

Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association

The monthly meeting of the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association was held Thursday, May 19, 2006 at EMS station 1. President T. Marable convened the meeting at 1910 hours.

Roll Twelve companies represented.

Agenda T. Corbin motioned the agenda be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Minutes D. VanBuskirk motioned the minutes of the 04/06 meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report D. VanBuskirk motioned the report be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Communications

The consultant has been working on the radio problems in the Sumerduck area. The mounting & height of antennas in that area is one of the problems with radio coverage.

There will be an audit of all radios. Chiefs will be contacted if radios are unaccounted for; these will need to be brought in to verify the county "red tag" is on the radio.

CIC

The paperwork for the Co. 2 project has been forwarded to Richmond.

The MOU for Co. 1 has gone to Richmond.

The committee needs representatives from the Cedar Run, Scott & Center districts.

REMS - No report.

Training

As part of the orientation program, beginning July 1st, the application process for all VFRA services will be handled through Training & Logistics. The county application will be placed on the FR website. Applicants will complete & submit the application on line. Staff will review the application for completeness. The applications will be given to company representatives at the training committee meeting. The training staff will make certain all insurance forms are completed & will handle criminal history checks.

The training division requested two lateral filing cabinets. B. Flippo motioned that two lateral filing cabinets be purchased; cost not to exceed \$1000. The motion passed.

Public Education/Relations – No report.

EMS

Dr. Sitta voiced three concerns at the last meeting. He is having difficulty getting chiefs to respond to him when he calls to investigate a complaint. Second, he is not receiving QA information from all companies & the VFRA has not adopted a formal QA policy. Third, the poor attendance at skills drills. Dr. Sitta was invited to attend the June chiefs meeting to further discuss these issues.

To better disseminate information it was suggested that the VFRA publish a bi-monthly newsletter & send to all volunteers. This will be discussed further at the chiefs meeting.

Special Operations

The fit testing is coming to a close. Masks should be ordered soon. Hydro testing on the bottles should be completed in the near future. The fill stations will need to be upgraded. C. Kuhler should be notified immediately if there are any problems with the air packs.

Dates are being set to complete the ID cards for all companies.

The committee is working on standardizing foam used throughout the county.

Insurance

Beneficiary cards need to be updated annually. Insurance information for each member will be sent out to the member for review.

Workman's Comp coverage is going up ~\$26,000. There will be an audit of all claims.

DFES/Career Staff

The EM tabletop drill is scheduled for 05/20. Companies are asked to send members that would most likely be involved in the actual incident drill.

A grant was submitted to provide wireless Internet service in the stations. This initiative was sent to Public Safety committee & is expected to go to the Finance committee for approval 06/06.

A draft of the update to Chapter 9 of the county code will be sent to the Public Safety committee for approval. This update will include deleting Company 6 (reserving the number in the event there is a substation placed in the Warrenton area) & changing the wording on the FM ordinances.

A site for a fire/rescue training facility was identified on the land in the area of the landfill.

Chaplains Group - No report.

Budget

The CD of the expense worksheet was distributed. K. Binko may be contacted for assistance with this project. These will need to be returned by 07/01/06.

Money due from the reassessment should be distributed soon. The Finance committee has suggested that this money be borrowed from the general fund & then replaced when the reassessment funds are released. This recommendation will go to the BOS for approval in 06/06.

Volunteer Representative - Tabled.

Public Safety

The committee agreed to support the fire/rescue service plan. Specifically upholding the portion of the plan that states no new companies should be formed; all new stations should be substations of existing companies. This recommendation will be taken back to the full board.

Old Business

B. Flippo motioned that the FRA support the creation of an MOU that states the FRA & BOS will move toward creating fee for service. Roll call vote was taken. Companies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, & 13 were in favor of the motion. Companies 9 & 11 were not present when the vote was taken.

Any companies with driving policies need to forward these to President Marable. Work is continuing on developing a standard policy for the county.

New Business

Dispatch must be asked to contact the Red Cross. This is not automatically done by dispatch.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

President Tom Marable
Vice President Butch Flippo
Secretary/Treasurer Angela Armstrong

Anyone interested in serving on any committee should contact President Marable.

B. Gallagher thanked everyone for his or her help with the Gold Cup.

Angela Armstrong
Secretary, Fauquier County
Fire & Rescue Association

