

Northampton County Fire Commission December Meeting

The meeting was called to order on December 22, 2009, at 19:15 by Chair Eder.

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

Minutes:

A copy of the minutes were distributed to everyone. A motion was made to accept as written.

Treasurer's Report:

There is currently \$929.37 in the account until dinner is paid for. There were no questions.

Communications: (Jeff Flourney)

- Channel 2 is functioning although there is some static in the Exmore area.
- Channel 7-additional receiver in Exmore area
- VITA radio study-think will be done soon-hopefully a presentation will be done to 911 in January
- Jeff reiterated the willingness to do 911 presentation for a drill night
- AFRC- not willing to follow same policy as in NC with dual alert for cardiac arrest- AC felt like they had enough help
- GIS mapping-waiting to move forward
- NC back-up facility-Jim Seymour wasn't feeling well-will get back on it
- AC back-up facility (Onancock)-slowly coming along
- telephone outage procedure-please report to station as advised

Training Center/Committee: (Steve Wilson)

- still moving forward with writing policies and procedures
- paperwork for SCBA maze is available on DPS website
- classroom building-undergoing renovation-doing away with shower and replacing with kitchen and breakaway area
- roof over top of the garage has been repaired
- Commission needs to write 3 letters(Ferebee's, T&W Block, and Bundick's) thanking for extrication class supplies, etc.

Fire Related Issues

No issues

EMS Related Issues

- there was concern raised with the numbers that were presented last month re: meeting the 20 minute response time-the numbers were looked at and the

number was low because of the inclusion of staging, personnel responding from hospital, and 2nd ambulance calls

-Station 19 met the response time 91% for the whole year

-David brought up the issue of the response plan. The committee has not met once a quarter as needed. This needs to be addressed and the committee needs to meet.

Old Business:

-Eddie brought up that the accountability class was great

-the big board does not need to be used unless it is a major incident, as long as accountability is in place; Steve suggested using metal clipboards if smaller incidents

-everyone agreed to use the same tags, same procedures, etc.

-if Accomack comes up for a major incident we can use blank tags

-Cathy suggested inviting Painter, Melfa, and Wachapreague to another accountability class

-Steve Wilson said he will do another class, Nassawadox will host, preferably before March

-other training- water supply

-a large discussion regarding the incentive point system was had-some folks weren't happy this year, but given the economy-we need to take what we can get- and we can't give up! That's the bottom line.

-It is a working document- the committee will continue to work on it, ask for more, until the BOS gives it to us or tells us to stop.

New Business:

-ask county to increase monies for training center- we need to let them know what is going on and why additional funding is necessary

-each company needs to bring a request in January re:their request from county

-need to put fire tax on referendum again

-commission needs to have a committee to explain need for fire tax as well

-cont to meet at Eastville Bingo Hall, January will return to regular date

-need for dues- \$30-40/year to help pay for food

Other:

Election of Officers:

Nominations;

Chair-David Eder

Vice Chair-Jim LeCato

Treasurer: Adam Zieger (split his title of treasurer/secretary; request that secretary be:

Secretary: Amy Wilcox

Nominations were made and carried. There was no one in opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30.

Amy S. Wilcox, Secretary