



Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

November 20th, 2019: 1808-1930

EMS Headquarters

Minutes:

Members in attendance: Jay Kerr (R01), Demetrius Devore (R02), Kay Laws (R02), David Coulling (R05), Paul Kamus (R09), Bob Jasinowski (R13), Travis Smith (R14), John Neumayer (R14) Korinne Islam (R16), Scott Burns (R17), David Wheeler (MRT), Gina Benefiel (Foundation), Bobby Hill (Foundation), Ed Brazle (VBEMS), Will Shakelford (MEDICS)

Call to Order: 1808

Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Minutes– David Coulling

- Korinne Islam motions for approval of minutes, seconded by Paul Kalmus, approved unanimously.

President's Report – David Coulling

-GAP Insurance

- Rescue Council was unable to submit a grant to cover the cost of the larger GAP insurance coverage in time however will look into submitting for one next grant cycle to support squads.

-End of Year Agency Reports

- Please submit the requested end of year Agency reports as soon as possible. The plan for these was to present them to The Rescue Squad Foundation to inform them of all of the Squads activities and to expand their view to other agencies outside of just R14.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Coulling (presenting for Nancy Gregory)

- Checking: \$2,585.64 || Savings: \$ 20,210.50 || Total: \$22,796.14

Department of EMS Report, Q&A – Chief Ed Brazle

- Request made for each Agency to please check their respective mailboxes at ADMIN and collect their mail
- Open House events are done for the year, EMS and the Recruitment/Retention Committee will regroup and evaluate the effectiveness of the event
- “Fish Night” will be held the Sunday of MLK week, more information to come in future
- Heart/Lung bill is being pursued for paid staff, there is potential support for it to be opened to Volunteers as well, however that is u in the air.
- The report for the City’s Independent Audit of Building 2’s events show that EMS was seen in a favorable light. We are in the process of looking at the recommendations and lessons learned.



-An email will be sent out in the coming weeks in regard to an after-action discussion and presentation on the response and Report for the Building 2 incident. This will only be open to Active operational members. If the initial 2 "trainings" fill, we will open more in order to have members be able to attend.

- If you see members are struggling with the aftereffects of May 31st please direct them to the VBSTRONG center which is now open.

-Upcoming strategic planning workshop on January 25th, leadership from squads, RC, Chiefs, and MRT?? Meeting planned for 0830-Lunch. This meeting is to discuss where we are at as an agency and where we plan to go.

-VBFD- Applied for an Agency license with the State. This request is Dead in the water, they will not be receiving one. The applications were placed on Hold by the state, then withdrawn by Fire, then rejected by the state.

-Data Reporting system-

-Fire was going to move to Imagetrend and got a contract for it, however does not appear to suit all facets that they need it to and plans to back away from imagetrend

- With how the system is set up EMS is able to review all Fire incidents and Fire can do the Same with EMS incidents

-each agency has a Super-User set up that is capable of giving other users specific rights to reporting data.

-Fire is unable to access EMS Training records, however, does have access to Names, Certifications, Calls, and Reports

-there is a Log of who views and edits each and every report made

-Allegations were made of EMS taking credit for procedures and actions taken by VBFD on scenes when reports are made.

-VBFD does not has access to Provider Demographic information

- Grievance Policy:

-No update at this time, Will check back in with where it sits and report back

-City Garage Update:

-Will send out to Council

-Medical Operations Steering Committee (MOS)-Korinne Islam

- Quikclot has been approved as the only Hemostatic agent

-11/14 meeting was canceled by Chief Hundley

-Training Steering Committee- Demetrius Devore

-No Report, Next meeting held in January or February

-CURED BOARD- Demetrius Devore

-No Report

-Fleet/Supply Committees:

-Bound Tree contract for the City has been Authorized for use by Squads if needed

Coordinator Reports-

-Rescue Foundation-

-Administration Report- Gina Benefiel



- Grant Applications for 2020 letters are due out the second week of December- Awards letters
- Foundation Survey for motivation sent out
 - detailed report is available
 - 15% reply rate
 - 3 majors reasons shown: Altruism, Self-Benefit, and past experiences or personal connections
 - 50% of respondents referred or heard from friends and Family about the service
 - 27% of respondents had military affiliations
- Retention:
 - Realizes a shift to Retention as well is needed for our service
 - Satisfaction survey will be going out within a week
 - Looking at an Exit Survey
- Foundations Scholarship will be opening within next 4 weeks
- *Rescue Lines* has a 50% readership/opening rate
- Recruitment Report- Bobby Hill**
 - Analytic showed uptick in listeners and viewers around the advertising bursts
 - 5/31 showed a big jump in applications to VBEMS
 - 2020: Board in December for “Recruiting Budget”, get on social media
 - # of provider agencies 3 years ago in Virginia was 635 today there are 585 provider agencies, that is a loss of 30 Volunteer agencies in the last 4 years
- Bylaws- Demetrius Devore (Not Present)**
 - No report
- Multi-Squad Fund Drive Coordinator- Jay Kerr**
 - Fund drives are in the mail
 - Photoshoot for the fund drive is complete
 - If you want photos for your unit get with Gina for the photos
 - photos are not action shots but “Hero poses”
- Recruitment Coordinator- Jay Kerr**
 - Next meeting is January 9th, 2020
- Jr. Rescue Squad Liaison- Jay Kerr**
 - Is In full swing for the year
 - would like more adult participation if possible as the program is growing
 - meets 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, meeting on 2nd Sunday held at EMS admin and the meeting on the 4th Sunday is used for Station Visits and events
 - Still need more options for service hours
- EMS Week Coordinator- Jay Kerr**
 - Nothing at this time, roughly a year out from next EMS Week

Unfinished Business-



-Ambulance Standardization: Meeting went well, we are doing more right than wrong as agencies. A Survey has been sent out to paid medic staff for feedback, 24 replies came back. The next step will be surveying volunteer medics for feedback on layouts.

-Budget Review:

- \$300 will continue to be the dues for 2020, Vote for this will be held in December
- Korinne Islam motions to approve budget for 2020 with change of quickbooks line item expense to \$50 --- Approved by vote

-Nominations Committee:

Nominations for the 2020 Board of Directors for vote in December are as follows:

- President: Dave Coulling (R05) and Matt Chiaradia (R14)
- Vice President: David Wheeler (MRT)
- Treasurer: Bonita Teaford (R16)
- Secretary: David Wheeler (MRT)
- Member at Large: Demetrius Devore (R02) Nominated by Floor

Suggestion made to revise bylaws to move future elections for 2021 and beyond to March so it follows most Squads internal elections, so most current representatives can be considered.

Medical Trends and Issues- Group Talk

-can we investigate pediatric sized king airways as a back up for intubation?

2005-2015

Station Reports-

- Station 1:** Haunted house went well, we had 50 volunteers and 700 attendants, our new roof is complete, we have a contract to have a new HVAC unit installed in the new year.
- Station 2:** Trunk or treat at church across the street, fundraiser at McDonald's home and Garden on 11/23
- Station 4:** Not present
- Station 5:** Santa event will be moved to Courthouse Horizons, our internal elections led to 1 change in board members
- Station 6:** not present
- Station 9:** Held our Banquet last week, our new truck will arrive in January
- Station 13:** Our new ambulance is out on the streets
- Station 8/14:** we have a new Mural on the side of our building, 50 people attended community day, we are updating our meeting hall, CART14 is being replaced, our new ADMIN and Support trucks will be delivered in coming months, Welcome John Nuemayer as our New Chief
- Station 16:** 500 Kids attended operation Safe Haven, elections resulted in Kate Dave as our new President and Nick Rice as our new Captain
- Station 17:** Our elections are being held tomorrow
- MRT:** We are transitioning into more Retention efforts than Recruitment. We are now at 51 operation members and working to keep them.

December Special Meeting 12/18/2019 at 1800 VBEMS Headquarters

Meeting Adjourned- 1930