

Northampton Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting
January Meeting

The meeting was called to order on January 26, 2010 at 19:14 hrs by Chair Eder.

Every company was represented, as well as representation from NCEMS and the 911 Center.

The agenda was approved as written.

The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report:

\$888.99

- Adam has budget/expenditures and it is available if anyone wants to see it.
- Steve Wilson re:dues should be in by-laws Article X - \$25
- a motion was made to amend by-law from \$25 to \$50- all were in favor

Communications: (Jeff Flournoy)

- there are up-dated copies of communication manual-if it becomes a waste please let Jeff know
- radio- Channel 7- additional receiver Accomack STARS tower
- VITA-this Thursday-David Warner will present to 911 commission-then will filter out-infrastructure group will meet again etc.
- Jamesville receivers have been out of service Nov/Dec, and most Jan-Atlantic Communications has put it back in service although there is still a slight hum on Channel 2
- Jeff thanked Adam for all his help with the logistics and diagnosing of the problems
- still waiting on the FEMA grant info, there is possibly another grant through Dept of Homeland Security
- reminder about 911 center for drill night
- still working with EMS council on helicopter lz and auto-launch policy
- GIS --Accomack deferred again to carry back to stations (don't change districts, change 2nd-9th due, change 1st-9th due)
- back-up centers- more progress has been made- transferred lines to Onancock-everything worked-radio sides the pagers did not activate; Northampton County progress is slow
- discussed several questions for feedback-
Flu-like symptoms on dispatch- yes want to see continue
What to call hospital-RSMH
911 to initiate call to ED- Accomack County does not believe that 911 should be doing this, Station 13 believes IC should be the one, but if close to hospital when incident maybe not as much of issue, Station 16-agreed that IC should do, but

same about proximity, Station 19-doesn't have a problem with 911 calling-dispatcher discretion
-discussion re-station 9 having 911 center, Northampton County desire to have some input, but this is not an issue that is on the table

Training/Training Center:

-not much changed from last month-remodeling is about 95% complete
-supposed to meet tomorrow night-adopt/make changes to policies etc.
-fire academy going on now, rope rescue/OPS –march sign up is not available yet
-funding for DFP/ATL going to get questionable
-only may get 90 and then hold 10% in a fund for 6 months

Fire Related

2nd accountability class went well people from Painter and Melfa came

Old Business:

-request for funding from commission needs to be there Jan 29th
What do we look for as a whole? Increase funding for FTC as long as does not have effect on other funding, as well as training fee to be paid, volunteer incentive program to be paid
-EMS meeting-liaison meetings are for personnel issues-does not meet to deal with operational issues, the EMS plan was adopted by commission and mutual aid was signed by all fire departments
-90% in 20 minutes response plan is designed to be a benchmark-there is nothing in state regulations is it left up to agencies, OMD, and localities to set their guidelines
-discussion re Hollye's figures-she has to do per BOS requests on quarterly basis, determines system needs etc.-there has to be an endpoint
-Hollye does not track her #'s per say, it is based on 13/16/19-there are some months-like in the summer that her staff does not meet the 90%
-a report is generated every month and posted on county website
-need to review EMS response plan, Mutual Aid agreement, etc, esp since inspection is coming up in October-these things need to be reviewed by May 30, 2010
-Toughbooks are here, NCEMS will be responsible for computers, various software can be used EMSCharts, Imagetrend, Firehouse

Old Business-

Letters to Ferebee's, Bundick's and TW Block have/or will be sent within next day

New Business:

Adam was notified about Sam Long being appointed to BOS
-a full roster of membership of the commission need to ratified by BOS, as well as each agency sending their roster

Elections:

Chair- David Eder
Vice Chair-Jim LeCato
Treasurer- Adam Zieger
Secretary-Amy Wilcox

Nomination from floor

Jim Lecato-declined

Hollye- re new ambulance

Verified that it was true

Does not plan to put in service anytime soon-funds aren't available until July 1, 2010

-does not have a plan as to staffing

-not prepared to answer questions at this point

-the new ambulance is not intended to take away from the volunteers

-doesn't plan to ask for an increase in the budget

-doesn't plan to take out staffing of day-time personnel

Announcements:

2/11/10-19:00hrs Accountability-Eastville Bingo Hall

-line officers stayed same at Cape Charles- Matt Pruitt is Captain

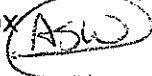
Exmore: Greg- Chief, Ryan Kellam-Asst Chief, Tommy Kellam, Asst Chief

Cheriton- JK is 2nd asst chief, Wesley is Captain

Motion to adjourn at 20:43,

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Wilcox

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ASW", is written over the typed name "Amy S. Wilcox". The signature is enclosed in a hand-drawn oval.