

Northampton County Fire/EMS Commission
April 29th, 2008
Eastville Fire Bingo Hall

President Eder Called the Meeting to Order: 19:02 hours

Rescue Captain Wilcox recorded minutes until the recording secretary arrived. Minutes of the March regular meeting were sent to members via email. A Motion the minutes to approve Made by Chief LeCato, Seconded by Chief Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call

Representatives from all stations provided a quorum. .

Also Present: The Honorable Larry Trala, from the Board of Supervisors
NCEMS Director; Ms. Hollye Carpenter
Mr. Jimmy Rowley; Eastern Shore 911 Center
Mr. Leon Trader, Trader Billing Services
A Guest from Atlantic Vol. Fire Company

Treasurer's Report:

Received a check from Town of Cape Charles
Account balance stands at: \$676.37

Correspondence

Received letter dated April 20th from Ms. Katie Nunez, county administrator, indicating that the names of Officers and participating members of this Commission submitted to the BOS were received and approved by the BOS. She also noted the Board's selection of Supervisor Larry Trala as the BOS representative to this Commission.

Fire – Related Issues - No Fire Related Issues.

EMS Issues

1. The EMS Director shared the minutes from the April 22nd Liaison Meeting
 - a. Her notes shared that “Plan B” was noted as the most viable option and encouraged the representatives at this meeting to forward this information to their stations to consider how this option might be implemented. The next liaison meeting will take place May 7th.
 - b. President Eder opened the floor for discussion about this Plan.
 - c. “Plan B” depends on volunteer stations funding to support this plan.
2. Rescue Captain Cathy (19) thanked Stations 15 and 17 for showing up at the DOA in April.
3. Concerns were made by Commission members about how to best deal with “frequent-flyer” calls.

Communication Issues

1. The Townsend tower has been fixed.
2. Jimmy Rowley detailed the EMS/Fire Personnel Communication Manual.
 - a. Safety concerns developed over an incident last month in Accomack Co.
 - b. Accomack Co. has yet to approve the manual at this time.

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- c. EMS personnel repeated last month's concern about communication between law enforcement and EMS responders concerning safety issues. Jimmy also raised concerns about territory concerns.
3. EMS Director Carpenter shared that interviews will continue for the 911 Commission Director.
 4. Jimmy shared his office was still waiting for the software upgrade to enhance text messaging services.

Training Center Issues - Nothing to report.

Old Business

1. President Leggett (19) brought forth the new Commission By-Laws. Rescue Captain Wilcox made the MOTION to accept the By-Laws as presented. Coming from a committee it did not require a second. There was no discussion. Following a Roll Call vote, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Hollye presented copies of Financial Statement for the Northampton Fire/Rescue Commission Station expenses FY 2007 (calendar year.)

New Business

1. Presentation from Trader's Billing Service

Mr. Leon Trader shared information he has received from attorney's and individual insurance companies billed for services such as HURST tool use. He shared that companies are saying that none of our companies have the right to bill without an ordinance. At this time all claims are denied pending an ordinance.

After his presentation discussion continued with Commission members.

Hollye said the EMS office has a blanket resolution to cover all EMS personnel. She felt it would be best to have one resolution to cover both Fire and EMS billing.

Amy made the MOTION, and Chief Jim (16) seconded the motion to move that one blanket resolution be made to petition the BOS to allow all Northampton Fire & EMS companies to bill for appropriate services. ROLL Call vote passed unanimously.

Station News - No station news

Motion to adjourn at 20:35 hours.
Next meeting May 27th 2008 - 17:00 hours
Eastville Volunteer Fire Bingo Hall – Dinner Provided

Respectfully Submitted
The Revd. Ernest Leatherbury Gardner, III