

PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT 5/19/15-6/22/15



Mission Statement:

The Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency is charged with the overall responsibility of coordinating the county's preparedness for and response to disasters. Geographically, its authority extends to the entire county as defined by state law TCA 58-2-110.

The mission of the Emergency Management Agency is to develop a comprehensive emergency management program that seeks to: mitigate the effects of various hazards, to prepare for measures which will preserve life and minimize damage, to respond during emergencies, to provide assistance, and to establish a recovery system to return the community to a normal status after an event. This agency combines the local resources of Rutherford County, the City of Murfreesboro, the Town of Smyrna, and the City of LaVergne; along with State and Federal resources to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects all types of emergencies including natural or man-made disasters, technological accidents, national security threats, and other disrupting incidents that may impact our area or the general populations.



Emergency Management Agency

Emergency Management Activity Report May 19, 2015 – June 22, 2015

Mitigation:

Preparedness:

Date	Description
5/19/2015	Staff attended the monthly Leadership Meeting in Murfreesboro.
5/19/2015	Staff participated in a conference call meeting with a Communications Vendor at the Rutherford County EOC.
5/20/2015	Staff attended the monthly Water Wise Academy at CUD in Murfreesboro.
5/20/2015	Staff met with MTSU regarding an exercise at the Rutherford County EOC.
5/21/2015-	Staff met with a vendor regarding communications site completion at the
5/28/2015	communications tower sites.
5/26/2015	Staff participated in a conference call meeting with a Communications Vendor at the Rutherford County EOC.
5/28/2015	Staff met with the communications vendor at Tiger Hill Tower Site.
5/28/2015	Staff attended a meeting with Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce regarding student interns in Murfreesboro.
6/2/2015	Staff participated in the monthly TEMA Statewide Communications Drill at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/2/2015	Staff participated in a conference call meeting with a Communications Vendor at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/4/2015	Staff attended the 2015 PIPE Meeting at Lane-Agri Park in Murfreesboro.
6/4/2015	Staff met with County Inventory at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/4/2015	Staff taught a group of Boy Scouts about Emergency Management at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/8/2015	Staff attended a meeting with Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce regarding student intern at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/8/2015	Staff taught TIMS Training at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/8/2015	Staff met with a communications vendor at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/9/2015	Staff participated in a conference call meeting with a Communications Vendor at the Rutherford County EOC.
6/11/2015	Staff attended the Tennessee Digital Government Summit 2015 in Nashville.



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6/15/2015	Staff attended an initial exercise planning meeting with the Rutherford County Correctional Work Center in Murfreesboro.
6/16/2015	Staff attended a meeting with the Sheriff's Office in Murfreesboro.
6/16/2015	Staff attended the monthly Staff Call meeting in Murfreesboro.
6/17/2015	Staff attended the monthly Water Wise Academy at CUD in Murfreesboro.
6/18/2015	Staff attended the TEMA Middle Regional Director's Meeting in Cookeville.
6/18/2015	Staff attended a Correctional Work Center Meeting to discuss potential exercise in Murfreesboro.

The staff is working on the 2014 Homeland Security Grant. We continue to work with other emergency departments throughout the county on setting up classes and other project spending.

Fixed site Communications:

- Working 3 sites, Eagleville, Hutson and Bradyville
- Dish removed at Hutson site

We will carryover \$22,812.00 from the 2014 Homeland Security Grant. Working on 2015 requests.

Replacement for Joe Gourley who retires from full-time employment on July 31st.

We have begun initial planning for Correctional Work Center Exercise in the fall.

Communications Intern onboard thru 6/25.

We have an exercise scheduled with MTSU on June 24th.



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Response:

Date	Description
5/23/2015	Staff responded to an overturned concrete truck with a hydraulic fuel spill located on Halls Hill Pike near Milton.
5/23/2015	Staff responded to an illegal burn located at 4636 Halls Hill Pike in Murfreesboro.
5/24/2015	Staff responded to an illegal burn located at 3866 Joe Brown Road in Murfreesboro.
5/29/2015	Staff was alerted by Smyrna Airport for incoming aircraft with problems. Staff monitored radio with no response needed.
5/30/2015	Staff assisted with a mutual aid request from Cannon County and TEMA for Haz-Mat response for suspicious letter. SORT Team responded.
5/31/2015	Staff was alerted by Smyrna Airport for incoming aircraft with problems. Staff monitored radio with no response needed.
6/01/2015	Staff was notified of high water at slab on County Farm Road in Murfreesboro.
6/05/2015	Staff responded to a report of a missing person/potential search and rescue located on Halls Hill Pike in Murfreesboro.
6/13/2015	Staff responded to a report of a strange odor located at 2819 Edwards Court in Murfreesboro.

Recovery:



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5/23/15

EMA responded to Halls Hill Pike near Milton where a concrete truck overturned after dropping off the shoulder. Approximately 30 gallons of hydraulic fluid leaked to the ground. The responsible party, Smyrna Ready Mix, conducted their own remediation.

Tim Hooker EMA 602





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05/23/15

Illegal Burn

EMA was dispatched to an illegal burn at 4636 Halls Hill Pike. Upon arrival a large burn pile consisting of household garbage, plastics, couches and mattresses were burning. Mr. Howard A.J. Patton, owner of the property, 615-896-1751, stated he was not familiar with burning regulations, however, the Kittrell fire chief informed me they have responded to numerous illegal burns on the property. There was also evidence of other old burn piles on site near the road and I'm told more on the back of the property.

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05/24/15

Illegal Burn

EMA responded to an illegal burn report at 3866 Joe Brown Road in Murfreesboro. Upon arrival an active burn consisting of plastic truck bed, tires and other illegal materials was on fire. Numerous other piles were also built up with illegal material with intent to burn. Mr. Michael David Freeby, of 4109 Evans St. Murfreesboro, 37128 DOB 11/03/63- TN DL 020247204, is a contractor working for the property owner to gut the house. They had a rollback dumpster on site, but were choosing to burn debris instead of proper disposal. Mr. Freeby's company is North Metro Property Management, 736-232-3493. Mr. James Larry Parsley, 615-602-0203 was assisting Mr. Freeby in the burning.

Tim Hooker EMA 602



INCIDENT REPORT

Date: 5/29-6/1 2015

Time: Various

Incident 1: Smyrna airport alert for incoming aircraft with problems. May 30, 2015, Noon. Monitored radio for needed response but aircraft landed safely.

Incident 2: Mutual-aid request from Cannon County and TEMA for Haz-Mat response for suspicious letter. SORT team responded and sampled letter which proved to be no issue. Please see SORT report. May 30, 2015, 20:00 hours.

Incident 3: Smyrna airport alert for incoming aircraft with problems. May 31, 2015, 13:50 hours. Monitored radio for response but aircraft landed safely.

Incident 4: Received page from RCSO regarding high water at slab on County Farm Road. No action was required. June 1, 2015, 01:00 hours.

Joe Gourley, 603



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May 29, 2015

On May 29th 2015 per request of Joe Gourley SORT responded to the Cannon County Sheriffs Office to sample and possibly package a suspicious letter. On arrival of the Sheriffs Office SORT was met by TEMA officials and was briefed on the situation. The suspicious letter was initially sent to a residence from Africa with no return address. The owners of the residence had a family member in Africa and the family member advised the family not to open the letter due to that the letter may be contaminated. The family member mentioned that the letter may have ISIS involvement. A Cannon Co. Deputy went to the residence and placed the letter in a ziplock bag and brought it back to the Sheriffs Office. TEMA officials advised that the FBI requested the letter be opened. Opening the letter would determine if a creditable threat was present. SORT members Eric Getner and Frank Greene used Level B suits with SCBA as PPE. Full Level B PPE was used with double glove, taped seals, footwear, radio, and SCBA. Eric Getner acted as the "dirty man" during the sample process and Frank Greene acted as the "clean man". A.Rose made notes and provided comms during the sample process. Eric Getner took readings with a 4 gas and PID monitors while opening the ziplock bag that the letter was in. No abnormal readings were found. Eric used the same process while opening the letter with no abnormal readings. Frank Greene took pictures during the opening process. Eric Getner relayed that no power, no debris, and no residue was on the letter. Eric Getner explained that the letter was typed and read the letter. Frank Greene, A.Rose, TEMA, and Cannon Co. Deputies listened while Eric Getner read the letter. Eric advised that the letter appeared to be a solicitation letter for money. All other personnel that listened to the letter read agreed that the letter was not a creditable threat. No decon was needed. TEMA advised no further action was needed. SORT gathered all equipment and was released from the scene.

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INCIDENT REPORT

Location: Halls Hill Pike

Date: June 5, 2015

Time: 12:57

Type: Missing Person/Potential Search and Rescue

Narrative: EMA was notified by SO that a 73 year old female had been reported missing by neighbors since 8:40 am. 601 responded to the scene and EMA began preparations for Search and Rescue. SO had conducted a mounted search and was utilizing search canines on a 600+ acre farm. A THP helicopter was also enroute. Shortly after 601 arrived on scene, EMA sent an Alert Rutherford message to all residents and businesses within a 5 mile radius concerning the missing person.

Within 15 minutes after the THP helicopter had begun its search, it located the victim deceased on the property.

Responding agencies included RCSO, THP, SORT and RCEMA.

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06/13/15

Soiled House

Approximately 11:54am EMA received page notification that fire Walter Hill firefighters responded to a call at 2819 Edwards Court, Murfreesboro to a reported strange odor. The fire department could locate no source of the odor and stated residents would not come to the door and locked doors and closed shades to avoid confrontation. After returning to the hall, several firefighters reported feeling dizzy. SO and EMA went to the scene to discover VHS tapes had been burnt in a gas grill in the back of the residence. 18 year old Jerry Patterson Jr. DOB 05/17/96 admitted to burning the material. Because of the circumstances the house was entered and monitored for hazards, and searched for any potential precursors to meth production which was suspected. There were none located. However, living conditions in the home were atrocious. There were 3 dogs in the residence with mange and fleas. Several were bleeding from their conditions. The house was full of household garbage in bags throughout the house. The floors were littered with animal feces and urine. Jerry Patterson Sr. also lives in the house. He is a retired vet approximately 70 years of age with reported pneumonia. Animal control was notified to take control of the animals. EMA contacted the county department of health to report conditions. They stated there was nothing that could be legally done by the health department. EMS checked out symptomatic firefighters which were later to be determined as unfounded. EMA notified the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Adult Protective Services, Victoria Suter, and reported the issue concerning the father. Ms. Suter stated she would turn the report in but more than likely nothing would be done about it. They have no one to investigate cases and allegedly the person, or victim, has to report the issues and request assistance. I contacted Detective Patty Hillis with RCSO. She will have the department perform a welfare check and act accordingly.

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