

# *Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.*

May 20th, 2020

Virtual meeting

## **Minutes:**

**Members in attendance:** Jay Kerr (R01), Kay Laws (R02), David Coulling (R05), Andrew Rabideau (R05), Paul Kamus (R09), John Neumayer (R14), Brian Abeyta (R14), Bonita Teaford (R16), Joan Davis (R17), Julie Barnes (R17), David Wheeler (MRT), Bobby Hill (Foundation), Ed Brazle (VBEMS),

Call to order: 1810

- **Welcome/Introductions** – David Coulling
- **Approval of Minutes** - David Coulling
  - Minutes Approved for Previous meeting
- **President's Report** – David Coulling
- **Treasurer's Report** - Bonita Teaford
- **Department of EMS Report, Q&A** – Chief Ed Brazle
  - Uncertain timeline to returning to normal; Office stay closed until at least June 10<sup>th</sup>; EMT classes and in boarding still going; staff working from home;
  - after Covid Logistics hub will be set up for PPE
  - happy to have been able to provide meals during past few months, most paid for by department and foundation
  - awards will be in video format in June
  - Car tax waived for qualifying members if you leave you will get billed; refunds will be issued to those that have paid
  - We are down 15% of providers due to COVID with employer requirements and health issues; will need to engage these members in future
  - Don't plan on Special event revenue and department has minimal if any funds to provide to organizations this year. Department has been cut.
- **Medical Operations Steering Committee** – No report
- **Training Steering Committee** – No report
- **CURED Board Committee** – No report
- **Fleet Committee** – No report
- **Supply Committee** – No Report
- **Coordinator Reports**
  - **Rescue Foundation**
    - **Administrative Report** – Gina Benefiel
      - Not present
    - **Recruitment Coordinator** – Bobby Hill
      - April, may, June events were canceled
      - A company has reached out to do a mil. Vet career fair
      - March recruiting drive got a few days run then was pulled due to COVID issues
      - VB is in great shape compared to other volunteer agencies in the state that are hurting bad
  - **Bylaws** – New Business

- **Multi-Squad Fund Drive Coordinator** – Jay Kerr
  - Mailers go out this week, got it put together in time, so it was not delayed
  - Stripped down version, still personalized for squads
  - Your current funders are more likely to donate larger sums right now due to current situations
- **Recruitment Coordinator** – Jay Kerr
  - No meetings since COVID set in
- **Jr. Rescue Squad Liaison** – Jay Kerr
  - On Hiatus, communication still going out but no meetings
  - Re-entry will be based on what schools do, likely not until Fall
- **EMS Week Coordinator** – Jay Kerr
  - Recommend rolling the funds into some other tangible gift, candy would go unnoticed at this time.
  - Little manpower for distribution

- **Unfinished Business**

- GAP Insurance – Increase coverage?

Rescue 1: Wishes to Upgrade	Rescue 9: Does not wish to upgrade
Rescue 2: Does not wish to upgrade	Rescue 13: No response
Rescue 4: Wishes to upgrade	Rescue 14: Wishes to upgrade
Rescue 5: Wishes to upgrade	Rescue 16: Wishes to upgrade
Rescue 6: No response	Rescue 17: Wishes to upgrade

- **New Business**

- By-laws revisions- Election change from December to march.
  - Paul Kalmus, John Neumayr, Joan Davis for Bylaws committee
  - Members needed for annual by-laws review
  - Bylaw change – Elections

- **-EMS week funds appropriated:**

- -ideas?
- -Challenge coins, ribbons, give out?
  - -Hold funds to pass to EMS for awards and recognition?
  - -Roll funds for EMS week and the L3Harris money together for bigger gesture? And table for later thought

- **Squad Reports** – Brief Reports from each Squad present

- **R1-** New A/C, new Roof, new bunkrooms, kitchen, and training room to come, new exterior paint coming; Banquet was canceled for 2019
- **R2-** proceeding on; several providers on leave
- **R4-** not present
- **R5-** moving along lost approx. 15 members due to COVID
- **R6-** not present
- **R9-** newer members asked to be on leave due to COVID; new ambulance in possession waiting on registration
- **R13**
- **R14-** new utility truck, new admin car, new cart 14 arrived, sold old admin and utility trucks. Cart runs stood down right now. 25% of members on leave due to COVID; newer members really stepping up; joined fund drive; appreciate Chief Hundley's weekly meetings; Rescue council purpose dimensioned greatly during these meetings due to lack of voice at these meetings due to no unified voice; Need to have unified voice with leadership for bigger issues; back to 8/14/3/ and wherever the city wants them. Back to stationing first 5 crews at 14, 8, 14, 13, 8, city
- **R16-** Moving along, trying to keep trucks on the street
- **R17-** new utility vehicle be here in a month same as R14s new one, Parades, no Bingo this year, Pig-picking on hold until July

- **MRT- Beach and boat patrols**
- **Announcements / Dates to Remember**
- **Adjourn**

**The next Rescue Council Meeting will be held on  
7/15/2020 at 6:00 pm at the EMS Office (Tentative)**