

Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association

The monthly meeting of the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association was held Thursday, June 15, 2006 at EMS Station 1. President Tom Marable convened the meeting at 1905 hours.

Roll Twelve member companies represented.

Red Cross Presentation

Phyllis McBride/Colleen Dawson

The Red Cross is available to assist any family that has suffered a loss of housing. The Red Cross is able to offer 3 nights in a hotel, assistance in obtaining medications, clothing & other personal items. If Red Cross assistance is needed the fire officer must notify dispatch & a call for assistance will be made. The Red Cross does not come to the aid of families unless they are called by dispatch. Also, in the event of a large-scale incident where many people need to be organized, the Red Cross has people trained for this type of activity.

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

Minutes T. Rosamond motioned the minutes of the May 2006 meeting be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report B. Flippo motioned the report be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Communications

The revised communications protocols were distributed. These protocols become effective 07/01/06.

B. Flippo expressed concern that the revised protocols do not reflect the changes noted in the protocols he distributed at a recent chiefs meeting.

Communications is working on the mapping & run orders.

Work is continuing on the Nextel paging system.

All vacancies w/in dispatch are filled.

Motorola has agreed to correct all antenna issues. There will be a fee for extending the antennas an additional 20 feet.

The repeater for the New Baltimore area will be a long-term project. Initial cost estimates exceed \$1 million.

There continues to be a problem with "bleed over" from the shuttle bus system at BWI airport. President Marable will take this to the Public Safety committee again to ask for support in correcting this problem.

C. Kuhler will be ordering radio replacement parts to have on hand.

CIC

The committee reviewed information on all projects.

Ed McGushin will be leaving the committee 07/27/06.

REMS

The county received a \$76,000, 50/50 grant toward the wireless system.

Training

June 21 is stand down day, concentrating on vehicle operation. Members are asked to remind members about vehicle safety.

DFES will be reviewing the landfill site for a training facility. Findings of this review will be relayed to the chiefs.

A public safety building is a high priority for the BOS. A RFP for this project is being developed.

Public Education/Relations

The fire safety trailer needs a new smoke machine.

AC Stevens is meeting with the fair officials to approve the fair grounds.

EMS

Career staff will handle the installation of the new locks for the narcotics boxes. Everyone will be notified when this will be done. There are a few medics that have not picked up keys. Please remind medics to go by DFES to pick up their keys.

K. Horst has developed a QA/QI policy. The EMS committee & Dr. Sitta have approved this policy. It will be presented at the chiefs meeting for final approval.

Preceptor training will be scheduled in the fall.

LP upgrades should be less expensive than first anticipated. The long-range plan for implementing the changeover in policy is that all providers should be certified in the new AHA guidelines by January 1, 2007 & turnover date on the LP's is scheduled for January 15, 2007.

Co. 7 should soon be an EMSAT site for BLS CEU's. Contact Dean Sheetz for more information.

Office hours for Dr. Sitta will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon @ Fauquier Hospital. Anyone needing to meet w/Dr.Sitta should email or phone him to schedule an appointment time on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you need to arrange another meeting time contact him by email to schedule.

Everyone must attend skills drills. Check the website for dates & locations.

The committee requests that the communication committee consider the following dispatch change: When other counties call for ALS assist – dispatch a medic unit vs. ALS provider. This policy will avoid a medic arriving POV & not having access to medications. Little Fork has offered assistance w/medic coverage, as they have a medic available most of the time.

Special Operations

The command tent for Haz Mat 3 has arrived.

SCBA masks have been ordered & will be distributed by the end of the month. When filling bottles in the station please use the log. No equipment will be replaced until the new 2007 standards are released. The committee is moving toward three contained fill stations. These stations will be placed at Companies 1, 3, & 13.

There was a question regarding the dispatch of Haz Mat 3. The unit should be dispatched by radio, not personal phone call. The unit can be taken "driver only". In the event the Haz Mat team is needed dispatch will notify them by page. Further questions regarding dispatch of the unit should be directed to Eddie Payne or Mark Frinks.

Insurance

A system to annually update beneficiary cards needs to be developed.

DFES/Career Staff

There is a pandemic flu summit planned for 06/21/2006. This will focus on planning for the continuity of operations in the event of a pandemic. It was suggested that Chief Myer provide an update in August.

Chaplains Group – No report.

Budget

Distribution of the re-assessment funds should be available by the end of next week. All chiefs will be notified by page.

Budget information needs to be returned by 07/01/2006. Distribution of funds will take place the end of July.

Volunteer Representative Position – tabled.

Public Safety – No report.

Old Business

A draft of the ARR MOU was distributed for review. This will be voted on at the July FRA meeting. Any suggested changes should be forwarded to President Marable.

New Business

S. Taylor motioned the FRA support Company 2's request to change the charter to reflect a sub-station in the Bealeton area. Roll call vote showed all companies in favor of this motion.

S. Taylor suggested that nerve agent antidote kits be purchased for all units. The EMS committee will check into the feasibility of this suggestion.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours.

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Fire and Rescue Association