

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
David Thomas
Steve Whittaker

Ex-Officio members by position, non-voting

Matt Batey, EMA/EMS
Tim Moore, Rescue

Ken Buckmaster, Vol Fire
Ray Russell, Sheriff

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

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 | 6:30 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review minutes from January 5, 2026
3. **Department Reports**
 - A. EMS – *M Batey*
 - B. Rescue Squad – *T Moore*
 - C. Fire Department – *K Buckmaster*
 - 1) Surplus Resolution
 - 2) Burn Permits / Notice
 - 3) Storage Garage
4. Discussion Items
 - A. Other Discussion
5. Public Comments
6. Adjourn

Monthly Reports Items:

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

**HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
FIRST RESPONSE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Meeting Date: January 5, 2026, 6:30 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

Present: Chris Gregory, David Nollner, Shane Burton, Steve Whittaker, Brian Crook, Linda Bruce.

Others Present: County Mayor Jack McCall, Amy Thomas, EMS Director Matt Batey, Ken Buckmaster

Chris Gregory called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., noting the absence of Chairman Amber Russell due to death in the family and Vice Chair Judy Kerr because of medical procedure.

Minutes of the November 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve by Crook, second by Whittaker. Motion approved.

Ken Buckmaster presented fire department report. Currently at 23 members with one pending. From December 2024-November 2025, HTCVPD responded to 139 calls, with eight structure fires and 23 grass fires. Of eight structure fire, five were in county and three were mutual aid outside Trousdale. Buckmaster credited fire safety courses taught each year at elementary school

Six fire personnel are close to completing 64-hour Basic Firefighter course, also one has gained ability to teach EVOC courses. \$8,900 was spent on Engine 8 to repair computer, plumbing issues on truck.

Storage building update: department is seeking authorization to begin Request For Qualifications process to hire engineer for project. Money for that is currently in fire budget. Will take three to four months to complete if authorized. Buckmaster estimated \$150,000 to \$250,000 for total project, said would not recommend at \$250,000.

Motion to authorize fire department to begin RFQ process by Nollner, second by Burton. Motion approved.

EMS Director Matt Batey presented department report. No December numbers ready yet, November presented instead. 117 calls in November, down from previous months. Estimated revenue around \$220,000 thus far.

EMS is fully staffed minus Teresa Turner, who retired at end of 2025 but is helping two days a week part-time during January. EMS still wants remounted ambulance. EMS no longer doing online training, in-house training being done by Ascension St. Thomas and Vanderbilt. Maintenance needs are EMS building, still in rough shape. No budget needs at the moment.

Department received two grants: \$13,000 safety grant, \$20,000 state EMS grant.

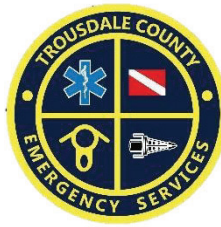
County Mayor Jack McCall noted the resignation of Mark Beeler as fire chief and his intent to appoint Buckmaster on 60-day interim basis at January meeting of County Commission.

Gregory noted upcoming called Commission meeting on EMS/hospital proposal, encouraged commissioners to review proposal and come ready for discussion.

No meeting scheduled, will be set by Chairman Amber Russell.

Motion to adjourn by Crook, second by Bruce. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.



TROUSDALE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Matthew L Batey, Director / Chief

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Date: **12/9/2025**

EMS MONTHLY REPORT FOR: **December 2025**

NUMBER OF CALLS FOR THE MONTH: **139**

NUMBER OF PERSONS TRANSPORTED: **101**

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME: **9.09**

TRANSPORTED TO TROUSDALE MEDICAL: **29**

TRANSFERRED FROM TROUSDALE MEDICAL: **28**

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FACILITIES: **72**

PATIENT REVENUE BILLED: **80,011.36**

PATIENT REVENUE COLLECTED: **24,757.06**

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR REVENUE: **280,967.21**

PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY INSURANCE TYPES

MEDICARE: **3,675.89**

AMERICHoice: **3,341.90**

WELLPOINT: **1,269.18**

BLUECARE: **3,274.50**

BCBS: **0.00**

PRISON: **4,844.66**

SELF PAY: **781.41**

OTHER MISC: **7,569.52**

AMBULANCES STAFFED EACH DAY: **2**

CALLS BY TYPE

911 EMERGENCIES: **91**

NON-EMERGENCIES: **48**

DIALYSIS TRANSPORTS: **0**

RESCUE ASSIST: **0**

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Lieutenant/EMT

Lonnie Giese Jr

Sargeant/Secretary

1. **Personnel/ Staff**- we now have 21 members
2. **Vehicle fleet**-Rescue 2 is at Wilson County motors for recall service and annual maintenance service for mileage warranty/oil change and tire rotation.
3. **Call Reports | 24 calls from 12/1/2025 to 2/12/2026**

Water Rescue Total	0	Average Response Daytime	8.27
MVA WITH INJURYS Total	5	Average Response Nighttime	6.11
MVA WITH OUT INJURYS Total	1	Average Response Day City	3.20
OUT OF COUNTY ASSIST Total	0	Average Response Night City	3.50
ASSIST EMS Total	7	Average Response Day County	9.91
Storm Damage Total	2	Average Response Night County	8.20
Public Assist	7	Average RESCUE MEMBER Daytime	3.67
e=emergency	5	Average RESCUE MEMBER Nighttime	4.11
n=non emergency	14	Average RESCUE MEMBER City Daytime	4.40
c=canceled	3	Average RESCUE MEMBER County Daytime	3.73
o=out of county	2	Average Rescue City Nighttime	4.00
		Average Rescue County Nighttime	4.20

4. **Training Activities**- two members are currently enrolled into the EMT class with Randall Kirby, we have possible 6 members going to swift water level 1 and level 2, training with Tar's, we have CPR class Feb, vehicle extrication is scheduled for April for all members and fire department.
5. **Maintenance needs**- building repairs have already been addressed with cliff; we are adding cameras to the building.
6. **Budget concerns/ requests**- nothing at this time.
7. **Pending grants**- we have applied for the Tennessee Rescue Squad grant for new equipment, combination tool, more structure collapse tools, more radios and Pager's, Drone kit for search and rescue, thermal camera's

We will not have an answer on this grant till possible may



HARTSVILLE / TROUSDALE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

219 Broadway | Hartsville, TN 37074

First Response Services Committee 2/23/2026

As of 2/15/2026

Membership- The Department has 24 active members, 3 additional citizens have begun the process of becoming members, and 5 more citizens have requested membership but have not yet begun the process.

Vehicle Fleet Needs- Storage Building needed with vehicles being stored outside presently. Engineer RFQ closed February 13th. Current fleet consists of 2 engines, 2 tankers, 3 brush trucks, and 2 support vehicles all in good working order.

CALL REPORT Dec/1/2026 to Feb/15/2026

Total Calls-41

False Alarm	8	Controlled Burn	4	MVA	1
Grass Fire	11	Structure Fire	4	Gas Leak	0
Storm Damage	4	Vehicle Fire	4	Public Assist	5
Outbuilding Fire	0	Equipment Fire	0		

A more detailed report will be attached.

Training Activities

- 6 hours monthly Using in-house trainers, Vector Solutions modules, and monthly preventative maintenance checklists for trucks and equipment.
- We will continue the monthly training activities with CPR scheduled for February.
- 5 members will attend TFACA Live Burn March 7th and 8th
- 1 member completed a TBI Fire Investigation for Fire Officers course

Maintenance Needs- None, however it is worth noting that we just spent over \$2000.00 on saws, chains, and repairs for the ice storm response and recovery

Budget Concerns- Storage Building needed with vehicles being stored outside presently. Amy can update the number of engineers who have responded to the RFQ which closed Feb 13th.

While adding members is a tremendous asset which many departments are having issues doing, it is also a costly expense. The department is out of facepieces, and turnout gear at a cost of approximately \$4,500 per member. We can either put a temporary limit on the number of members to have on staff or purchase the necessary equipment needed to protect the additional members. Your guidance is welcome.

Burn permit- Sample resolution attached. Please provide input

Surplus Equipment- Sample resolution attached. Please provide input

Cad to E-Dispatch for fire hall is being developed in cooperation with the Sheriff's department



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Statistics for Dec/1/2025 to Feb/15/2026

Firefighters on call	327	Call Per Diem ENDING NOV 2025	\$16,350.00
Daytime Call	31	Calls with loss	7
Nighttime call	10	Calls without loss	34
City	13	emergency response	24
County	28	non-emergency response	15
Average Response Time	6.78	canceled response	11
Manhours on Call	691.2	out of county response	1
Loss in Dollars	\$246,200.00	Day City	11
Mutual Aid to	2	Day County	20
Mutual Aid from	0	Night City	2
Loss in other county	\$0.00	Night County	8
Average Response Daytime	6.65	emergency response	6.63
Average Response Nighttime	7.20	non-emergency response	6.33
Average Response Day City	4.18	canceled response	4.00
Average Response Night City	4.50	out of county response	20.00
Average Response Day County	8.00	False Alarm Total	8
Average Response Night County	7.88	Controlled Burn Total	4
Average Fireman Daytime	7.87	MVA Total	1
Average Fireman Nighttime	8.30	Grass Fire Total	3
Average Fireman City Daytime	7.09	Structure Fire Total	4
Average Fireman County Daytime	8.30	Gas Leak Total	0
Average Fireman City Nighttime	8.00	Storm Damage Total	4
Average Fireman County Nighttime	8.38	Vehicle Fire Total	4
		Public Assist, 1 in another jurisdiction	5
		Outbuilding Fire	0
		Equipment fire	0

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RESOLUTION # 2026-xx-xxx

**RESOLUTION DECLARING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND
TRANSFERRING TO DEFEATED CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Hartsville/Trousdale County Volunteer Fire Department has a non-functional breathing air compressor which is no longer fit for active duty; and

WHEREAS, the following quipment must be listed as surplus property before they may be transferred:

- **CompAir Mako AC05 Air Charge Breathing Air Compressor
Model AC105-E3 | Serial Number 54054624**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission meeting in regular session, that the above listed equipment of the HTC Fire Department is hereby declared surplus and transferred to the Defeated Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Requested by HTC VFD Chief K Buckmaster

Recommended by the First Response Services Committee on _____

Motion _____

Motion made by: _____

Electronic Vote

Second motion: _____

ABSENT _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Lonnie Taylor
Commission Chair

Rita Crowder
County Clerk

[Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-306](#)

Current through the 2025 Regular Session.

TN - Tennessee Code Annotated > Title 39 Criminal Offenses > Chapter 14 Offenses Against Property > Part 3 Arson — Explosives

39-14-306. Setting fires at certain times without permit.

(a)

(1) It is unlawful for any person to start an open-air fire between October 15 and May 15, inclusive, within five hundred feet (500') of any forest, grasslands or woodlands without first securing a permit from the state forester or the state forester's duly authorized representative. Depending upon the potential for hazardous burning conditions, the state forester may prescribe a period other than October 15 to May 15 within which a permit must be obtained prior to starting an open-air fire.

(2) A violation of this subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.

(b)

(1) In extreme fire hazard conditions, the commissioner of agriculture, in consultation with the state forester and the county mayors of impacted counties, may issue a burning ban prohibiting all open air fire in any area of the state.

(2) A violation of this subsection (b) is reckless burning and punishable as a Class A misdemeanor as provided in [§ 39-14-304](#).

(c) This section shall not apply to fires that may be set within the corporate limits of any incorporated town or city that has passed ordinances controlling the setting of fires.

History

[Acts 1989, ch. 591, § 1](#); [1991, ch. 46, § 2](#); [1999, ch. 209, § 1](#); [2008, ch. 786, § 2](#).

Annotations

Research References & Practice Aids

Cross-References.

Controlled burns, burning woods, [§ 68-102-146](#).

Penalty for Class A and C misdemeanors, [§ 40-35-111](#).

Power to forbid starting fires during drought, [§ 8-1-1 8](#).