



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee – May 2025
May 8, 2025 6:00 PM

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Chief Dustin Sutton
Major Rhett Rutledge
Sargent Dustin Floyd
Sargent Trevor Tarwater
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Reports from Departments
 - A. Sevier County Sheriff's Office
 - B. Department of Fire Prevention and Response (Sevier County Fire/Rescue)
 - C. Department of Emergency Management (EMA)
 - D. Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance)
 - E. Department of Central Communications (E-911)
 - F. Department of Juvenile Detention
 - G. Sevier County Rescue Squad
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn

Commissioner Delius called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Chief Puckett gave a report from the Department of Fire Prevention and Response (Sevier County Fire/Rescue). The Department has been conducting interviews to fill the Wears Valley station and designs for the station. Chief Puckett is monitoring federal grant funding and explained budget request.

Chief Sutton gave a report from the Sevier County Rescue Squad. Chief Sutton informed the Committee they completed nine (9) training events in April.



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Director Ayers gave a report from the Department of Emergency Management (EMA). Director Ayers informed the Committee that EMA held three (3) training events in April. The Medical Examiner's Office has a new hire. Director Ayers explained budget request and there was an increase to the request for the morgue.

Director Valentine gave a report from the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance). Director Valentine informed the Committee the budget increase is for one (1) new crew which will consist of six (6) new employees.

Director Brown gave a report from the Department of Juvenile Detention. Director Brown informed the Committee the increase in budget request is for training.

Director Whaley gave a report from the Department of Central Communications (E-911). Director Whaley informed the Committee the increase in budget request is for one (1) new employee to balance day/night shifts and for software updates.

Sheriff Hodges gave a report from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office. Administrator Layman, Major Rutledge, Sargent Floyd, and Sargent Tarwater were present for the Disciplinary Review Report. Sheriff Hodges explained the increase in budget request is to secure the new Courts Building.

Commissioner Watts spoke about the proposed development on Red Bank Road as it relates to emergency services.

Commissioner Ogle made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.