

Fauquier Fire and Rescue Association
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association was held Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Warren Green building. President T. Marable convened the meeting at 1904 hours.

Roll Nine member companies were represented. Company 2/14 was not represented. The following DFREM staff was present: Chief Billington, K. Strayer, L. Clegg & S. Allen.

Agenda J. Moore motioned the agenda be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Special Interest Group

Representatives of Colonial Pipe Line Co., from the Remington pump station, located on Rogues Road in Midland were present & presented a \$5000 donation to the association.

Minutes A. Martin motioned the minutes of the April 2012 meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurers Report L. McGinnity motioned the treasurers report be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Training

- Training report available for review. Chief Kight will be sending additional information out electronically.

CIC

- No update on New Baltimore station.
- Continuing to work on Orlean station. At this time construction management contracts are being reviewed in preparation to go out to bid on soft costs. A private-public partnership is being considered for this project.

Public Education/Relations

- EMS week there will be events going on at EMS 1. Special events will be held each day. A proclamation acknowledging EMS week was received from the BOS.
- The public education trailer has been moved to county garage. It has been repaired enough that it can be carefully moved to the fairgrounds. The parts will be ordered to completely repair the axle.
- Assistance is needed to cover First Fridays, Warrenton Day event & the Fauquier fair.

EMS/REMS Council

- Next meeting will be 06/12/2012. Several new SOP's will be discussed; including SOP for use of Lucas 2, introduction of new equipment in to the system, pilot programs & course fees/enrollment. Please be certain to have a representative present.
- L. Clegg & A. Armstrong met with the director, Wayne Perry, of the REMS council. Mr. Perry reviewed the financial state of the council. At the present time Fauquier contributed \$8500 annually. Mr. Perry told that the FY '13 budget was in place & was "flat". However, the REMS request for increased funding would be considered when the FY '14 budget was planned.

Communications/Electronics

- Code Messaging is moving along; working on finalizing a few things in the set up. Those included in initial set up are the sheriff's office (key personnel) & dispatch center.
- Due to issues with re-banding Minitor 4's, President Marable reported the FRA will continue to replace those Minitors with Minitor 5's.

Special operations

- The committee selected Race Systems as the vendor for new gas meters. The following meters will be purchased/distributed as follows:
 - 16 – Four gas meters will be purchased
 - 11 distributed to the engine companies
 - 3 to battalion chief vehicles
 - 2 spare
 - 6 – Five gas meters will be purchased
 - Placed on: R-1, R-2, R-7, R-9, Tower 1, Haz Mat 10
 - 9 – Single gas meters will be purchased
 - Distributed to the 9 EMS transport companies
 - Total cost for the project will be \$38-39,000. There is a 4 year warranty.
 - Trainings will be scheduled north, central & south. There will also be train the trainer program.

Insurance/Budget

- L. Clegg is working on reconciling the committee budgets. There will be little carryover funds from the FY '12 budget.
- Workers Compensation coverage will increase by \$12,000.
- Training division & L. Clegg are working diligently to collect funds for training.
- Reminder to submit 990's timely. K. Price reminded everyone that when completing the 990's be certain to put as many expenditures in the "operational" category as possible.

DFREM/Chief Billington

- Long range planning was discussed at the chiefs meeting. The first part of the planning strategy will be an online exercise. When this is completed, by the end of summer, the group will begin meeting to revise the current plan.
- Fauquier is not competitive in the fire/EMS hiring process. A review of salaries will be done. If anymore career positions are vacated, there may be a need to look at getting volunteers to staff a career unit. President Marable has suggested the possibility of hiring volunteers as "casual labor" to staff units. HR is reviewing this suggestion.

Chiefs Group

- Staffing issues were discussed.
- The SOG update was not done. This will be placed on the 06/2012 meeting agenda.

Public Safety

- Meeting was cancelled. There will be a special meeting before the next scheduled meeting.

Ambulance Billing

- There was a problem in capturing patient signatures. This problem has been corrected, & additional funds were release.
- The committee approved payment for an ambulance billing course for K. Strayer.
- It is anticipated that revenue collected by the end of the year will be \$1.3 million.

Old Business

- Four companies have not returned their Four for Life expenditure reports. L. Clegg has spoken to each delinquent station & the reports will be submitted by next week.
- Mileage checks will be distributed soon.

New Business

- Recruitment/retention report will be added to the agenda. Everyone got a report for each of their stations. This information is gathered from reports given to Sandy Chamberlin. Get the information to her ASAP if not up to date. An additional column listing the loss of members would be helpful. Any changes in the information should be emailed to S. Chamberlin ASAP.
- S. Strayer invited everyone to the car show in Goldvein on 05/28/2012. Orlean VFR will be holding a flea market on June 2nd.
- Elections were held. Jim Moore facilitated the election process.
 - President – Tom Marable was nominated by E. Payne. The nomination was seconded by K. Price.
 - S. Williams motioned the nominations be closed on the one name. The motion carried.
 - Tom Marable was unanimously elected to serve as President.
 - Vice President – K. Price was nominated by A. Martin. The nomination was seconded by A. Armstrong.
 - A. Armstrong motioned the nominations be closed on the one name. The motion carried.
 - Kristen Price was unanimously elected to serve as Vice President.
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Angela Armstrong was nominated by S. Williams. The nomination was seconded by E. Payne.
 - S. Strayer motioned the nominations be closed on the one name. The motion carried.
 - Angela Armstrong was unanimously elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2016 hours.

Angela Armstrong
Secretary, Fauquier County
Fire and Rescue Association