

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
BOARD LEVEL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010 5:00 PM**

**Members Present:**

**David Laurrell, County Administrator  
Steven Shockley, Board of Supervisors  
Charles Falwell, Board of Supervisors  
Bruce Stratton, Rescue Commissioner  
Bill Bigham, Fire Commissioner**

**Scott Hechler, Public Safety  
Karen Briggs, Public Safety  
Claude Owen, Fire Commission  
Roger Vassar, Rescue Commission**

**Members Not Present:**

**Sheriff Terry Gaddy, CCSO  
Chief Clayborne Hamilton, Altavista PD**

*Mr. Scott Hechler welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:16 PM.*

- I. Department of Public Safety Report- Mr. Hechler stated that the Communication's Upgrade is still a work in progress. Meetings are being held with Star City Communications to discuss options to solve the radio system problems that are occurring. DaPro will be coming in the week of June 14 to install the text messaging feature. Please send cell phone numbers of members participating to Tracy as soon as possible. Pictometry has completed their fly over of the area for the new mapping overviews. The Radio Technician position will be advertised and filled in the next couple of weeks. The Firefighter II Class Celebration will be held on June 24 at Rustburg Volunteer Fire Department. Randall Johnson has been named the full time Deputy Director/ Fire Marshal. He is currently working on the tire storage issue with the DEQ. EMS is distributing Toughbook laptops to each squad. They will be utilizing EMS Charts for run reporting. Bill Bigham is resigning as LEPC Chairman due to time constraints. Another chairman will be elected at the July meeting. A table top exercise involving a dam break at Leesville Dam and affecting the Altavista area will be held this September. An AAR was conducted with multiple 1<sup>st</sup> Responder agencies for a wreck that occurred in Concord VFD territory to look at problems that occurred on scene, lessons learned, and after action lessons that were gained. The AAR was received well by all those involved. Mr. Johnson has completed the Comprehensive Respiratory Protection Plan. A Line of Duty Death and Disability Benefits (LODD) Seminar will be held July 10, 2010 in the Board of Supervisor's room located in the Haberer Building beginning at 10 AM. All 1<sup>st</sup> Responder, Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel are invited and encouraged to bring their family members as well. We currently have approximately 25 people signed to attend. Everyone is encouraged to get the word out about the seminar. Mr. Bigham asked if a CD or hard copy would be available for those that were unable to attend. Mr. Hechler stated yes and that he is also working with Shameka Wright and Dana Rice to put together informational packets that will be available. Mr. Hechler stated that the CIP

- process is moving towards a coordinated unified effort between Fire and EMS. It has been a collaborative process with a good job on the work completed. Mr. Laurrell stated that an opportunity to tweak and modify the CIP will be available each year. In order for Mr. Laurrell to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors to be able to justify the money spent to the tax payers a relatively good plan needs to be presented. This will also afford the County more opportunity to leverage grants and other funds that may be available. Mr. Laurrell appreciates everything that everyone is doing to make this a smooth process.
- II. Discussion was open about co-titling vehicles or having an acceptable usage agreement if the County is providing funds for vehicle purchases so that there is an understanding that this is a shared asset. If the vehicle funded in part by the County is sold/disposed of shouldn't some of the proceeds come back to the county? Mr. Laurrell stated that either option is open.
  - III. Fire Commissioner's Report- Mr. Bigham stated that Uncle Billy's Day went well on both the Fire and Rescue side. The Chiefs agreed to have their line budget items to Mr. Hechler by January 1, 2011. Fire Commission is on summer break, but a special called meeting will be held once Claude Owens receives the estimates on the new tankers. ARFF training will be conducted the week of June 7 at the Lynchburg Regional Airport.
  - IV. Rescue Commissioner's Report- Mr. Bruce Stratton opened discussion about consolidating some of the meetings. He stated that Roger Vassar will set a committee to put EMSAC and Rescue Committee Meetings together.
  - V. Discussion was open about the Fire and Recue Commission By-laws needing to be updates and approved by the Board of Supervisors.
  - VI. Law Enforcement Items- Campbell County Sheriff's Office- none, Altavista Police Department- none, and Brookneal Police Department,-none.
  - VII. Mr. Hechler would like to propose changes to Department of Public Safety badges, insignia, and future vehicle striping. He stated that the current badges, insignia, etc cause confusion because of the likeness of law enforcement due to coloring, state seals, dress uniforms, etc. He would like to change the coloring of the striping on the new Public Safety car to a red stripe with Fire, EMS, and E911 on the vehicle to note who is helping them, along with safety striping. He would like to use the County Seal instead of the State Seal for badges, etc. Replacing the oak leafs for collars of dress uniforms to bugles. All changes will be made on a new purchase basis only. Nothing old will be redone. New patch ideas were submitted by Staff. These ideas are being simplified due to costs of multiple colorings.

- VIII. Discussion was open to the County providing insurance to buildings that are owned by Fire Departments and Rescue Squads, but are not used in Emergency Services. Chesterfield Insurance Company is asking for guidance with this matter. A criteria needs to be set as to what the building is used for, to determine if it will be covered. Mr. Steve Shockley asked what the County's ultimate liability is. Mr. Laurrell recommended that we get a list from Chesterfield Insurance of what is currently being carried on the policy and move on from there.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM

*The next meeting will be August 2, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.*