

MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Committee (PSC) Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Greg Cebula, Board of Supervisors, Berkeley District (Chairperson)
Timothy McLaughlin, Board of Supervisors, Chancellor District
Mark Taylor, County Administrator
Jay Cullinan, Fire Chief
Roger Harris, Sheriff
Matt Embrey, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jane Reeve, Director of Information Services
Becky Skebo, 911 Communications Manager

Others Present: Troy Skebo, Major, Sheriff's Office
Teresa Switala, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief

Absent: Ernest Bartosh, Citizen Representative (Vice Chairperson)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cebula called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin Langridge, President, Spotsylvania Career Firefighters Association, shared feedback on the County's recent Evergreen Compensation Study. He stated that he felt that fire/rescue personnel were not being equally compensated in comparison to other jurisdictions. He also commented on: how citizens are being affected; fair market wages; mid-point salaries; and making salary adjustments a priority to employees.

Mr. Langridge stated there are staffing issues on nights and weekends that reduce the level of services to the citizens.

Mr. Langridge asked for consideration of appointing a Career Firefighters Association member to the Public Safety Committee. He stated that this individual could contribute to some of the committee's goals.

Mr. Langridge concluded by asking the group to support waiving the residency requirement for the County Fire Chief.

PRESENTATIONS

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Equipment Demonstration:

Lieutenant DJ Epps, EMS Supervisor, FREM, gave an overview of the position of EMS supervisor and provided demonstrations on the following equipment:

- Lucas 2 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Device: an aid in performing CPR; ability to do more with less people; there is no longer a need to detail as many units; every first out ambulance has a Lucas Device; and these devices are also being added to fire engines.

2. George Washington Regional Committee (GWRC) Hazardous Mitigation Plan:
Chief Embrey introduced Jacob Pastick, with the Planning Department, whom he has been working with regarding the GWRC's draft Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Both Chief Embrey and Mr. Pastick provided an overview of the Plan and explained that the purpose of the Plan is to identify hazards that could potentially threaten the County.

Mr. Pastick also distributed a draft Summary of the Plan and asked for feedback. He concluded by stating that the plan will go to a Public Hearing in May and will need to be updated every five (5) years.

Mrs. Reeve stated that she has concerns with the Summary that was distributed as there are items that affect IS, including: GIS standards which affect NG911; standards need to be compliant; such efforts usually affect IS's budget and needs to be included in the process; impact to future CRW applications; and funding issues as well. She concluded by saying that communications are needed for this project to be successful and that there needs to be more of an organizational approach.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

1. Matt Embrey, Emergency Management Coordinator:
Chief Embrey reported on the following: Winter Storm Jonas (finalized FEMA paperwork); Emergency Operations Plan (confidential); Radiological Emergency Planning (including future drills); and the annual Stars and Stripes Spectacular event that is being held on July 1st (July 2nd is the rain date).

Chief Embrey announced that he is Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and that this group is working to create a Regional Hazardous Plan.
2. Jay Cullinan, Fire Chief:
Chief Cullinan distributed a report concerning response times.

He also reported on the following: OPTICOM and the possibility of utilizing the system in the County; current hiring process, noting that prior training is not needed for this academy; installation of exhaust removal systems; retention concerns; and concerns with Chancellor Volunteer Fire and Rescue staffing at Station 5.

Chief Cullinan concluded by introducing the following two new Acting Deputy Chiefs: Jason Irby (Support Services) and Steve Cooper (Operations).
3. Jane Reeve, Director of Information Services (IS):
Mrs. Reeve had no additional information to report.
4. Mr. McLaughlin, Board of Supervisors, Chancellor District:
Mr. McLaughlin had nothing to report.
5. Greg Cebula, Board of Supervisors, Berkeley District:
Mr. Cebula reported on the following:

Eagle Scout: Nathan Hinkson who presented his Eagle Scout project (Emergency Preparedness for Spotsylvania County residents) at the October 2015 PSC Meeting has achieved his Eagle Scout rank and will be attending the April 11th BOS meeting for recognition.