

**LEPC Meeting Minutes**  
**July 15, 2015**  
**12:00 pm Walters State Community College**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Brown. The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Chris Bell. Invocation was given by Lieutenant Billy Gulley, MPD.

There was no old business

Director Chris Bell made a brief announcement in regards to preparing houses of worship for emergency situations. The Hamblen County EMA office has been working on a packet of information that will be sent out to various associations and church groups and he stated if anyone wanted that information to please let the EMA office know and it would be sent to them.

There was a new business announcement by Jackie Jinks from Morristown Utilities asking for more volunteers for the Community Preparedness Fair. Please contact Jackie if you can help. The date for the fair is August 29, 2015 at Walters State Community College.

A presentation was made by S. Eric Carpenter, CFSP, Hamblen County 911. The mission statement for 911 is "To aid and assist in the rapid and accurate collection, exchange and dissemination of information relating to emergencies and other vital public safety functions." The funding of 911 was explained in relation to the 911 Modernization and IP Transition Act of 2014 which established a uniform rate for all services at \$1.16 (landline, wireless, VoIP, prepaid, etc.) Director Carpenter also explained the many aspects of as well as the history and future of 911 for Hamblen County. Items such as how various types of lines go into the 911 system and how they are routed, NG (New Generation) 911 as well as Tennessee being in the process of creating an ALI database and unified mapping system that will assist each local 911. The project of the new mapping system for Hamblen County is moving forward and will aid the response and response times for emergency calls with a correct map. The addressing authority is not 911. The media discussion is currently geared toward the public being able to text and/or send video from scenes to 911. There are very few areas of the country that are prepared for this and it will require a new infrastructure that will be difficult to create. At this time, our 911 center does not receive 911 texts.

911 answers calls for 10 agencies. In the previous year they processed 134,021 calls which equates to 11,168 calls per month. This is accomplished with 17 communicators with 5 being part time. The budget is approximately \$1.2 million.

Director Carpenter ended his presentation with a question and answer session with many questions being asked along with compliments from emergency responders in attendance as to the level of professionalism that the 911 operators exhibit. Major Chris Wisecarver also pointed out that Hamblen County 911 is capable of locating the nearest police cruiser to a call and dispatching that cruiser to that call. A question also asked was whether or not there was a backup location for 911 in the event that the primary location was lost for any reason. There is a backup site that is ready to go at any moment. In the event of a catastrophic event that could potentially take out both centers, once the NG911 system is fully established, it will allow calls to be rerouted to neighboring counties. The last point that Director Carpenter made was the need for businesses to look at how their phones are routed in the event of a 911 call going out. This is a very important piece of information for each business to look at and address.

Paul Brown concluded the meeting by introducing a new campaign for industry participation for the upcoming October meeting. This will be a tabletop exercise and the individual who brings the most first-time guests (NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES) will win a gift card as incentive. This will include industrial as well as retail first-time guests.

**The Morristown LEPC would like to thank *Redbud Deli* for supplying the meal for this meeting.**

Meeting was adjourned with our next scheduled meeting to be held on October 13th, 2015.