

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FIRE RESCUE COMMISSION MEETING

## MINUTES

DATE 11/29/2011

Meeting called to order; 7:00 p.m.

Roll call; Community VFD, Cheriton VFD, Cape Charles VFD, Northampton F/R, Eastville VFD,

Cape Charles VRS, 911, NCEMS,

Absent; B.O.S. Representative

Minutes; Not available

Treasurers Report; Balance \$1,897.90

Communication issues; Interoperability grant, RTC consultants- looking at using ES Broadband. Do not

Count on equipment purchase right away-maybe next month.

Each station will get spread sheet on what will work with grant, won't know

What kind of replacements will be gotten.

Still working on NIMS compliance plan

911 will set up drill for any station that requests it.

DO NOT use text messaging as primary dispatch means, not reliable.

Prez. Eder asked if company messages can be sent on CAD.-----Yes.

AUTO LAUNCH POLICY: Changes requested by Maryland state police. 911 adopted Maryland policy,

Which states someone must be on scene to evaluate need, this is related to

Safety issues due to crash 2 years ago.

Northampton can still request Nightingale & Life Evac., much discussion

Followed , concerning uniform policy. Will return to this in Feb., 2012.

AUTO LAUNCH CONT.; Vote to keep Auto Launch—14, 15, 16, 17, 19 in favor, 13 absent. Motion by J. Lecato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Wisneski

FIRE issues; Community VFD, received a grant to install BLUE reflective signs to mark dry Hydrant locations, in 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> due locations.

EMS issues; None.

E.S.F.R.T.C.; Propane gas emergency class cancelled, will be rescheduled.

L.O.D.D. Memorial-should have report next month.

Old Business; Prez. Eder spoke to county attorney about FLSA. County attorney spoke to County administrator, who does not think it will work. IF it will, he will Investigate, waiting on County administrator to state her reasons.

In the course of this conversation, found out County attorney IS NOT NCFRC Attorney.

Motion to obtain pro-bono legal counsel, 1<sup>st</sup> A. Zeigler, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. LeCato, carried.

Volunteer Retirement Program—Prez. Eder ill pursue this issue.

B.O.S. Representative; Cape Charles VRS asked why the B.O.S. REP. was not present (work). Would like To know if we can have a backup. Motion—to write a letter to B.O.S. to see how They wish to handle this. 1<sup>st</sup> A. Zeigler, 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Wisneski, carried.

New Business; None.

Other; None

Announcements; Tool mania at Sta. 15 Dec.10 .

NCFRC Nominations next month.

District map books available thru 911 center,-- cost \$350.00.

Adjournment; Motion by J. LeCato, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Stockton, carried.

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Secretary\_\_\_\_\_