion that the agreement to go on a needs basis versus rotation greatly impacted getting that funding approved.
 - Mike Hudson reminded everyone that the needs base was only considered if the County covered 100% of the cost of the truck.
 - Matt informed everyone that he had contacted three different fire truck manufacturers to obtain a budgetary number for a basic NFPA engine and tanker with a tanker minimum of 2,000 gallons. The average of those responses was \$550,000. He then took the projected ATL funds and added \$100,000 to it to allow for an estimated allocation of \$550,000.
 - He also informed the County's finance team that due to the two years of ATL for this coming purchase, only \$100,000 was needed, yet future years could be \$300,000 or more to cover the minimum cost of an NFPA basic truck.
- Aerial Apparatus Update
 - Junior reported that the truck was well underway in production, and delivery was expected mid to late June 2024.

New Business:

- Fire Department Billing for Services
 - Randy Smith presented a plan (attached) involving each fire department billing for services provided for motor vehicle crashes and structure fires. His proposals were based on his research into a similar program that Mecklenburg County is already doing. It would be a soft-billing approach to only collect from insurance carriers.
 - Matt informed everyone that a resolution so this could be done was approved over ten years ago so that Collinsville Fire Department could do it. However, the exact resolution has not been located. Therefore, if it isn't located, a new one would be done, and he did not foresee any reason why this resolution couldn't be done.
 - Matt also informed everyone that the Virginia Code requires homeowners' policies to have minimum payment for fire department response, but nothing in the code requires auto insurance. He had spoken to two

insurance firms, who stated they would not pay anything for a motor vehicle crash.

- This will require state legislation to change.
- Tyler Beam stated they had previously done it and considered doing it again recently but felt it wasn't a sufficient return on investment.
- Todd Norman then asked every Chief if they were interested in pursuing it, and they all agreed.
- Todd then suggested that only the chiefs meet and work out the details after more research could be done, and he would get with Randy, and they would look into options.
 - The meeting was scheduled for June 25th at 19:00 at Collinsville Fire Department.
- Matt added that a civil penalty in the Virginia Code requires a person, upon conviction of a DUI involving a motor vehicle crash, to pay a civil penalty to the fire department that responded. He'll work with the Commonwealth's Attorney on that process.
- Matt asked if there were any specific SOPs anyone would like for ESAC to begin working on. None were expressed.

Public Comment: - NONE

Open Discussion

- Mike Hudson shared that there were inconsistent radio issues with pagers and portable radios around Egg Farm Road and Micro Film Road. He stated it only occurred on Fire Com that he had zero problems with Sheriff Com.
 - Cassandra Womack stated that folks at Bassett Rescue had noticed similar portable issues in any area west of Stones Dairy Road.
 - Matt agreed to contact Communications Tech and Motorola to investigate this.
- Mike Hudson shared a concern about being unable to understand some dispatchers due to volumes. Many agreed with this and added that some spoke so fast they could not understand.
 - Matt agreed to share this with the Communications Center.

Announcements

- Junior has raffle tickets if anyone is interested.

Next Meeting: TBD

Attachments:

- FD Billing for Services Plan_Draft

2024 RESPONSE FEE SCHEDULE

Henry County Volunteer Fire Departments
Axton Community Fire Department
Bassett Volunteer Fire Department
Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department
Dyers Store Volunteer Fire Department
Fieldale Volunteer Fire Company
Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department
Patrick Henry Volunteer Fire Department
Ridgeway District Volunteer Fire Department

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION RESPONSE

Level I Response = \$625

Scene safety and traffic control which involves providing a safe scene for all parties involved, mitigation of damages and injuries.

Level II Response = \$850

Extrication with the use of hand tools including a Level I Response.

Level III Response = \$2100

Extrication with the use of hydraulic tools including a Level I Response. If extricating a deceased individual we may bill **\$1,695.00**

Level IV Response - \$2595

Landing zone command and control including a Level II and/or Level III services.

Level V Response - \$1025

Landing zone command and control including a Level I, without extrication services.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / OTHER INCIDENTS CERTIFIED RATE \$150.00 HR.*

May be billed at the same rates for the apparatus as structural fire suppression with an additional itemized bill for materials used.

**** May adjust billing rates for MVA or other incidents that require additional services, consumable items and/or lengthy amounts of time on scene.*

Structure Fire Response = \$1050

Scene safety which will provide a safe scene for all parties involved. The first arriving Officer will provide a scene size-up, assume command, and develop a fire suppression plan along

with scene safety which will provide a safe scene for all parties involved. We will provide exposure protection, confinement, extinguishment, overhaul, ventilation, salvage, and utility control.

SOUTH HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (MVA) INCIDENT REPORT

FD ID 11707	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	ALARM TIME	FD INCIDENT NO.	EXP NO.	ARRIVAL	CONTROLLED	IN SERVICE
SCENE ADDRESS									
CITY								STATE	ZIP CODE
INCIDENT TYPE FOUND <input type="checkbox"/> 352 Extrication of Victim(s) From Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Vehicle Accident, General Clean up <i>**If none of these fit the incident just write what you found here**</i>									
AID GIVEN OR RECEIVED <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mutual Aid Received <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Automatic Aid Received <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Mutual Aid Given <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Automatic Aid Given <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Other Aid Given <input type="checkbox"/> N None			ACTION(s) TAKEN <i>**Mark all that apply**</i> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 22 Rescue, remove from harm <input type="checkbox"/> 23 Extrication or disentangling of a person <input type="checkbox"/> Hand tools <input type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic tools <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Recover Body <input type="checkbox"/> Landing Zone Command and Control </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 44 HazMat Leak Control & Containment <input type="checkbox"/> 43 HazMat Spill Control & Confinement <input type="checkbox"/> 46 Decontaminate Persons or Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> 78 Control Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> 81 Incident Command <input type="checkbox"/> 93 Cancelled En route </div> </div> <i>**If none of these fit the Action Taken just write what you did in this box**</i>						
DEPARTMENT(S)			Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Chief 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Engine 72 <input type="checkbox"/> Tanker 75 <input type="checkbox"/> Ladder 7 Apparatus: <input type="checkbox"/> Support 70 <input type="checkbox"/> Engine 73 <input type="checkbox"/> Brush 76 <input type="checkbox"/> Engine 71 <input type="checkbox"/> Engine 74 <input type="checkbox"/> Utility 79						
			Personnel: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>						
PROPERTY USE <i>**If none of these fit the Property use just write what you found below**</i> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 931 Open land or field <input type="checkbox"/> 961 Highway or Divided Highway <input type="checkbox"/> 962 Residential Street, Road or Drive way </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 963 Street or Road in commercial area <input type="checkbox"/> 965 Vehicle parking area </div> </div>									
Vehicle #1 - Person / Entity Involved									
DRIVER'S NAME: (Last, First, Middle)						DOB		M / F	
Driver's Address / City / Zip								Phone () -	
OWNER'S NAME: (Last, First, Middle) <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Driver						DOB		M / F	
Owner's Address / City / Zip								Phone () -	
VEHICLE # 1 DETAILS: Make		Model		Year		License Plate #		State	
VIN Number		Insurance Company				Policy Number			
Level of Response Provided: <input type="checkbox"/> Level I Scene safety and traffic control which involves providing a safe scene, mitigation of damages and injuries. <input type="checkbox"/> Level II Extrication with the use of hand tools including a Level I Response. <input type="checkbox"/> Level III Extrication with the use of hydraulic tools including a Level I Response. Please note if we are extricating a deceased individual <input type="checkbox"/> Level IV Landing zone command and control including a Level I, Level II and/or Level III services. <input type="checkbox"/> Level V Landing zone command and control including a Level I, without extrication services.									
Vehicle #1 Notes:									
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ASSESMENT AND SCENE STABILIZATION									
OFFICER IN CHARGE (Last, First)					MEMBER MAKING REPORT (Last, First)			911 INCIDENT NO.	

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT

FD ID 11707	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	ALARM TIME	FD INCIDENT NO.	EXP NO.	ARRIVAL	CONTROLLED	IN SERVICE
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Vehicle #2 - Person / Entity Involved

DRIVER'S NAME: (Last, First, Middle) DOB M / F

Driver's Address / City / Zip Phone () -

OWNER'S NAME: (Last, First, Middle) ☐ Same as Driver DOB M / F

Owner's Address / City / Zip Phone () -

VEHICLE # 2 DETAILS: Make Model Year License Plate # State

VIN Number Insurance Company Policy Number

Level of Response Provided:

☐ **Level I** Scene safety and traffic control which involves providing a safe scene, mitigation of damages and injuries.

☐ **Level II** Extrication with the use of hand tools, including a Level I Response.

☐ **Level III** Extrication with the use of hydraulic tools including a Level I Response. Please note if we are extricating a deceased individual

☐ **Level IV** Landing zone command and control including a Level I, Level II and/or Level III services.

☐ **Level V** Landing zone command and control including a Level I, without extrication services.

Vehicle #2 Notes:

Vehicle #3 - Person / Entity Involved

DRIVER'S NAME: (Last, First, Middle) DOB M / F

Driver's Address / City / Zip Phone () -

OWNER'S NAME: (Last, First, Middle) ☐ Same as Driver DOB M / F

Owner's Address / City / Zip Phone () -

VEHICLE # 3 DETAILS: Make Model Year License Plate # State

VIN Number Insurance Company Policy Number

Level of Response Provided:

☐ **Level I** Scene safety and traffic control which involves providing a safe scene, mitigation of damages and injuries.

☐ **Level II** Extrication with the use of hand tools, including a Level I Response.

☐ **Level III** Extrication with the use of hydraulic tools including a Level I Response. Please note if we are extricating a deceased individual

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Vehicle #3 Notes:



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RESOLUTION TO ALLOW BILLING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

WHEREAS, the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department (SHVFD) was established by local leaders in South Hill, Virginia in 1934 with 10 charter members; and

WHEREAS, the SHVFD provides crucial fire protection and emergency services to the residents of the Town of South Hill, Mecklenburg and Lunenburg Counties; and

WHEREAS, the SHVFD is an outstanding ambassador for South Hill at conventions, competitions and other events; and

WHEREAS, the SHVFD has been a vital partner in the growth and prosperity of South Hill; and

WHEREAS, the SHVFD responds to over 450 emergency calls each year with an average of 13 volunteer responders; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue providing the highest level of fire protection and emergency services to the citizens of South Hill and the surrounding region the SHVFD must recover certain costs through service billings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Hill Town Council thanks the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department for its premier service to our region and supports and authorizes the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department efforts to recover the costs of providing emergency services at motor vehicle accidents through service billings with all cost recoveries paid to the SHVFD.

Earl O. Horne, Mayor

Date: February 14, 2011

Attest:

Anna B. Cratch, Town Clerk

§ 38.2-2130. Coverage for volunteer fire department costs.

Every insurer writing a fire policy or fire policy in combination with other insurance coverages shall provide coverage for the cost charged by a volunteer fire department that is not fully funded by real estate taxes or other property taxes for service charges where the fire department is called in to save or protect property insured under such policy from a peril insured against. The limit of such coverage shall be no less than \$250. Higher coverage limits may be offered by an insurer for an additional premium. Any bill for such service charges shall be sent to the owner of the property for which the services were rendered. The amount billed shall not exceed the limit of such coverage. This coverage shall not apply to service charges made in response to a call outside of the volunteer fire department's fire protection district, city, or municipality pursuant to a contract.

(2012, cc. [371](#), [561](#).)