

NORTHAMPTON FIRE RESCUE COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE 01/31/2012

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

Roll call: Community VFD, Cheriton VFD, Cape Charles VFD, Northampton F/R, NCEMS, 911, ⁹EASTVILLE VFC

Absent: NCBOS.

Minutes: Motion By E. Stockton, 2nd by J. LeCato, Carried.

Treasurers: \$1,269.77

Communication Issues: Forestry class 3 in effect, 911 will alert extra station for woods & Brush fires.

Update of CAD messaging needed from all stations.

Map Book updates on CD's will be handed out. District map books still available

At 911 for 350.00 a piece.

NAPSCOM Project: Update RCC consultants presentation shows all upgrades & recommendations for all

Services including school buses. Cost, \$2.3 Million, Grant covers 1.2 million.

Field radios- To replace all non-compliant radios & pagers---\$ 900,000.00.

Infrastructure- Having more channels & E.S. Broadband, \$ 1.4 Million.

Replacement of radios will probably be through state contract. We will use CIW

Committee to review what type of radios will be chosen.

Investigating different means to finance that which is not cover by grant, also, may

Cut out simulcast temporarily, along with NOT replacing every nut, bolt, and wire if

Not needed.

E.S.F.R.T.C: There are 4 classes scheduled; 1) Basic Pump, 2) Rural water supply, 3) Combustable

Building construction, 4) Non-combustable building construction. (see attachment)

E.S.F.R.T.C. ; Burn building improvement denied.

Seminar Saturday 4 Feb. (see attachment)

Fire Issues: None

EMS Issues: None

Old Business: Attorney- Waiting to hear from 2 prospects.

On line checking O.K.

Fire study committee meeting: See attachment.

New Business: Elections. Nominations-- Chairman- David Eder Greg DeYoung--Declined

V. Chairman- Jim LeCato None

Secretary- Jim Myers None

Treasurer- Adam Zeigler None

Vote--- Chairman David Eder Motion J. LeCato, 2nd K. Buckley

1 opposed, carried

V. Chairman Jim LeCato Motion A. Zeigler, 2nd A. Wilcox,
Carried

Secretary Jim Myers A. Zeigler , 2nd E. Stockton, carried

Treasurer Adam Zeigler E. Stockton, 2nd A. Wilcox, carried

Other: Feb 10 Texas hold'em for Doug Walker of Sta. 15 (Has Cancer)

Feb. 11 Station 13 awards Banquet 6-? Sta. 16 EMS will be covering.

Adjournment: Motion by J. Flournoy, 2nd J. LeCato Carried

NEXT MEETING FEB.28

Chairman _____

Secretary _____

EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER

UP COMING CLASSES

BASIC PUMP OPERATOR-----APRIL 14 & 15

RURAL WATER SUPPLY-----APRIL21 &22

NFA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

COMBUSTABLE-----MAY 5 & 6

NFA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

NON-COMBUSTABLE-----MAY 19 &20

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Presented at 1-31-12 F/R Commission Meeting

NCFCR Study Committee Meeting – January 15th, 2012 – 1PM

Attendance – Amy Wilcox, Eddie Stockton, Dick Surran, Jim LeCato, and Jeff Flournoy

Summary of Committee Meeting

1. Discussed and agreed to purpose of committee - *With the overall goal to improve the delivery of Fire and EMS services in Northampton County, review the Virginia Fire Services Board Study (from August 2011) for areas of potential discussion and implementation. The committee will use the recently completed study as a starting point for discussion/conversation with the latitude to branch outside of the study to promote Fire and EMS services in Northampton County. The committee shall report back to the full NCFRC on a regular basis until committee is dissolved.*
2. Discussion was held regarding other recent committees/groups working to promote Fire and EMS services in Northampton County.
3. Committee started a review of recommendations (total of 43, with only a fraction reviewed/discussed) included in the Fire Services Board Study, with the intent to review all recommendations to determine if additional discussion and possible implementation is needed or if the recommendation does not require additional discussion and implementation should not be considered at this point.

The following recommendations (that the committee felt additional discussion may be warranted in the future) were discussed/reviewed on 1-15-12.

Theme 1 – Communication

Recommendation #1 – County should host a strategic communication session with a skilled mediator to resolve existing challenges and barriers between the Northampton County Administration, NCEMS, and members of the several volunteer fire and rescue departments. – **Committee felt the use of a local facilitator should be considered to attempt to resolve existing challenges and barriers between Northampton County, NCEMS, and members of the several of the volunteer fire and rescue departments.**

Recommendation #4 – Under the direction of the Director of Public Safety, the County should *provide senior volunteer leadership with the tools and responsibility to properly*

manage the administrative activities of their department including staffing stations. – **Excluding language related to a Director of Public Safety, the committee felt additional (county or station based) officer training should be explored/considered.**

Recommendation #7 – The Commission should be accountable to the Northampton County Board of Supervisors and provide periodic reports of its activities to the Board. – As a commission chartered by Northampton County, the committee felt additional accountability to the Board of Supervisors should be considered. Opportunities may include providing regular copies NCFRC meeting minutes to the Board of Supervisors and regular (monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly) attendance at Board of Supervisor meetings with the intent of providing additional communication between the NCFRC and Board of Supervisors.

Recommendation #8 – The Fire and Rescue Commission should take advantage of pre-existing resources on the development of SOG's and Fire and EMS organizations such as the USFA guide on developing SOP's. – The committee felt the adoption, documentation, and use of county-wide standard operating guidelines is appropriate and needed. Potential inclusions in a standard operating guideline document (as a start) many include: certification needed for firefighter entry into the IDLH, CPR certification for all Fire/EMS personnel, guidance related to EMS responses involving county staff and driver-only instances, use of RIT on incidents, use of Accountability on incidents, role (relating to performing fire suppression activities) of NCEMS staff on fire incidents.

Theme 3 – Personnel

Recommendation #5- The Liaison Committee should resume its work to address personnel issues among all Northampton County's first responders. - The committee felt the Liaison Committee should resume regular meetings and its work, with a focus on EMS in Northampton County.

Additional Discussion

1. Committee felt the creation of a position (volunteer or if needed P/T wage position) to assist the NCFRC in promoting/improving Fire and EMS operations in Northampton County should be considered.
2. Although it was felt the committee should remain small (for coordination and to not create a duplicate of the NCFRC), it was also felt that requesting representation from Stations (Station 15, 17, and 19) not represented on the committee would be appropriate.

3. Committee will reach of other sources (other than Fire Services Board) of information related to the purpose of the committee. Examples – other studies, OEMS resources, VDFP resources, other individuals, etc.)
4. Committee will meet again on Sunday February 19th, 2012.
5. Additional comments/direction from the NCFERC is welcome.