

NEWSLETTER



The Snowshoe Resort community is comprised of Snowshoe Mountain Resort, several commercial businesses, and more than 2,000 residential properties located within the greater boundary of the Resort. The Board's mission is to develop and maintain public safety, fire protection, transportation services, roads maintenance and the maintenance of various common area amenities that serve to benefit community members, both through personal enjoyment and the enhancement and protection of property within the community.

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YOUR SRCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SRCD MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The SRCD Board of Directors meet on the first Friday of each month (unless otherwise noted on the agenda) at 8:30 a.m. Eastern, in person at the SRCD office or via google meet. The link to join can be found on the SRCD website under the "news" tab. **All meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



POCAHONTAS COMMISSION CONSIDERS ESTABLISHING COUNTYWIDE AMBULANCE

AT ITS FEBRUARY 4 MEETING, THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY COMMISSION DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A SPECIAL EMERGENCY AMBULANCE FEE. COMMISSION PRESIDENT JOHN REBINSKI SAID THAT SUCH A FEE IS NEEDED TO FUND THE PAID POCAHONTAS COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE. HE SAID THE TUCKER COUNTY'S EMS TAX GENERATES \$300,000 TO \$400,000 PER YEAR.

REBINSKI ADDED THAT HIS THOUGHTS WERE TO SET THE FEE AS A SORT OF SALES TAX, PERHAPS A 1% OR 2% TAX WHICH WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL STATE SALES TAX. HIS REASONING WAS THAT SINCE TOURISTS AND TRAVELERS THROUGH THE COUNTY ACCOUNT FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE AMBULANCE CALLS, THE ORDINANCE FEES SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO THEM, NOT JUST RESIDENTS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE TAX SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED ON SALES WITHIN THE SNOWSHOE RESORT AREA DISTRICT (RAD) – BASICALLY STORES LOCATED IN THE SNOWSHOE VILLAGE AREA – SINCE THE RAD TAXPAYERS ALREADY PAY THE SHAVERS FORK FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE TO PROVIDE FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE THERE.

REBINSKI SAID THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS STILL IN THE DISCUSSION PHASE AND ASKED FOR IDEAS FROM HIS FELLOW COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER THANE RYDER SAID HE WAS NOT SURE THAT PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT EXCLUDING THE RAD FROM THIS TAX, BUT REBINSKI REPLIED THAT ONLY THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AT SNOWSHOE WOULD BE EXCLUDED AS THEY ARE ALREADY PAYING AN AMBULANCE FEE, SO TO CHARGE THEM TWICE WHILE ADDING NO EXTRA SERVICE WOULD NOT BE RIGHT.

MARLINTON MAYOR SAM FELTON REMINDED THE COMMISSION THAT THE TOWN'S "HOME RULE TAX," WHICH IS A 1% ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF MARLINTON WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1. HE SAID THAT TAX WILL BE USED TO HELP RE-ESTABLISH THE TOWN'S POLICE DEPARTMENT.

REBINSKI EXPLAINED THAT THE REVENUE FOR THIS TAX COULD BE RESERVED STRICTLY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE OR COULD BE SET UP TO BE USED FOR ANY EMERGENCY SERVICE, SUCH AS FIRE SERVICE, BUT THAT CAN BE DECIDED DURING A DISCUSSION ON THE ORDINANCE AT A FUTURE MEETING.

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SRCD RANGER DEPARTMENT



The SRCD Ranger Department has been extremely busy protecting and serving the community of Snowshoe. Over the past six months, the Rangers have responded to approximately 150 calls for service! These calls included traffic violations, domestic disturbances, theft, and vehicle accidents just to name a few.

We are pleased to soon offer surveillance of homes and property within the district during off season. This will deter issues when the mountain is vacant, and homeowners are absent. This service will be offered on a confidential basis. To enroll watch for updates on the SRCD website at www.snowshoedistrict.com

The Department has struggled with hiring and retaining certified law enforcement officers. The SRCD Ranger department currently consist of two full time rangers. We are actively accepting resumes for interested candidates. **Resumes should be submitted to: lisa.cutlip@snowshoedistrict.com**

If you are in need of assistance while visiting Snowshoe, the SRCD Ranger Department can be contacted through the local 911 office, If your situation is not an emergency, please contact the Pocahontas County non-emergency number at 304-799-3985

SRCD COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Community Development Projects:

- Completion of the USPS cluster box shelter including paving the parking lot
- Repair of the existing cross walk signage

Funding Projects:

- Back Country Multi Use adaptive Mountain Bike Specific Trail project

Community Sustainability Projects:

- Funding for SFFR operations
- Funding for SRCD Ranger Department



Project applications can be found on our website.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE REACH OUT TO SRCD DISTRICT MANAGER LISA CUTLIP AT **LISA.CUTLIP@SNOWSHOEDISTRICT.COM**

REMINDER: OWNERS WHO RENT MUST SUBMIT THEIR 2% RESORT SERVICE FEE (RSF) BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

PLEASE VISIT **WWW.SNOWSHOEDISTRICT.COM/FEE-SUBMISSION** TO SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT.

MEET YOUR SHAVERS FORK FIRE RESCUE CHIEF & EMS DIRECTOR

My name is Travis Cook, I am the Fire Chief of Shavers Fork Fire Rescue.

I started my career in Public Safety as a Junior Firefighter with Marlinton Fire and Rescue in November of 2005. Public Safety has been a passion for me since I was a kid. I have served in many roles in public safety such as, Firefighter, EMT-B, Police Officer, Emergency Management, 911 Dispatcher and Radio Technician. Several of these roles as a line officer or administrator.

I started with Shavers Fork Fire Rescue in January 2009 as a part-time FF/EMS provider later transitioning into a full-time position, which later landed me a Lieutenant position and eventually leading up to being Fire Chief. I became the Interim Fire Chief in August 2023 and the permanent Fire Chief in June 2024. It is my honor to serve the citizens and guests of Snowshoe and the surrounding areas and will continue to bring positive changes and community relations to this department in the future.



FIRE CHIEF, TRAVIS COOK, EMS
DIRECTOR, BRANDON JONES

My name is Brandon Jones, and for those who don't know me, I am the Director of EMS at Shavers Fork Fire Rescue.

Emergency services have been a lifelong passion of mine. I started as a Junior Firefighter at the age of 14 and have since worked my way up to leadership roles. Over the years, I have gained experience in various EMS roles, including flight paramedicine, critical care transport, and ground EMS. I've been fortunate to serve on multiple boards and committees, working to improve EMS policies, training, and operations throughout West Virginia.

I hold multiple certifications, including Flight Paramedic (FP-C) and EMS Instructor, and I am in the final days of completing a Bachelor's degree in Emergency Medical Services Administration. Additionally, I have completed certificate programs in Ambulance Service Administration and EMS Leadership. I've also contributed to EMS research, co-authoring studies on airway management technology and, most recently, mental health in EMS.

I first joined Shavers Fork Fire Rescue as a part-time paramedic in 2017. However, in April 2024, I assumed the role of Director of EMS. Since stepping into this position, it has been my privilege to help lead positive change to better serve patients in the greater Snowshoe area. Moving forward, I am excited to help continue advancing EMS standards, and ensuring the highest level of care for the communities we serve.