

*Washington County, Maryland
Emergency Services Advisory Council*



REGULAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2013

Attending: Kevin Lewis, Director, Emergency Services, Ex-Officio
Dale Hill, WCVFRA, Ex-Officio
Dwayne Lunsford, Citizen-at-Large
Paul Miller, Citizen-at-Large
Dave Hays, WCVFRA
Mike Reid, WCVFRA
Bonnie Keltner, Administrative Assistant

Guest: County Commissioner, William McKinley
Oley Griffith, Chief, Boonsboro Fire Co.

Absent: Jack Latimer, Chairman
Larry Hines, Citizen-at-Large
David Kline, Citizen-at-Large
Rev. Alan Weatherholt, Citizen-at-Large

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Kevin Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

A simple quorum was not present to vote on minutes.

Old Business:

Informal Discussion on Fire Plan – Oley Griffith

Oley handed out a copy of the fall report for the fire plan, which he briefly read over. Paul Miller suggested that more info needs to be put out to the public to make them aware of the need for a fire tax. A discussion followed. The next meeting on the fire plan will be September 17, at Funkstown Fire Co. The Fire Plan Committee could possibly go before the County Commissioners in October to update the commissioners on their report.

Old Business:

Discussion on Current Operating Budget – Kevin Lewis

Kevin gave several hand outs to the committee about the current FY14 budget. Some of the items listed in the Proposed General Fund Revenues are:

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- Emergency Services for taking in money for false alarm fees
- Emergency Management Coordinator salary reimbursement (these are state funds that go back into Emergency Management Performance Grant)
- 9-1-1 fees

Funds were set aside, in the Capital Improvement Program, to replace a Special Operations hazmat unit and also the Emergency Air Unit vehicle. For the fire & rescue allocation and pro-rated utility costs for FY 2014, he explained each company receives a basic county allocation which is \$48,000. Boonsboro Fire Co. receives \$96,000 since they operate two stations and city companies receive \$24,500. Also, since Blue Ridge Summit and Brunswick Fire Companies have primary ambulance responsibilities, they get \$1,050. Each EMS Company, based upon them signing the EMS Memorandum of Understanding, receives \$48,000. Each year the companies provide their utility costs to the Washington County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association. The WCVFRA then puts together the cost that each department spent the previous calendar year and then in turn the monies are reimbursed back to the departments for utility costs.

Explanation of two Emergency Services departments:

Air Unit – fills the breathing apparatus that firefighters wear. They respond to working fire assignments.

Special Operations – hazmat, technical rescue, confine space, and swift water.

Comments

Mr. Brent Taylor will not be able to be on this committee. Another candidate will be selected.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 5:00 pm, at Elliott Parkway, lower level training room (**notice the time change**).

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Keltner, Administrative Assistant
Washington County Div. of Emergency Services