

Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 16 May 2018 / 18:12 / VBEMS Administration

ATTENDEES

Dave Coulling, Jay Kerr, Nancy Gregory, Korinne Islam, Bobby Hill, Ed Brazle, Kay Laws, Ed Leonard, Debi Leonard, David Wheeler, Jay Leach, Tom Reading, Tom Kiernan, Richard Doub, Chris Florio, and Julie Barnes

AGENDA

Welcome/Introductions- Dave Coulling

Approval of Minutes- Dave Coulling

Motion made to approve last meeting minutes, seconded, approved.

Department of EMS Report, Q&A- Chief Brazle

The department is still working to improve CAD, numerous issues have been identified, including mapping. This will be an ongoing project.

A medical-friendly shelter drill was held today. This was the first set up of a full field house deployment.

The city budget is complete. The mobile healthcare program will need a manager and will be further developed. It is uncertain how the program will look fully at this time.

A new Chief's Assistant has been hired, Jasmine will be Carrie Lavelle's replacement.

The Strategic Workshop was productive. Points made of what is important to focus on include leadership training, especially towards corporate and squad sustainability, and recruitment and retention with a reminder of Rock the Squads being held this coming weekend. More strategic planning meetings will be planned.

Questions about the approved budget-The approved Health Safety Officer position will be a chief level position. The Burton Station project is funded, but years out. Landstown Station, near the Landstown fuel depot, was proposed and is “unfunded”.

As of August 15, 2018, the department will stop dispatching the Squad Truck team. The team has been deemed not viable.

Treasurer’s Report- Nancy Gregory

On file.

Coordinator Reports

- Foundation Recruitment Coordinator- Bobby Hill

Local radio station personnel will be conducting ride alongs during EMS week in order to get a more personal view of EMS crews.

EMS day at Lynnhaven Mall will be Saturday from 10:00-15:00. Ambulances and squad truck will be present, personnel are welcomed.

Please push a social media presence and label pictures with station names so that they are found in searches.

A side note from Chief Brazle- Some stations have requested that observers not be placed with certain crews or individuals. This may not always be possible, but the department will attempt to work with the requests.

- Multi-squad Fund Drive Coordinator- Jay Kerr

The fund drive campaign may merge in with the Partners for Life Campaign for next year.

- Explorer Post- Jay Kerr

The Explorers will be getting a new name, as the group will no longer be associated with Boy Scouts of America. BSA has a fee of \$52 per person and it has been decided that the affiliation is not worth the amount. The group has been successful and will need station support in mentoring

their academy. Volunteers can contact Jay for further information. Melissa Zabutis from Volunteer Resources is helping to obtain insurance through the city. The new name has not yet been decided.

- Grant Workgroup- Jay Kerr

No report.

- Ambient CO Detector Coordinator- Chief Brazle

The grant was received and ultimately ended up with one extra device.

- EMS Week- Jay Kerr

Candy, chips, and other snacks have been secured for the stations. There are 19 buckets total and they are to be replenished daily.

- IT/Social Media/Website- Dave Coulling

Office 365 is up and running. Dave has been forming group email lists for ease of use. Email addresses can be created if any one would like one. The shared drive is still being worked on.

- MORB (Medical Oversight and Review Board) Committee-

The last scheduled meeting was cancelled and nothing further has been shared about scheduling another meeting.

- Supply Committee-

This is still a pertinent committee, however, there is nothing further to report.

- Fleet Committee-

This is still a pertinent committee, however, there is nothing further to report.

- Bylaws Committee-

Will schedule a meeting this month.

- College Student Status-

Jay Leach has asked if this will be a topic open for revision, per Chief Brazle, this policy will not be changed at this time.

Unfinished Business

- Rescue Council Position- Billing for Service

As previously discussed, representatives have had time to discuss the topics with their home stations. Discussion as to the specific verbiage, resolved in this format:

The Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. stands firm in its resolve that the City of Virginia Beach should not charge for our emergency medical transport services until we, at a future time and as a collective body, create an agreement between the City of Virginia Beach, Rescue Council and all associated Volunteer organizations.

Motion to approve this statement, seconded and passed unanimously by all present representation. Talking points will be developed and disbursed to help with potential questions.

- Rescue Council Position- Junior Members

Tabled until next meeting.

- Rescue Council Position- Stance on Ambulance Ownership

As previously discussed, representatives have had time to discuss the topics with their home stations.

The Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. stands firm in its resolve that our Volunteer Organizations should remain the sole provider of state certified ambulances for the provision of emergency medical transport services within the City of Virginia Beach under the umbrella of the Department of EMS.

Motion to approve this statement, seconded and passed unanimously by all present representation. Talking points will be developed and disbursed to help with potential questions.

New Business

- Special Events-

A request has been made to attempt to schedule special events for weekend dates when feasible. This may allow members a higher likelihood of being able to attend.

Station Reports/Announcements

- Station 1- cookouts are occurring and are open to all stations. Stop the Bleed classes are being planned.
- Station 2- will be present at the Lynnhaven Mall event Saturday.
- Station 4- has been in talks with RK Chevrolet for prices on trucks to replace Storm 4. Has talked to a bank to secure a loan for this purchase.
- Station 5- the ambulance which had been stolen and involved in the accident has been totalled. The ambulance's speed was estimated at 88mph and reportedly rolled four times, resulting in the stretcher and other equipment being totalled as well. The station is working with the insurance company.
- Station 6- nothing to report.
- Station 9- will be at the Lynnhaven Mall event Saturday.
- Station 13- not present.
- Station 14- preparing for the summer. The station is considering a teambuilding event at the Adventure Park.
- Station 16- the new ambulance 1622 is now in service. An ambulance is now being housed in the bay at Station 15. Personnel will be present at the Lynnhaven Mall event Saturday.
- Station 17- the new ambulance has been ordered.
- MRT- no report.

- Events coming up:

May 24, 2018- Awards Ceremony

July 14, 2018- Regional Awards Ceremony.

Adjourned at 19:56