

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*

JANUARY 5, 2026 | 7:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Review minutes from November 13, 2025
3. **Department Reports**
  - A. EMS – *M Batey*
  - B. Rescue Squad – *T Moore*
  - C. Fire Department – *K Buckmaster*
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

## FIRST RESPONSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** November 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Troups County Courthouse

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

**Others Present:** Wayland Cothron, Amy Thomas, Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Amber Russell called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 22, 2025 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve by Nollner, second by Whittaker. Motion approved.**

Floor opened for nomination of officers.

**Motion by Burton to retain current officers (Russell chair, Kerr vice chair, Gregory secretary), second by Nollner. Motion approved.**

Discussion held on status of burn permit ordinance, has been sent back to Codes & Zoning Committee for adjustment. Kerr asked to have noted that she did not support charging for permit and that permit should cover more than one day if necessary, felt previous minutes did not reflect that.

Chief Deputy Wayland Cothron noted that state's October-May burn permit requirement does not apply in Hartsville city limits, but only in county. State can and does issue burn bans if weather conditions require it. Cothron also noted that current ordinances forbid burning of trash. Kerr asked if treated plywood could be burned. Cothron was unsure but felt it could not.

Nollner noted that if burn permit ordinance passes, sheriff's department could cite violators to court where they could be fined.

Gregory asked Jerod Mitchell if there was any update from fire department regarding request for new building. No update available.

Next meeting scheduled for January 5 at 7 p.m.

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

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.*