

Emergency Services Committee

February 9, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Courtroom 306W

Members

Bryan Delius
Chuck Godfrey
Mike Hillard
Michael Maddron
Ray Ogle
Jack Parton
Tommy Watts

Others

Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters
Sevier County Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Director of Emergency Medical Services Rick Valentine
Director of Central Communications Todd Spence
Director of Fire Response and Prevention/Sevier County Fire/Rescue Chief David Puckett
Sevier County Sheriff's Office Major Rhett Rutledge
Rescue Squad Hinez Wieland and David Kitlinger
Director Grants and Special Projects Andrew Temple

Chairman Delius opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Director Valentine presented the monthly report for the Department of Ambulance Service. Updated Committee on Seymour station. Reported Department will be receiving 5 new chassis with 1 due end of February. EMT Academy to be taught twice a year, first class to start March 13, 2023.

Director Spence presented the monthly report from the Department of Central Communications.

Major Rutledge presented the monthly report for the Sheriff's Office. Updated Committee on Jail Reentry Program and current jail numbers. Commissioner Delius asked about holding Federal inmates in custody. Major Rutledge explained the various situations this can occur.

Mr. Wieland presented the monthly report from the Sevier County Rescue Squad.

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Director/Chief Puckett presented the monthly report for the Department of Fire Response and Prevention/Sevier County Fire/Rescue. Director/Chief Puckett reported on a total of about \$300,000 in grants this year and each grant will benefit the County. Director/Chief Puckett explained calls are up about 8% in 2023, Director Spence also noted those calls are due to Waldens Creek and Wears Valley are First Responders to assist with ambulance related calls. Director/Chief Puckett updated Committee on Acquisition and Merger of the Sevier County Volunteer Fire Department. Director/Chief gave a report on both short-term and long-term operational plans and funding for the Department.

Commissioner Maddron made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.