

Meeting Notes
Jan. 20, 2005
Roanoke County Court Services

In attendance:

Anne Marie Green, Roanoke County
Kimberly Ortiz, WDBJ-7
Rick Burch, Roanoke County Fire and Rescue
Lee Linkous, Crime Line
Dutchie Mirolli, WVTF
Chuck Lionberger, VDOT
Laird Manlove, Crime Line
Bob Carpentieri, Va. State Police
Jason Bond, VDOT
Chris Thomsen, Va. Dept. of Forestry
Craig Harris, Vinton P.D.
Mike Green, Salem P.D.
George McMillan, Roanoke Sheriff
Erin Barnhart, Rke Sheriff's Office
Jim Day, Roanoke Police
Meg Hibbert, Salem Times-Register
Aaron Kremer, Salem Times-Reg
Ewell Hunt, Franklin County Sheriff's Off.

Introduction of new members:

1. Hattie Brown, night police reporter for The Roanoke Times.
2. Aisha Johnson, Roanoke Police PIO, introduced in absentia by Maj. Jim Day.
3. Chuck Lionberger, Virginia Department of Transportation

Wireless 911 calls—Ron Wade, Roanoke City 911

State Police mandate in 2000 that city/county start taking calls.

Phase I- determined by receiving tower as to who dispatched. One face may go to city, one to county, one to salem.

Talking about radio waves. Sometimes it will go to the wrong county.

Phase II- Location technology. Cut into sectors.

FCC mandated phase II. Not everyone has technology to decipher.

Network based- GPS technology.

Not all phones have GPS. Some went w/ Network based solution. The technology is Out there.

With a GPS chip, it's got to hit a satellite and go through a server.

PBX- private service used by banks, N-S, etc.

Truckers have tendency to use rural routes.

With silent 911 calls, will make every effort to find them. Unregistered phones are hard to trace.

It helps if people know their cell provider. Cell companies are pretty protective of the rights of the customer.

Crime Line- Lee Linkous

Crime Line started in 1985 in Roanoke city.

It includes Roanoke, Roanoke County, Salem, Vinton and Botetourt. Some law enforcement agencies help pay for the answering service, some don't.

The 20th anniversary is this year. They'll be having a fund raiser.

There were 159 tips in 2004, 1,315 web hits.

Crime Line welcomes all tips

Rewards up to \$1,000 based on a point system, manned 24-7 by official personnel.

There are 54 Crime Line programs in Virginia.

Craig Harris, Vinton: National Law Enforcement Week is in May and Vinton is sponsoring a big event. Many don't realize the general public are invited.

Anne Marie Green- conducted a tour of the new court services building, which was remodeled from a livery stable that is over 100 years old.