

**New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority**

**Join Advisory Committee Meeting**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 1:00PM**

**Montgomery County Public Safety Building**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

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

**Absent:**

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

**Guests:** Joshua Settlage, *Deputy Chief, Christiansburg Rescue*; Curtis Whitt, *Deputy Fire Marshal, Christiansburg Fire Department*

**Recorder:** Amber Pratt, *Executive Assistant*

**1. Call to Order**

Dave English called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. English presented the minutes from the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 JAC Meeting (attachment a) for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Geary and seconded by Mr. Hanks and passed unanimously.

**4. Old Business**

None

## **5. New Business**

### **a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. English opened nominations for Committee Chair. Michael Geary was nominated and all were in favor.

Mr. Geary opened nominations for Committee Vice Chair. Jessica Moye was nominated and all were in favor.

### **b. Call Processing and Dispatch Times**

Mr. Milburn provided a presentation detailing call volume and dispatch statistics. Concerns were raised about time to dispatch fire and EMS calls, as well as the procedural preferences among the individual agencies. In response, it was decided that various dispatch centers with comparable functions to NRVECRA would be visited to evaluate their processes firsthand and then discussed next meeting.

Discussion was also held regarding concerns that, during multi-agency responses, law enforcement personnel often receive information considered pertinent that is not always relayed to Fire/EMS units responding to the same incident. Members noted that this could pose safety risks and reduce the effectiveness of coordinated response efforts.

### **c. Future Meeting Schedule/Frequency**

The Chair proposed that the JAC meet at least quarterly. It was decided that the first Tuesday of every third month at 1:00pm would be the default meeting schedule.

## **6. Public Comments**

None

## **7. Committee Member Comments**

None

## **8. Adjourn**

JAC meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.