

## Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association

The monthly meeting of the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association was held Thursday, January 19, 2006 at Company 6. President Tom Marable convened the meeting at 1905 hours.

- Roll Twelve member companies represented.
- Agenda T. Canard motioned that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed.
- Minutes B. Flippo motioned that the minutes of the November 2005 meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed. (NOTE: There was no December 2005 meeting.)
- Treasurers Report B. Flippo motioned that the report be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

### Committee Reports

#### CIC

CIC will be meeting with the county CIP next week. All CIC projects in phase 1 will be presented at this meeting. Paul Blackmere will be making the presentation.

REMS Council - No report.

#### Training

[www.fauquierfirerescue.org](http://www.fauquierfirerescue.org) is updated daily with training & logistics information. Forms requesting SCBA/radio repairs will soon be added to the logistics portion of the website.

Chuck Khuler was introduced as the new Safety Officer. He has completed training for air-pack repair & has been trained to perform 800 radio programming.

There have been problems with LHS allowing the EMT class to hold state testing at the school. LHS reneged on the agreement to allow testing at the school. Deputy Chief Kight will be talking with the school to determine if the school wishes to continue to support the EMT program.

The contract for use of FHS classroom ends in 2006. The contract is renewed on a yearly basis. Deputy Chief Kight will also be talking w/FHS administration regarding continued support of the EMT & FF programs.

#### Public Education/Public Relations

Company 7 is ready to accept the safety trailer.

#### EMS

Culpeper County is in the process of getting accreditation of an ALS training site. Fauquier is hoping to work with Culpeper & share in the use of this space.

J. Dodd was present at the committee meeting to discuss the EMD program & how this program could be used to enhance dispatching of EMS incidents. The committee recommends that EMS incidents be dispatched as BLS or ALS incidents based on the information received from the caller. Furthermore, the committee requests that the FRA consider the dispatching of the closest staff units to all incidents.

C. Kimble has agreed to investigate the possibility of applying for a grant to cover the cost of installation of climate control units in the drug storage compartments.

Assistant Chief Stevens reported that the last round of AED's for the PAD program have been received. This will place more than 80 AED's throughout the community. The American Red Cross will be overseeing the training for these sites.

### Communications

B. Flippo, S. Taylor, D. Stevens, & K. Kight will be revising the communications protocols. All comments/suggestions should be forwarded to one of these committee members.

There have been problems with interference on the minitors. This problem will not be corrected until the Culpeper communications center project is completed. The concern has been brought to the attention of the public safety committee. President Marable will ask for a progress report.

### Special Operations

Company 9 has agreed to house Haz Mat 3.

A draft of the Respiratory Protection SOP was distributed for review. Comments are to be brought to the chiefs meeting.

### Insurance

New members need to be added to the insurance coverage upon joining the company. DFES clerical staff can help with this process.

The insurance list will continue to be updated bi-annually as this has resulted in a significant reduction in cost. Workers compensation coverage should only be carried on those members actively running calls.

There are two members that have come forward claiming they are not receiving LOSAP benefits and did meet criteria for benefits. The cost of adding these two members to the program would be ~\$8700/year. The insurance company also recommends that if the program is re-opened for these two members. Closing the program again could create a liability issue.

### DFES

DFES is up to full operational staff. Company 4 will staffing will support Station 5 once a week & Station 9 will support Station 11 once a week.

Culpeper is completing the fire & rescue installation for the 800 system.

The fire marshal's office has been working with community development to create a design standard that will be available to developers to insure that the international fire code is followed.

During the recent inclement weather fire and rescue responded well. However, units were burdened with unusually long wait times for VDOT and Dominion Power. A meeting will be scheduled with these agencies to determine how this problem can be resolved.

Chaplains Group – No report.

### Budget

There has been no response to President Marable's request for information regarding impact reassessment will have for FRA.

### Public Safety

BOS representatives to the committee for 2006 are C. Stribling and B. Downey.

EOP was discussed.

VSP was not represented.

### Old Business

B. Gallagher motioned that additional pagers be purchased to be used as replacements & the purchase for individual companies be re-evaluated when funding is available. All represented companies were in favor of the motion with the exception of Company 2 (no vote) and Company 9 (abstained from voting).

B. Stuart motioned that the decision regarding LOSAP be tabled for thirty days. The motion passed. During the thirty day period C. Dawson agreed to investigate the liability issues associated with opening the program & subsequently closing the program.

There was discussion regarding incorporating the chiefs group into the overall functioning of the FRA. The consensus of the group was to form a chiefs committee. This committee could set rules to govern the committee.

New Business

A group of citizens in the Bealeton area are in the preliminary stages of forming a fire/EMS station for that area. Representatives of this group have a meeting scheduled with the chairman of the BOS. The FRA 10 year plan calls for a Bealeton station in 2007-08. President Marable wrote a letter to county administration & the BOS confirming that the FRA plans for a Bealeton station in the 10 year plan.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2110 hours.

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