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Subject: Dive/Rescue Squads in Shelby County

Chris,

Good afternoon. I hope this finds you doing well. I have included Cody Brands on this email. Cody is a county board member, a co-Legislative Committee member and is also a member of the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Cody has brought to my attention that we have had a serious situation arise regarding the Dive/Rescue Squads (D/R) and we would like to get your feedback regarding any, if any, affect this situation could have on insuring those squads.

The long and short of it is that it has come to the board's attention that the D/R were not established according to statute years ago. Cody and the PHS Committee are working diligently to determine how best/legally/statutorily appropriately to rectify the situation but it seems as this is not going to be an easy fix.

Given D/R are not legally departments or offices of the county we have questions/concerns regarding how the county insurance program would respond to any claims derived from D/R operations. Work Comp - would the volunteers have coverage if it is determined they are not technically volunteers of the county? Property/Equipment/Auto - does that come down to what entity it is titled/deeded/leased to? General Liability - again, if a claim arises out of their operations and D/R were not properly established could coverage not respond/apply?

I am sure there will be questions and we will do our best to answer those. I am in hopes we can all work together to attempt to have answers, or at least the best answers we can have, knowing what we know as of right now.

Thanks much for your expertise and guidance,
Martha Firnhaber