

## Northampton County Fire Commission March meeting

The meeting was called to order on 3/31/15 at 19:01, by Chair DeYoung

St 13 x      St 16 x      NCEMS x  
St 14 x      St 17 x      BOS -  
St 15 x      St 19 x      911 x

### **Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. There were no additions or corrections.

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

Adam working this evening. Chair DeYoung has checks to disperse.  
\$702.05 balance

### **Communications:** (Jeff)

- simulcast-finished tweaking, testing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
- 3 different teams; 225 different spots
- if goes well will start using and maybe do a testing and then feedback to Jeff
- within next couple of weeks
- 3-4 week buffer then EMS operation channel
- legacy radios are still out there, not crucial to switch over yet
- did get grant extension from OEMS
- asked for 80/20 grant for site monitor/spare equipment
- Belle Haven transmitter will be up when go live
- dry hydrant project-there is a new map layer in the system-every six months will check just like with premises
- discussed e-mail regarding staffing/unstaffing of units
- there have been no issues with St 31 being dispatched
- discussed house sirens (building in of second tone?)
- problem with map book CD-has been corrected and new CD available tonight
- Delmarva Two-Way is really pushing Kenwood vs Motorola as they might not be able to deal with Motorola as much, Motorola is going more direct
- 3 new dispatchers, probably will go on late next week
- FYI-maybe as soon as 2-3 weeks there will be text to 911 available-this does have limitations-it cannot map, want to stress that one is only to text when you absolutely need to/last resort

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

- 5/19,5/21,5/23 Chincoteague will have a VDFP EVOC class contact Patty Drewer
- Greg did not receive any specific request for training for next year- Accomack is going to put in for three tech rescue classes
- Northampton has requested: Officer II, Incident Safety Officer, Health Safety Officer, Arson Detection for 1st responders, Command and Control Wildland/Urban Interface OPS for Chiefs

### **Fire Issues:**

- Senate resolution presented to every company for their response to the arson fires
- accountability policy- an accountability policy was adopted by the Commission in 2008- Chair DeYoung will send out with minutes( when Amy gets done)

### **EMS Issues:**

- Chair DeYoung attended the last emergency ad-hoc committee meeting and expressed his displeasure that there is no volunteer representation especially when three of the five charges are related to volunteers- they may ask someone to step down because they have not been to meeting, so it is possible Chair DeYoung may be asked to participate
- discussed Dr. Matson's suggestion for Northampton Co. of HD nurse and DSS making home visits for those that are making multiple er visits/hospital stays
- there is a push to reduce restrictions on EMS so that more can be done in reference to community para-medicine
- Maryann suggested a Fire/EMS weekend on 9/12/15- a fun weekend/retreat with competition, events/table top exercise- a motion and second was made to move forward with planning
- April 10<sup>th</sup>-FF appreciation day at Kelly's

### **Old Business:**

- bylaws- a motion was made to ratify the new bylaws-seconded by Rhonda; all in favor

### **New Business:**

- ask folks in company/couple of individuals who are interested in Fire/EMS weekend @Cherrystone and let Chair DeYoung know

### **Announcements:**

- Eastville opening a thrift store-April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Pfeiffer farms-memorial trail ride-Zach Matthew White on 4/11/15
- Northampton Fire and Rescue biannual Trail Rides will be 4/25-4/26/15
- Muddin at the Moose-4/11/15
  
- Next meeting 4/25/15 @ 19:00

**Meeting adjourned at 19:49**  
**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Amy S. Wilcox**