

**Northampton County Fire and Rescue Commission**  
**September 2015**

The meeting was called to order on 9/29/2015 at 19:05 at the NCEMS office by Chair DeYoung.

Station 13- 1 (Greg DeYoung)	Station 16- 3 (R. LeCato, J.LeCato, A. Wilcox)	NCEMS-1 (Fitchett)
Station 14-1 (Stockton)	Station 17-1 (Zieger)	BOS-1 (Hogg)
Station 15-1 (Bell)	Station 19-(Buckley)	Communications/Guest-1 (Flournoy)

**Minutes:**

Minutes were distributed electronically. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Was not available because of the loss of electricity at Eastville.

**Communications:**

- simulcast coming to a close; all the \$ is spent
  - last reimbursement was \$300,000
  - last May-simulcast, late July-EMS channel; training for new channel in July
  - EMS field personnel are expected to monitor dispatch
  - can retrofit Minitor V to have EMS dispatch and communication channel for about \$50
  - Robbie Lewis-Dep. Of Forestry wanted to reach out to Chiefs regarding dry hydrants; Jeff shared that information of how to get a hold of them
  - still looking for a new OMD
  - overview of 911 is still available (training night event)
  - Krista Killmon is now managing CAD
  - traffic matters- engine is still requested to go until things get better for VSP
  - 911 can help with interpretation if pt can't understand
  - Wayne Marshall resigned as of 9/26/15 to work for ACDPS
  - send any questions to Jeff that you would normally send to Wayne
- Some decisions made by the By-County Communications Committee
- only answer on communications channel-will not be simulcast
  - middle stations will be paged once if not staffed, unless trying to establish a crew
  - trying to track staffing levels in addition to staffed stations
  - staffing will be announced both in am and pm
  - a company will stopped being paged for a fire after 8 minutes, if no response
  - structure fires: working fires-5 companies, 1 ambulance; non-working-3 companies, 0 ambulance
  - commercial:working-6 companies, 1 amb,1 ladder;non-working-4 companies, 1 ladder, 0 amb
- current response for active shooter is 2 EMS, 1 fire
  - EMS council will be working on mass casualty
  - agreed to keep pre-alerts
  - dispatch is going to take lead on clearing units from calls
  - non-traditional events should be assigned a different number
  - looking at limiting language now its central and rescue: looking at either dispatch or central

-a nature code is being added- water rescue- if someone still in water-1<sup>st</sup> due EMS and 1<sup>st</sup> due fire  
A motion was made to approve was made by Amy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie. All were in favor.

-Granville asked about communication problems-not perfect, some coverage issues, talked about internet connectivity (FirstNet?)

### **Training:**

LP Gas class- Oct 10/11

ISO- Oct 24/25

HTR- moved to 11/7-11/8

ICS 300- 10/15,10/16,10/17,10/18

### **Old business**

-nothing on burn ordinance

-nothing on accountability-colors consistent

-tax incentive forms were submitted

-have not received acknowledgement that they have been received (Granville will look into)

### **New Business**

-Granville curious about areas of high water-not an issue- if people have been told to evacuate and they don't then they can not expect a response

-Granville also curious about high stairs- not an issue, we may have to get extra manpower but we manage

-absence in Ad-Hoc Emergency Committee-Greg was appointed to committee, he is on sub-committee to specifically look at EMS coverage

-hospital is having an active shooter event on 11/4 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

-there were no RSAF grants submitted in Northampton County

-Amy asked if Northampton Fire and Rescue still had the commission's support for staffing at Nassawadox-

- Greg responded that Northampton Fire and Rescue did still have the support for staffing at their station

-can convert a pro-stretcher to a bariatric stretcher

-13-7 is out of service, transmission has been rebuilt

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:51. All were in favor.