

## Northampton County Fire Commission January 2018 meeting

The meeting was called to order on January 30, 2018 at 19:01, by Chair DeYoung

St 13 x	St 16 x	NCEMS x	Other:
St 14	St 17 x	BOS: x	
St 15 x	St 19	Communications:	

### **Minutes:**

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.

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

Received 280.35 from Cape Charles. Received 10,363.36 from Northampton County. Current balance is 11,902.79. Adam will issue checks at next meeting.

### **Communications:**

Discussed topics from Bi-County Communications Dispatch Committee meeting from 1/25. Notes are attached.

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

- ITR Module 2 class will be February 24 and 25.

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

### **Fire Issues:**

- Welcomed Dave Fauber as the new representative for the Board of Supervisors.
- Chairman DeYoung discussed a question/concern presented to him by Chief Stockton in reference to Haz-Mat team responses and who is in charge. The fire officer on scene is in command of the incident. A Haz-Mat officer from the team acts as the liaison between the incident commander and the teams (local and regional). The Haz-Mat officer is not there to "take charge or control" of the incident. Once the immediate hazards have been mitigated, the scene may be turned over to VSP, VDOT or other appropriate agency.

### **EMS Issues:**

- None

**Other:**

- Election of officers. There were no nominations from the floor. Officers will remain as follows:
  - o Chairman – Greg DeYoung
  - o Vice Chairman – Jim LeCato
  - o Secretary – Amy Wilcox
  - o Treasurer – Adam Zeiger

**Announcements:**

Next meeting February 27, 2018

**Meeting adjourned at 2015  
Respectfully submitted,  
Greg DeYoung**

Officers:	<u>Station 13:</u>	<u>Station 14:</u>	<u>Station 15:</u>	<u>Station 16:</u>
President:	Tommy Lewis	Brian Sparrow	Bill Powell	Jim LeCato
Chief:	Greg DeYoung	Eddie Stockton	Jay Bell	Jim LeCato
R. Capt.:				Amy Wilcox

	<u>Station 17:</u>	<u>Station 19:</u>
President:	Teddy Ross	Frank Signorelli
Chief:	Glen Richardson	
R. Capt.		Greg Rippon

## Bi-County Communications Dispatch Committee (BCCDC) Meeting

### MEETING SUMMARY – OVERVIEW

**Participating – J. Flournoy, G. Lewis, D. Grant, B. Byrd, J. Sturgis, H. Carpenter, G. DeYoung (by telephone), and K. Holloway (by telephone)**

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 4:30PM – ESVA 9-1-1 Center

#### AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Automatic Notification to ANEC – Working Structure Fires (from Chief 10 at ACFRC Meeting). *After discussion decision reached to not add this to automatic notification; will remain an incident commander responsibility. However, will assure dispatch staff understands that if information is received ANEC will be needed (such as power line down on ground from house fire, or power line across vehicle with subject inside), automatic notification can be made.*
- B. Duel Fire-Station Response to MVA incidents on Route 13 (from discussion with Chief 9). *After discussion decision reached to not make changes requested; leave responses to MVA's as is currently in-place. If addition resources/stations are needed should be requested.*
- C. EMS Response to Mental/Behavioral Related Incidents – Clear direction of when is a law enforcement dispatch only OR a law enforcement and EMS response (from 9-1-1 Director). *After discussion decision reached for following – All of these incidents are a law enforcement response; with an EMS response only occurring if action has been taken already where potential harm may come to an individual (such as ingested drugs or overdose, subject has injured themselves (such as knife or gun). Those instances where a patient is threatening to hurt themselves/others will not generate an EMS response until actual injury/illness occurs or is requested by law enforcement response. This information will need to be communicated to law enforcement leadership.*
- D. Addition of MVA-Unknown Injuries Nature Code (from 9-1-1 Director) *After discussion direction was not to add another nature code (as would be the same response), rather change the current nature code to Motor Vehicle Crash/Accident (no injuries or unknown on injuries)) – The additional information provided on the alert can include if reported with injuries or unknown on injuries. Additional direction was to inquire with VSP on if fire response was still needed on MVA with property damage with vehicles still in roadway (some thoughts may not been needed and other thoughts that is still needed with long law enforcement response times to accidents)*

- E. Minimum Staffing Considerations – Fire Responses – **Maybe more for Fire/Rescue Commission action** (from e-mail from ES EMS Council President; Kevin Holloway). *Discussed some, however direction (after discussion) is this is not a topic for this committee, rather should be announced to both Fire/Rescue Commissions as a topic that was discussed in our meeting, but is for the Commissions to discuss (if desired).*
- F. Units Marking In-Station versus Available (from ES EMS Council President; Kevin Holloway) - *After discussion direction was that when the terminology “Clear, Available, or Clear/Available” is used the Fire/EMS unit should be cleared from the incident all-together, however if the terminology “Returning” is used the will note the unit as returning to station with the expectation the unit will mark back in-station once this occurs.*
- G. Provision of fire call comments to (multiple) mutual aid units (each time they mark responding). - *After much discussion on this topic direction was the following – 1. On the dispatch of incidents (each dispatch) provide detailed incident information. This information is not provided on the assigned tactical channel unless requested (I STILL THINK THE INFORMATION NEEDS TO GO OVER THE ASSIGNED TACTICAL CHANNEL ONE TIME TO THE FIRST RESPONDER PERSON/UNIT; HAVE A TOUGH TIME NOT AT LEAST PUTTING THE TACTICAL CHANNEL ONE TIME), 2. Once a unit/someone is on scene (command established), any field unit requesting driving directions will be directed to an alternate channel (so command can communicate as needed) for this information (I STILL THINK THE FIELD RESPONDERS HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY TO RECOGNIZE HOW ASKING FOR DRIVING DIRECTIONS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EMERGENCY IS NOT ALWAYS APPROPRIATE), 3. Dispatch staff will try to assure all units/personnel end up on the correct tactical channel (ANOTHER COMMENT, WHILE THE 9-1-1 CENTER CAN (And WILL) ADVISE A UNIT/PERSON TO SWITCH CHANNELS, I THINK THERE A RESPONSIBILITY OF FIELD PERSONNEL/UNITS TO LISTEN AND SWITCH TO THE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL).*
- H. Utility Vehicles (from ES EMS Council President; Kevin Holloway) - ... mark utility vehicles out of service or "on the air" when traveling for training, classes, meetings, etc. ...if the vehicle is a key piece like a brush truck, BLS response vehicle, etc., that in my mind justifies marking a unit out of service. *After discussion direction was to communicate to officers that it is unnecessary radio traffic (for these units) and should not occur (not tracked anyway).*

## OTHER ITEMS

A, 1. Use of Freedom (I-Pads) in vehicles, 2. Use of AVL – EMS dispatch – Status *Reviewed*

B, Review – Feb In-Service Training Topics – Related to Pre-Arrival Instructions – *Reviewed*

- D. Grant discussed the dispatched of entrapment accidents – After much discussion direction provided was for the 9-1-1 Center to modify the posture of not alerting as easily for entrapment (if may be entrapment) as currently occurs, rather only alert as entrapment accident if credible/reliable information is obtained indicating some is trapped/pinned.
- K. Holloway discussed tracking “Patient Contact Time” via radio and CAD – After discussion direction was the following- 1. Determine if CAD can be configured to record this as a primary time, 2. Either way, there is not an expectation for field personnel to mark “patient contact” for all EMS incidents, but if it is done, they should be recorded (if possible as primary time and if not, then in the notes/comments of the CAD).
- J Sturgis inquired about why the 9-1-1 Center can not cancel (without field personnel indicating to cancel the incident) automatic fire alarms when the alarm company (or whomever reported the emergency) reports back is a false alarm and a desire to cancel. Much discussion about why this is 9-1-1 Center practice, with this topic potentially coming up in future Fire/Rescue Commissions for discussion (AS SUSPECT WAS OBVIOUS FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS, I VIEW THIS AS A FIRE DEPARTMENT DECISION (TO CANCEL MOST ANY RESPONSE) AND NOT A DECISION THAT STOPS WITH THE 9-1-1 CENTER AND CHANGING, IN MY OPINION, WOULD PUT ANY POTENTIAL LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY ON THE 9-1-1 CENTER).
- K. Holloway and G. DeYoung provided comments commending the 9-1-1 Center’s dispatch staff during the winter storm in early January (THANK YOU BOTH).