

## Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association

The monthly meeting of the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association was held Thursday, July 20, 2006 at EMS Station 1. President Tom Marable convened the meeting at 1910 hours.

Roll Twelve member companies represented.

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

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

### Committee Reports

#### Communications

GEO-Prox Mapping: The communications staff was having problems updating the CAD mapping. The problem was identified as a missed step in the GIS process of reconciling maps. The final update from GIS should be received later this week. Once the final updates are received, the communications staff has been advised that the mapping is their highest priority.

On July 20, 2006 the radio antennae serving the Ensor Shop Road area were relocated higher with new and better mounting brackets. It is hoped this will resolve the radio problems experienced in the Goldvein area.

The new Nextel paging has been tested and seems to be working well. A draft policy on the use of the Nextel paging system was distributed. This service will add approximately \$5 to the individual phone bills. Phone numbers will only be added/changed/deleted once a month. This should coincide with the orientation program and be coordinated through the DFES office.

It was requested that significant call information be given on the radio & placed on the pagers. President Marable asked that this request be placed in writing & forwarded to him for action.

Chief S. Taylor reported that Sheriff Fox has requested his assistance in securing additional funding for dispatcher salaries, training & equipment.

The paging skip problem has been addressed and apparently the new pagers are not able to be programmed with a "PL" tone. If it is determined that the programming with a "PL" tone is not possible, the search for a new radio frequency will be initiated.

#### CIC

The committee is working on the proffer issue for the New Baltimore station. The committee will not meet in August.

A business plan for the proposed Bealeton station has been developed. All companies that would border this station were asked to review this plan.

#### REMS – No report.

#### Training

FHS has approved use of the auditorium 07/27/06 for the fire academy graduation ceremony.

The 2005/06 Fiscal Report for the training division was distributed.

It was suggested that an SOP for the orientation process be drafted.

The EMS training budget items will be transferred to the training committee for the coming budget cycle.

Chief S. Taylor inquired as to the payment of instructors at the recent New Baltimore burn training. Per Deputy Chief Kight all instructors were paid. It is increasingly difficult to find volunteer instructors.

#### Public Education/Relations

The smoke machine for the safety trailer needs to be replaced.

#### EMS – No report.

#### Special Operations

The old Haz Mat unit is being stripped.

There are problems with the SCBA mask & compressor vendors. The compressors at companies 3 & 13 are not in service.

B. Stuart motioned that the Zumbro tent be purchased with BFRA funds. The motion passed.

#### Insurance – No report

#### DFES/Career Staff

Captain Greg Williams has submitted his resignation effective July 28, 2006.

DFES is working through the Public Safety committee and county IT to finalize a cost for completing a wireless network to fire stations. This will include new servers, fixing the printer problems, greatly increasing the speed of the network and allowing personnel wireless access to the internet within each station. The Public Safety committee has agreed to move this request to the Finance Committee.

In lieu of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> chiefs meeting a briefing on the pandemic flu will be held. This briefing will be held at the LFCC Barn. All company officers and EMS personnel are encouraged to attend.

#### Chaplains Group – No report.

#### Budget

Funds received from the tax re-assessment have been distributed to the companies.

President Marable addressed the annual company operations contribution checks. He reminded all that they would not receive their check until their annual expenditure sheets were turned in. Several expenditure sheets were submitted after the meeting. He subsequently asked for concurrence to maintain the contribution amounts as listed in the FY07 budget. Chief Flippo asked if Warrenton Fire would receive the sum of the former Warrenton RS and the Warrenton FC listed contributions. President Marable supported funding the sum and further stated he expected the same policy to apply when Cedar Run RS and Catlett FC merge. Motion made by Bill Stuart to proceed with the distribution. The motion passed.

#### Public Safety

RMS and printer problems: We are working through the Public Safety Committee and County IT to finalize a cost for completing a wireless network to our fire stations. This will include new servers, fixing the printer problems, greatly increasing the speed of the network and allowing our personnel wireless access to the internet within each station. The Public Safety Committee has agreed to move this request to the Finance Committee.

Bill Stuart inquired as to the status of updating the company names/designated numbers in the county code chapter 9. Target for public hearing is September BOS meeting.

Old Business

Ambulance Billing MOU. President Marable presented a draft of changes to the MOU from the county. Jim Downey, attorney for VFRA has reviewed. After some discussion, motion by Chief Flippo to accept the MOU draft w/the addition of replacing the wording in #2, "future 24 hour advanced life support services". Motion unanimously approved.

New Business

Question to allow the interested group/supporters of a new volunteer company in Bealeton. After discussion, motion to have the group address the VFRA for 15 minutes carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Fire and Rescue Association