

Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association

The monthly meeting of the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association was held Thursday, February 16, 2006 at Company 6. President Tom Marable convened the meeting at 1910 hours.

Roll Twelve member companies represented.

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

Minutes One correction noted; under new business "service plan" should read "10 year plan". D. Taylor motioned the minutes be accepted with the noted correction. The motion passed.

Treasurers Report D. Taylor motioned the treasurers report be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Training

A year end report was distributed.

The school system is working more closely with the training division to ensure the daytime program is successful.

Communications

There have been problems with the ISDN lines to stations. Wireless connections are now an option. The estimated cost for wireless service to all stations is \$150,000. The annual maintenance cost would be \$8,000. RSFA special projects grant funds could possibly fund this project. The consensus of the group was to pursue the grant, requesting up to \$150,000 in funds.

CIC

J. VanLuven & P. Blackmere will host the 03/06 meeting. They would like to move forward with long term planning for the Bealeton station.

REMS

There is a new hospital being proposed in the area of routes 95 & 1.

Public Education/Relation

There are openings on the public education committee.

Special Operations

There will be some upgrades to the Haz Mat unit. Company 5 agreed to take the generator off the old Haz Mat unit.

Insurance

C. Dawson is gathering information on re-opening the LOSAP. President Marable will send information out to all chiefs.

The forms for personal property tax reduction & county decals have gone to the treasurer's office.

DFES

Plans for the emergency operations drill are being finalized. All companies need to schedule NIMS training with DFES.

Chief Myer will check on the status of the command boards & the shelter.

The last of the AED's were delivered. There are approximately 76 AED's located in various county offices.

Chaplains Group - No report.

Budget

The BOS have proposed that to lower the fire tax levy to 3.5 cents. In order to hold the tax at 4.5 cents; the VFRA would have to agree to use funds for 24 hours medic coverage until such time the fee for service program could generate revenue to cover the cost of 24 hour medics.

Volunteer Representative Position - Tabled.

Public Safety

The emergency operations drill was discussed.

Old Business

S. Taylor motioned that the proposed change to the constitution be accepted. Roll call vote indicated all represented companies in favor of the motion.

S. Taylor motioned that the Respiratory Protection SOP be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

New Business

S. Taylor expressed concern regarding the attendance policy for VFRA & chiefs meetings. He agreed to draft a policy to address attendance issues.

S. Taylor requested that the VFRA agree to hold the number "6" in reserve to be used in the event that a sub-station is placed in the area of 605 & 29. The group agreed to this request.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2130 hours.

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Fire and Rescue Association