

New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority

Joint Advisory Committee Meeting

January 20th, 2026

Montgomery County Public Safety Building

Minutes

Attendees:

Members: Michael Geary, *Chair, Chief, Montgomery County Fire-EMS*; Jessica Moye, *Vice Chair, Services Captain, Blacksburg Police Department*; Dave English, *Chief, Blacksburg Rescue*; Sean Smith, *Operations Captain, Virginia Tech Police Department*; Andrew Marinik, *Executive Director for Emergency Management, Virginia Tech*; Chris Ramsey, *Chief, Christiansburg Police Department*; Dr. Eric Stanley, *OMD, New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority*; Billy Hanks, *Chief, Christiansburg Fire Department*

Absent:

Staff: Jason Milburn, *Executive Director*; Derek Rogers, *Communications Systems Manager*; Deborah O'Brien, *Operations Manager*; Amber Pratt, *Executive Assistant*

Guests: None

Recorder: Amber Pratt, *Executive Assistant*

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Hanks and seconded by Mr. English and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair presented the minutes from the October 21st, 2025 JAC Meeting (attachment a) for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Hanks and passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

a. Radio System Subcommittee

Mr. Milburn advised that the Radio System Project DDR is anticipated to be completed by late February. Mr. Geary noted that the goal is to have each jurisdiction designate members for the Radio System Subcommittee by the next JAC meeting, with the fire/rescue representative to be selected by the Fire/Rescue Commission.

b. 911 Center Tours

Mr. Geary provided summaries of recent tours conducted as part of researching dispatch operations of agencies with similar scope. He detailed the integration of CAD/Fire dispatch software using a user-friendly tablet application, CrewForce, as a notable feature.

He further advised that three of the four centers visited had a fire/EMS presence within dispatch to assist with unit deployment and resource management.

5. New Business

None

6. Public Comments

None

7. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Ramsey requested an update on the radio transmission issues at the high school. Mr. Rogers advised that equipment has been obtained to improve signal output and is pending installation. He further noted that the school is expected to receive a BDA, which will provide a more permanent solution.

Mr. Geary advised that schools have expressed interest in being included within the scope of the new radio system.

The next JAC meeting is scheduled for April 14th at 1:00pm.

8. Adjourn

JAC meeting adjourned at 1:23pm.