

Northampton County Fire Commission April 2015 meeting

The meeting was called to order on 4/28/15 at 19:05, by Chair DeYoung.

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

Greg DeYoung, Rhonda LeCato, Amy Wilcox, Maryann Fitchett, Greg Rippon, Adam Zieger, Jay Bell, Kevin Buckley, and Granville Hogg were present

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Adam. Jay seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report:

Balance: \$702.05 after paying everything

Communications:

- testing worked okay, but not okay enough as far as coverage areas; still hesitant to use
- engineers had set antenna's at 200 ft-need some readjustments
- older field radios still deferred/same zone
- more testing next week with antenna changes; if working well-then hope to go full use
- text to 911 has not been tested with Sprint-first night it was put into effect it was used; not good location accuracy with texting as with voice calling
- discussed grant extension; application for RSAF grant
- 14-6 is in service-is it an engine? All-wheel drive/wildland/also brush unit-dispatchers don't know it is a brush unit- it is not going to get into tight spaces because of size
- Accomack wanted auto-notify V-Dot on tractor trailer accidents on 13; V-Dot not on board-no action needed
- a formal request by Onancock was made to add Parksley to structure fires, after a lot of discussion it was decided in Accomack to add a 5th company on initial alert for all structure/commercial fires
- consistency is really needed between counties-request made to add 5th company to Northampton stations as well, concerned was expressed in leaving the southern end of the Shore without coverage, but ultimately everyone agreed that it was in the best interest- a motion was made, seconded, and everyone was in favor
- Granville talked about a couple of places for towers (one not viable), he also commented about negotiating with Verizon about getting on their tower at the trash collection site (Birdsnest)

Training/Training Center:

- training center did not have a meeting in April
- haven't received notification of approved classes

5/21/15 -19:00 at FTC-LODD/disability discussion-please have at least one rep from each station

6/26/15-19:00 at Nandua-Fire Academy Graduation

Fire Issues:

Granville asked if the fire companies had any input with special use permits/should we have an opportunity/provision for input e.g. property with 30 ft road, okay now-but what happens if additional homes are built etc

Jay-stated that BOS has plans so it would have to be them to ask us-Granville suggested that we need to be at planning commission meetings

-Greg-unless planning/building dept ask then we don't have

-Granville stated he will go to the chief directly

-Gwen Thompson was asking for proposals to demolish-bids had been requested previously and were rejected; she was now requesting from fire departments

Exmore has 2 in their area, Nassawadox has 2, Eastville/Cheriton may have one-Exmore does not do control burns

EMS Issues:

April 16th - Nancy Stern gave an update-grant capped at 1 million, building will be 8-9 million

-within one-two weeks to acquire

-Dr. Matson went over program to have HD nurse/DSS visit frequent flyers 75 pts came 963 times to the ER-460 came by EMS

-Chair DeYoung went over the stats but I did not capture this information accurately

Old Business:

Katie Nunez sent a letter to NCFRC re: Granville Hogg being reappointed

New Business:

The accountability was passed back in 2008. Please take another month to review and be prepared to discuss in May.

Announcements:

ANFA next Tuesday at 19:00 at Nassawadox.

Meeting adjourned at 20:12

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Wilcox