

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

**FIRST RESPONSE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

*Amber Russell, Chair*  
*Judy Kerr, Vice Chair*  
*Chris Gregory, Secretary*

*Linda Bruce*  
*Shane Burton*  
*Brian Crook*

*David Nollner*  
*Steve Whittaker*

*Ex-Officio members by position, non-voting*

*Matt Batey, EMA/EMS*  
*Tim Moore, Rescue*

*Mark Beeler, Vol Fire*  
*Ray Russell, Sheriff*

*Wayland Cothron, Chief Dep*  
*Dr. CM Tripp, MD Med Ex*

APRIL 28, 2025 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Review minutes from March 24, 2025
3. Department Reports
  - A. **EMA/EMS** – *Matt Batey*
    - 1) Shelter Update
    - 2) Weather Sirens
    - 3) Flood Grant
  - B. **Fire** – *Mark Beeler*
    - 1) Brush Truck Repairs
  - C. **Rescue** – *Tim Moore*
    - 1) Rescue Jacks
    - 2) Hydraulic Ram
  - D. **Law Enforcement** – *Ray Russell*
    - 1) Camera Systems
    - 2) Gravel Hill Tower
4. Discussion Items
  - A. Other Discussion
5. Public Comments
6. Adjourn

**Monthly Reports for all Departments:**

- Personnel/Staff
- Vehicle Fleet
- Call Reports
- Training Activities
- Maintenance Needs
- Budget concerns/requests

**Hartsville/Trousdale County Government  
FIRST RESPONSE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** March 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

**Present:** Amber Russell, Chris Gregory, David Nollner, Judy Kerr, Steve Whittaker, Linda Sue Bruce

**Others Present:** Lonnie Giese, Dusty Cato, Fire Chief Mark Beeler, Amy Thomas, Matt Batey, Cliff Sallee, Gina Duncan, Rosalie Myhan, County Mayor Jack McCall

Chairman Amber Russell called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the February 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve by Bruce, second by Gregory. Motion approved.**

**Motion to set agenda by Gregory, second by Whittaker. Motion approved.**

EMS Director Matt Batey presented his department's report. Main request is for a new ambulance. Batey said oldest one has had transmission replaced, about \$20,000 of work done, over 200,000 miles. Batey presented quotes for new (roughly \$293,000 plus add-ons) and remount (around \$176,000); either would have 12-15 months turnaround once ordered. Batey prefers F-350 at \$176,000 quote if remount chosen). Gregory asked if add-ons for remount were included in quote; they are. Nollner asked about current ambulance, it is Chevy. Gregory asked if this was urgent need or could be in 2025-26 budget, Batey said 2025-26 and believed could be paid out of Ambulance fund balance.

Batey discussed working with Commissioner Bruce to identify ways to remedy flooding on Rocky Creek Loop. Batey hopes to apply for FEMA hazardous mitigation grant to conduct flood study; FEMA not taking applications now but grant process can take 1-2 years. Bruce said she was checking with county to see about adding a culvert in the Rocky Creek area, might have been one years ago.

Deputy Dusty Cato presented report on behalf of Sheriff's Department. TCSD seeking to participate in new Hazardous Duty Retirement Supplement approved by state legislature. Plan adds 0.375 percent of salary multiplied by years of service, runs from age 60 until begin receiving Social Security or death, whichever comes first. First step is actuary study, estimated cost of \$400 can come of sheriff's budget. Gregory noted plan requires pension to be 70 percent fully funded, asked if Trousdale qualifies. Amy Thomas did not have answer to that question.

**Motion by Gregory to authorize TCSD to conduct study, second by Nollner. Motion approved.**

Lonnie Giese presented Rescue Squad report. Department has added two members, now at 17. Department seeking two vehicles donated from sheriff's department. Few calls to Rescue lately. Rescue trying to find swiftwater training course, having difficulty doing so. Also may not be enough in Rescue budget for all members to take that training. May need to move money in budget toward uniforms.

Rescue has talked to TDOT about flooding issues at Rescue building, TDOT recommends digging ditch behind building to drain toward EMS and toward roadway. Water line is believed to be only 4-10 inches deep which may cause complication. Gregory asked about electrical issues discussed at February meeting, they have been fixed.

Public Works Director Cliff Sallee presented previous work orders at Rescue building, noted they are fixed, many the same day, after PW being notified of need. Some issues have not been filed with maintenance. Mold issues have been addressed twice previously, until flooding is fixed this will remain ongoing issue. One heater had apparently been removed from bathroom. PW seeking mold-resistant plywood to help address issues. Heater is Rescue service bay had to be fixed by Trousdale Comfort.

Giese and Sallee agreed new HVAC system might be best for building. One heater had no pilot light and could have kept running constantly. AC is currently old window unit. Rescue would have to get cost on HVAC. Giese also asked about new sign for Rescue.

Russell asked if new generator had been acquired yet, it has not.

Fire Chief Mark Beeler presented his department's report. 20 staff, 1 applicant processing. Old brush truck still at Blankenship Collision. 33 calls responded from Dec. 1, 2024 thru March 13, 2025. Currently three hours at least monthly training, last focus on scene size-up and vehicle placement on scene. Members also do preventive maintenance checklist on vehicles monthly. Members getting registered for Vector Solutions online training. Fire applying for \$11,800 Enbridge grant for radio upgrades, gas detection meters, gated hydrant valves. No update from architect on proposed second building for vehicles.

Russell asked about prior report on combining Fire and Rescue, what happened with findings. County Mayor Jack McCall said report has been presented to state, can get summary to committee next month. Official who conducted report now works for state, has been too busy to present report himself

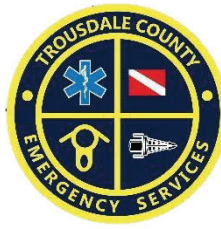
Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn by Nollner, second by Gregory. Motion approved.**

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.*



**EMS**



## TROUSDALE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

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**Matthew L Batey, Director / Chief**

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Date: 4/4/2025

EMS MONTHLY REPORT FOR: March 2025

NUMBER OF CALLS FOR THE MONTH: 116

NUMBER OF PERSONS TRANSPORTED: 96

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME: 7.8

TRANSPORTED TO TROUSDALE MEDICAL: 15

TRANSFERRED FROM TROUSDALE MEDICAL 30

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FACILITIES: 81

PATIENT REVENUE BILLED: 80,973.58

PATIENT REVENUE COLLECTED: 51,785.93

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR REVENUE: 397,983.01

### PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY INSURANCE TYPES

MEDICARE: 9,764.99

AMERICHoice: 3,384.62

WELLPOINT 3,621.62

BLUECARE: 2,884.86

BCBS: 1,003.83

PRISON: 9,244.16

SELF PAY: 4,515.66

OTHER MISC: 17,366.19

AMBULANCES STAFFED EACH DAY: 2

### CALLS BY TYPE

911 EMERGENCIES: 81

NON-EMERGENCIES: 15

DIALYSIS TRANSPORTS: 0

RESCUE ASSIST: 0

**FIRE**

**First Responders Committee**  
**H/TC Volunteer Fire Department Report**  
**April 28, 2025**

**Membership** – 20 Active

Officers: 2 Asst Chiefs

1 Captain

3 Lieutenants

**Vehicle Fleet Needs** - Brush 12 still in Blankenship Collision Repair  
Pumpers # 5, 7, and 8) passed annual Pump Test certification  
Annual truck service has been completed

**Call Report – Dec 1, 2024 to April 17, 2025**

Total Calls 49

Structure – 8

Grass Fire – 10

Control Burn – 4

Vehicle – 1

MVA – 1

Gas Leak – 5

Public Assist – 2

Equipment – 1

False Alarms – 16

Mutual Aid – 6 Given

Emergency Calls – 24

Avg Response Time - 6.79 min

Non-emergency Calls – 18

Avg Response Time – 10.61 min

Overall Avg Response Time – 8.61 min

Avg Fireman per Call – 8.04

Daytime Calls – 31

Nighttime Calls – 18

Urban Service Calls – 18

General Services Calls - 31

**Training Activities** – 3 hour monthly training, Using Vector Solutions training modules, monthly preventive maintenance checklist for trucks and equipment

**Maintenance Needs** – Approved for Embridge/Benevity grant totaling \$11,800 to cover radio upgrades, gas detection meters, and gated hydrant valves

Getting office, hallways, training room, and closets repainted.

Tile floors will be stripped and rewaxed, and carpeted areas will be cleaned

**Budget Concerns** – Building addition to store all vehicles and equipment. No update from architect

Budget submission includes a pay increase from \$30/call to \$50/call effective July 1, 2025. Resolution attached for Committee consideration

Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution for Volunteer Firemen and Rescue Members Pay**

WHEREAS: Hartsville/Trousdale County Metropolitan Government has a dedicated group of volunteers who are members of the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. These individuals freely give of their time to protect property and keep citizens safe.

WHEREAS: The only payment these individuals receive is the modest amount of \$30 per call and training which they attend. This amount has not changed since 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED: The Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission does recognize the value of these critical volunteers, and it sets their rate of pay at \$50 per call and training sessions. These volunteers shall be paid for all calls on record and training sessions approved by their Chiefs. The effective date shall be July 1, 2025.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor/Commission Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**RESCUE**



**TROUSDALE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES  
RESCUE DIVISION**

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## APRIL 2025

- **State Grant** - we received the grant for 52,100 dollars
  - we are going to apply for another grant to try and get money to service our radios and possibly get a new ram because ours is getting to be out of service date
- **Vehicles**
  - **Rescue 1** is getting re-striped this week to match rescue 2
- **Training** – We have members getting ready to go through Swiftwater
- **Equipment**
  - we are getting quotes together for new gear for rescue
  - we had a hydraulic ram go down and it's been sent in for service through warranty
  - we are going to need to have our radios serviced as the rest of the departments are doing so as well
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- **Membership** – We have three more people apply to be on rescue just waiting application process
- **Uniforms** – We have ordered our uniforms and our being done by Hartsvegas (Atwood)
- **Building**
  - **Flooding** – TDOT has fixed their end and has slowed down the amount of water coming from their side but we still have to get something done on our end.
  - rescues sign is getting down as well with our new logo
- **Other** – Rescue is looking at making a first responders group to aid with the community and help EMS when all rigs are out on calls to provide quicker response time and not have to wait on mutual aid from another county

## Proposed Budget for FY2026

<b>54420</b>	<b><u>VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD</u></b>	<b><u>FY25</u></b>		<b><u>Request</u></b>
		<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>for FY26</u></b>
101 - 54420-189	Other Salaries & Wages	550		550
101 - 54420-199	Other Per Diem & Fees	-		-
101 - 54420-201	Social Security	34		34
101 - 54420-204	State Retirement	34		34
101 - 54420-212	Employer Medicare	8		8
101 - 54420-302	Advertising	-		-
101 - 54420-307	Communication	1,600	1,000	2,600
101 - 54420-316	Contributions	500		500
101 - 54420-316	Contributions - Per Diems	20,000		20,000
101 - 54420-320	Dues and Memberships	200	1,200	1,400
101 - 54420-322	Evaluation And Testing	1,000		1,000
101 - 54420-335	Maintenance And Repair Services-Buildings	1,000	1,500	2,500
101 - 54420-336	Maintenance And Repair Services-Equipment	2,500	1,000	3,500
101 - 54420-338	Maintenance And Repair Services-Vehicles	3,500	1,000	4,500
101 - 54420-349	Printing, Stationery and Forms	-		-
101 - 54420-353	Towing Services	1,000		1,000
101 - 54420-355	Travel	1,500	1,000	2,500
101 - 54420-410	Custodial Supplies	-		-
101 - 54420-415	Electricity	2,000		2,000
101 - 54420-418	Equipment And Machinery Parts			-
101 - 54420-425	Gasoline	2,000		2,000
101 - 54420-434	Natural Gas	4,000		4,000
101 - 54420-451	Uniforms	500	1,000	1,500
101 - 54420-524	In Service/Staff Development	3,000	1,500	4,500
101 - 54420-599	Other Charges	1,000	500	1,500
101 - 54420-708	Communication Equipment	-		-
101 - 54420-711	Furniture and Fixtures	500	500	1,000
101 - 54420-718	Motor Vehicles	-		-
101 - 54420-719	Office Equipment	-	1,000	1,000
101 - 54420-724	Site Development	-		-
101 - 54420-790	Other Equipment	52,100		-
<b>Total Rescue Squad</b>		<b>98,526</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>57,626</b>

Requesting \$11,200 additional funding for FY26 to address the growing need for services within the County.

The \$52,100 in FY25 for Other Equipment is the State grant received for essential equipment.