

FIRST RESPONSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 27, 2026, 6 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

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

Others Present: Sheriff Ray Russell, Fire Chief Ken Buckmaster, Greg & Peg Clements, Alexis Woodard, County Mayor Jack McCall, Scott Olds, Timmy Moore, Rosalie Myhan

Chairman Amber Russell called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes of the March 23, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

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

EMS Director Matt Batey was not present, no written report submitted. Gregory asked about ambulance grant previously mentioned by Batey, no information available.

Rescue Squad Director Timmy Moore presented department report (see online packet for details). \$14K grant received from Rescue Squad Association, Rescue Squad at 22 members now. Gregory asked what VKF is from report - driving course. Chairman Russell asked about budget requests, dues will be up slightly. No real issues on calls, sometimes addresses wrong.

Fire Chief Ken Buckmaster presented department report. Still at 25 members. Received unofficial quote of \$150K for 43x85 storage building.

Chairman Russell said no meeting about combining Fire/Rescue had taken place yet. Discussion held on makeup and timing of subcommittee meeting, Buckmaster noted most are already members of both. Russell said previous report on combining has been received and is under review. Mayor McCall advised letting Buckmaster and Moore work out details.

Motion by Kerr to authorize discussions on combining Fire/Rescue, second by Crook. Motion approved, with Burton voting no.

Buckmaster presented fire call report, 51 calls from Dec. 1, 2025 to April 22, 2026. Only budget concern in storage building. Fire is working with Sheriff's Department to set up E-Dispatch network that will show maps and CAD notes, making fire better prepared for scene.

Gregory asked about turnout gear needs mentioned in March. Face pieces have arrived, three new members have been sized for gear

Next meeting TBD.

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

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.