

Northampton Fire and Rescue Commission **February Meeting**

The meeting was called to order on February 23, 2010 at 19:16 hrs by Chair Eder.

Every company was represented, including representatives from NCEMS and the 911 Center.

The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report:

\$860.61

Motion to accept by-law change re: dues. A bill will be emailed reflecting the increase in dues.

Communications:

Fire-training handout-nozzle training

-VITA radio study- start getting ready to discuss in infrastructure group

-Townsend receiver-phone comp initially said not a problem on their end, on this day Verizon agreed it was a problem on their end-may be back up on 2/24/10

-Jeff has devoted a fair amount of time on Dept of Homeland Security grant to replace 911 radios as well as company radios

-have not heard from FEMA grant

- 911 center training is still available

-GIS- Accomack made a decision-agreed to keep 1st due and change 2nd-9th as by closest GIS station- motion and 2nd by all companies in Northampton to do the same

-Jeff may try to combine CAD system project to help with funding

-some areas of Northampton may include VA Beach as mutual aid- look as a special rescue resource/not include on normal fire response; same as Wallops for Accomack

-back-up system-both systems coming along slowly

-discussion of what to call hospital- Accomack does not want to call Riverside- they want to call Shore Memorial- no policy will be set for hospital name designation

-discussion of dispatchers calling hospital for major incidents- Accomack does not agree-no policy will be set

-working on High Impact/Incident # sheet for those times (hurricanes,etc) when 911 not able to keep up stations can

-reducing assignments-saving resources

-work on- if anticipate a heavy weather event adding a roll call and perhaps a mass txt message

Training/Training Center

- rope registration in effect now-Wallops Mar 13th and Mar 14th
- Instructor II-has moved a month to May
- meeting tomorrow night
- rural water supply class-March/April-still in works but not planned out yet
- e-mail was sent out re: meeting 3/10/10 for training requests for 2010-2011

Fire-related issues:

-past 2 months companies have had different problems with engines-we need to make sure if company is down an engine then we get on phone and let each other know-specifically if something is going to be out of service for an extended length of time-we need to work together

EMS- related issues:

- 31% increase in call volume over last five years
- 2009 there were not a lot of peaks and valleys except February then it was a steady call volume
- the information is posted on the website for comparison Jan 2010, 2009, and 2008
- Holidays-there are only 8 recognized holidays because staff gets 12 hrs vs 8 hrs Presidents Day, MLK etc still fully staffed
- just zone for major holidays
- EMS response plan will be discussed at the March meeting- the last plan revised in 2008-and then it was between rescue squads and didn't include fire companies
- Mutual Aid Agreement needs to be updated as well last done in 2003

Old Business:

-letter re:funding and membership to BOS(needs to be amended, will be done tomorrow)

New Business:

-county-wide trailer for foam, cribbing (larger/longer), etc- centralized location

Other:

BOS-Sam has taken place of Larry Trala-working meeting usually same night as this meeting- maybe change date of this meeting from 4th to 3rd Tues if works for him-David will talk to him

Meeting adjourned at 20:12.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary