

## **BERKELEY COUNTY COMMISSION**

### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FIRST RESPONDERS AND SUPPORT – HEARTLAND NURSING HOME EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2009 at 6:03 p.m. Berkeley County Central Dispatch issued an alert for a possible fire at 209 Clover Street (Heartland Nursing Home); and

**WHEREAS**, upon arrival at the scene, the first responders found a working fire in progress and determined additional resources were needed, and

**WHEREAS**, Back up services were requested by Central Dispatch.

**WHEREAS**, responders from several local Fire Companies, Office of Emergency Services, local Ambulance Services, local Law Enforcement, Allegheny Power, VA Medical Center, Eastern Panhandle American Red Cross, City Hospital, Berkeley County Schools, and the public were contacted and provided assistance on the incident, and

**WHEREAS**, “local” includes private organizations and public agencies from the Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties; City of Martinsburg and the adjacent portions of Maryland and Virginia,

**WHEREAS**, Central Dispatch, local Fire, Ambulance and Law Enforcement services, and OES worked seamlessly to resolve the crisis without loss of life or serious injury; and

**WHEREAS**, The Berkeley County Board of Education and North Middle School made available a school placement of the patients until relocation could be arranged, and

**WHEREAS**, the first responders and their support, (Central Dispatch), City Hospital and the Berkeley County School system practice drills and exercises in order to respond in times of real emergency,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley County Commission recognizes the attached list of the local fire companies, ambulance services, law enforcement, Central Dispatch, OES, Allegheny Power, VA Medical Center, Eastern Panhandle Red Cross, City Hospital, Berkeley County Schools and the public who responded in this emergency and brought about the desired end of no loss of life, and

**BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission expresses the heartfelt appreciation of the larger community for a job well done.

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2009.

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Ronald K. Collins, President

ATTEST:

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William L. Stubblefield, Commissioner

John W. Small  
County Clerk

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Anthony J. Petrucci, Commissioner

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RESPONDING AGENCIES:

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- Hedgesville VFD
- Baker Heights VFD
- Martinsburg Fire Department
- Berkeley County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Berkeley County Emergency Ambulance Authority
- Ryneal Transport Service
- The Living Room
- Allegheny Power
- Morgan County WV Rescue Service (EMS)
- Berkeley County Sheriff's Department
- Berkeley County Deputy Reserve
- Martinsburg Police Department
- VA Medical Center

- Lambert Ambulance Service
- Valley Medical Transport
- Eastern Panhandle American Red Cross
- City Hospital WVUH-East
- Bedington VFD
- Berkeley County Board of Education
- North Middle School
- Jefferson Memorial Hospital WVU-East
- Washington County, MD Division of Emergency Services
- Millwood VFD
- Clearbrook VFD
- Shepherdstown VFD
- Williamsport, MD Fire and EMS
- Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway, MD
- Community Rescue Service, Hagerstown, MD
- Boonsboro, MD Ambulance and Rescue
- Smithsburg, MD Emergency Medical Services