

Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association

The monthly meeting of the Fauquier County FRA was held Thursday, October 19, 2006 at EMS Station 1. President T. Marable convened the meeting at 1905 hours.

Roll Eleven member companies were represented.

Agenda Chief S. Taylor motioned the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Minutes Chief D. VanBuskirk motioned minutes of the 09/06 meeting be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Treasures Report The consensus of the group was to accept the report as presented.

Committee Reports

Training

There will be an EMT-B CEU weekend training opportunity. Details of the course were reviewed.

EVOC certificates have arrived & should be in the mail to students.

DFP has completed processing of the FF I & Haz Mat courses. The FF II paperwork should be completed shortly. Chief Weeks requested the training division develop a system of checks & balance to make certain all students properly sign in for classes.

DC Kight attended a meeting regarding dual enrollment for the high school programs. At the present time students may receive college credit for certifications. The colleges determine the number of credits awarded for each certification.

Beginning January 2007 skills drills will be conducted monthly; rotating through each station.

The training committee meets the 4th Thursday of each month. Each company is expected to be represented. President Marable requested the attendance from the training committee meetings be forwarded to him.

All EMS providers should have CPR certification, using the new standards, by 01/01/07. The EMS committee has agreed to fund the courses. Contact the training division to arrange training.

CIC

A status report on all projects was distributed.

The committee approved the New Baltimore heating project (not to exceed \$30,000) & the Catlett roofing project (not to exceed \$25,000). Chief D. Taylor motioned that the FRA approve these projects. The motion passed.

The committee needs representatives from Cedar Run, Central & Marshall districts.

There was discussion regarding adding the cost of soft equipment to bids. President Marable stated these items should be as an addendum to the base bid.

Public Education/Relations

The fire prevention trailer will need some minor repairs.

REMS

Beginning 12/01/06 Ken Pullen will be the area field representative.

EMS

Chief Horst has requested that each company have their QA/QI representative attend the county QA/QI committee meetings. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 11/14/06 at 1800 hours.

Skills drill will be held monthly beginning 01/07.

Public safety workers can receive free flu shot 10/31/06 at the health department.

Stafford County ambulance billing information was distributed for review.

Communications

There are 2 vacancies in the dispatch center.

Requests for call information should be submitted through President Marable.

Special Operations

The Swift Water rescue course is in progress.

Insurance

The one hour mandatory driver training class will be incorporated into the skills drills.

DFES

Applicants for the captain position have completed the written test. Eleven people tested.

There was discussion concerning when battalion officers will respond on fire/EMS vehicles vs. in response vehicles. Per AC Stevens there is no policy outlining when battalion officers respond on units. This will be discussed further at the chiefs meeting.

Chaplains Group – no report.

Budget

A draft of the FY '08 budget was reviewed. FRA will request a \$100,000 increase over the current budget.

Volunteer Representative Position – tabled

Public Safety - no report.

Old Business

B. Stuart questioned the county policy on placing union logos on the training trailer. Chief Myer stated that the union saw the need for a training trailer to carry equipment to the various training sites; & they met the need by purchasing the trailer for use by entire F & R system. President Marable stated if this was a serious problem it would be discussed further at another meeting.

New Business

Chief Hood stated, contrary to rumors, he will continue as Chief 8.

President Marable stated that he has received a letter, from an attorney representing Company 12, requesting the release of all county funds & 4 for Life funds. Per President Marable these funds were held at the direction of Supervisor Graham. Supervisor Graham has requested a merger timeline from Co. 12. To date no timeline has been received. Per President Marable, Supervisor Graham has concerns that Co. 12 is stalling the merger. There was much discussion regarding the status of the merger of companies 7 & 12. Bill Stuart motioned that Company 12 present a timeline for the merger at the next FRA association meeting; after reviewing the timeline the FRA will decide if county funds will be released to Company 12. By roll call vote the motion passed. All companies present in favor, companies 7 & 12 abstained from voting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2125 hours.

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