

## Northampton County Fire Commission February Meeting

The meeting was called to order on February 26 at 19:03 by Vice-Chair LeCato.

A representative from each company was present except for Station 15. In addition, NCEMS and two members from the Board of Supervisors were present.

### **Minutes:**

There were no minutes due to Secretary's absence.

### **Treasurer's report:**

There was no treasurer's report due to Treasurer's absence.

### **Communications:**

- No major issues with NAPSCOM project- just maybe some base radios
- have some finishing up to do-grant expires end of March-anything that is still out there after this date will be on the stations to do
- later on this years-retouch the radios-take out wide-band, and there will be some changes to police radios
- still having some issues with pagers being loud
- last 2 RSFA grants for simulcast have been denied, but going to try again
- still checking the awards for the AFG every Friday
- submitted budget request in both counties to help with simulcast
- many grant funds-Broadband authority needs
- discussion of ladder truck response and day-time staffing dispatch
- Jeff was looking for commission to form a committee where dispatch/communications issues could be discussed without having to take to one commission, then to other commission, and back and forth. It is a long process for something to get implemented at that rate. Motion and second to form a committee. No one was asked to serve on committee as not all compaies were represented tonight.

### **Training/Training Center:**

- request from state to put in for all requested classes from Northampton County: not due until after next Commission meeting (April 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Eddie is looking into having another EVOC class to include 4&5
- Rural Water Supply.-April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Mayday firefighter had to be cancelled-only 7 registered (It is prerequisite for RIT)
- 20,000 gallon water tank will suffice as water supply
- C. Ray approached EMS council-possibility of expansion to include additional classroom-RSAF grant?
- someone made contact about getting a railcar-they were turned down; another option if do not train on training facility grounds
- academy has 8 students from Northampton County

**Fire Issues:**

15, 14, & 17 –maybe piggyback for grant for dry hydrant  
Blue signs(department of forestry grant) were implemented for standardization  
In 14's area there are 2 dry hydrants that are not good- one is not useable, and the other is in dangerous location  
-looking at new location for this one as now is the time to apply for funding for dry hydrant, requests to replace/repair are quicker to be filled than those for new ones

**EMS Issues:**

26 students in Diane's class  
20 students in Jimmy's class that begins March 1

**Old Business:**

-Katie Nunez requested the revenue side of budget from Northampton Fire and Rescue, Eastville, and Cape Charles, need a budget request from Cheriton;  
Exmore submitted their budget request correctly  
-there has been no request from Fire Training Center  
-need rosters from companies: re: line of duty etc. these are needed ASAP

**New Business:**

-Chili cook-off has been postponed to fall (to many unanswered questions)

**Other:**

April 20<sup>th</sup>- Oyster Roast-Post 400-\$20 tickets  
Clam Chowder dinner -5-7 St 14 eat in or carry out (date)  
Corn beef and cabbage next month

**Meeting adjourned at 19:55.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Amy S. Wilcox** 