

Northampton County Fire Commission October meeting

The meeting was called to order on October 27, 2009 at 19:25, by Chair Eder.

All companies, except 13 were in attendance; as well as representation from NCEMS and the 911 Center.

Minutes:

Ernie had previously e-mailed the minutes to everyone. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer's report:

\$14,131.15

The check from the county in the amount of \$13,195.80 has been received. Each company will receive \$2,639.16. However, Exmore has not met the standards for receiving the funds. Steve Wilson made a motion to allow them the opportunity to appear before the commission to show cause as to why they have not met their obligations. Everyone was in favor of this proposal. There were no questions.

Communications: (Marge Surran)

-radio system- waiting on the final report from Warren; VITA-there is a lot more than thought

-if you have radio issues-please call and they will go out; they are trying to keep a log of the problems and actually recreate them in the field

-Communications Manual- more just for information, but do need approval for MVA dispatch- Marge will take this issue back to Accomack because of the discussion/problem with MVA with fire response only

-Law enforcement is notified at time of dispatch, but they will not give an ETA

-H1N1-anyone in house coughing, cold, flu-like Sx-crews are advised that respiratory precautions are needed

-please do not have radios on scan when you are on scene

-more information is needed with boating accidents

-Times-if you feel times are not correct, have people come to officer and then address Crystal or Marge-they will do CAD correction-please do not allow just anyone to do correction of time

-control burns-working with DPS3 and NCSD

-helicopter request-have them come at onset if you feel need them

-some changes have been made on EMD

-still working on Evacuation tone

-GIS-Accomack is interested- going to cost a fortune- b/c of vendor- probably will have to come through a grant- FUTURE

-Infrastructure group-waiting for mass purchase of narrow band radios by 2013-waiting on Mr. Warren's report

Training/Training Center:

-class is being registered for- 10 are coming from off the Shore

-SCBA maze is almost complete

- this training center is ready to be burned in again, however, we are still moving forward with a new burn building
- a request has been made from the ESRFTC to the NCFC to pay 1/3 to match the 2/3 that Accomack is paying- NCFC agreed to do so as long as does not effect other funding
- revisiting SOP's for FTC- there will be some very stringent policies in place, classes for members, whoever is going to run a class will have to be trained- will have a "stoker" class at some point in time-basically an academy to certify our firefighters because of the state and federal regulations.

Fire Issues:

Each company in Northampton has to show insurance information to Accomack Board of Supervisors every year because Accomack owns Fire Training Center
-training announcement-accountability-Dec 6th

EMS Issues:

None to report

Old Business:

- David met with Eddie and Wesley with St. 14 with regards to the tax incentive program
- form needs to be changed
 - last year more money was received than this year, some feel like it is a step backwards, and a slap in the face
 - also believe that people who are late on taxes/who pay late fees should still be eligible- we don't have any control over the County's mandates
 - some clarifications were made as some previous bad information had been given-re:those who just do "special projects" are actually eligible (that is when special meeting/justification comes into play)
 - Hollye has created an electronic form that will calculate everything
 - maybe can go back to BOS re –the late taxes issue
 - the sheets have to be turned in July- then commission meets re: special requests
 - by January- have a list of changes you would like to see to the form so Jan, Feb, March it can be fine tuned

New Business:

The checks were written and distributed. A letter will be sent to Station 13.

Other:

Ski- Cheryl Newman-Chili/Chowder cook-off, any company willing to participate have a chance to win \$50- Dec 5th at NHS, can also sell, Station 17 is going to participate

Announcements:

Tool-Mania- Dec 12th- 30 main prizes, a prize every 10 minutes; \$20/ticket
Nominations in Dec, voting in January

Meeting adjourned at 21:15.

**Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Wilcox**