



# Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

## Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, December 20, 2017

**Date/time:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 7:30 PM  
**Location:** Virginia Beach EMS Admin4160 Virginia Beach Blvd.Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
**Purpose/notes:** Scheduled election meeting per bylaws.  
**Chaired by:** VbRescueCouncil President  
**Minuted rec. by:** VbRescueCouncil Secretary  
**Status:** Minutes approved

### Attendance

**Present:** Julie Barnes, Chief Ed Brazle, David Clement, David Coulling, Chris Daly, Demetrius Devore, Richard Doub, Chris Florio, Nancy Gregory, Bobby Hill, Debi Leonard, Ed Leonard, Division Chief Kevin Lipscomb, VbRescueCouncil President, Jim Rose, VbRescueCouncil Treasurer, David Wheeler  
**Absent:** Debbie Coley-Mills, Joan Davis, Deputy Chief Tom Green, Eric Hoyt, Bob Jasinowski, Jay Kerr, Tom Kiernan, MICHAEL MCCRACKEN, John Ormond, VbRescueCouncil Secretary, Deputy Chief Jason Stroud, VbRescueCouncil VicePresident, Deb Volzke  
**Invited guests:** Chuck Crews (present), Misty Gersley (present), Jay Leach (present), Bill Riggs (present), John Singleton (present)

### Meeting documents

- 2018 Rescue Council Budget (approved).xlsx
- Virginia Beach EMS Proposal 082917.pdf

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to order

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##### 1.A. Attendance

**Status:** Completed

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##### 1.B. Review Agenda

**Status:** Completed

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##### 1.C. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

**Status:** Completed

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##### 1.D. Department of EMS report, Q&A

**Status:** Completed

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## 1.E. President's report

**Status:** Completed

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## 1.F. Treasurer's report

**Status:** Completed

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## 1.G. Ongoing Vehicle Insurance Concerns

Rescue Council officers, reps, and alternates,

Attached is the proposal from Chesterfield Insurers that we discussed at last night's Rescue Council meeting. Its purpose is to effectively reduce the deductible on the total loss of a vehicle from the current \$50,000 to just \$5000. It would cost roughly \$443 per vehicle per year. It only covers ambulances and squad trucks, because they are the only vehicles covered by the city's insurance. The Chesterfield proposal includes some incidental coverage for other losses as well.

Please note: I have not discussed this with Chesterfield, but I believe that due to the nature of insurance, and the need to pool those at risk into a group in order to make the coverage financially feasible, the proposal is only good if all squads in our system agree as a group to pay the entire annual premium. In other words, either all squads buy in, or the premium might go up (or the proposal might be withdrawn). This is why I recommend that Rescue Council buy the insurance policy and pass the appropriate costs along to the squads.

I have taken for action the task of getting this reviewed by the city's Risk Management Administrator, and of reporting back to you. Thank you for considering what we have so far.

-- Kevin

Formerly - Totaled Squad Owned Assets

From Richard Doub: Separately, in regards to the letter that was sent out by EMS asking for each station to sign it and return it. I strongly suggest that no one sign this till we have a chance to meet to consolidate concerns and clarify points like:

1. Getting a copy of the agreement this is replacing and so we can read what changed?
2. If a city employee is driving a vehicle and wreck's it, who pays the deductible?
3. If someone who has not been checked off on a vehicle from another stations jumps in squad 16, Storm 4, Cart 5, etc..., we can't stop them from driving it, per this letter. So if they wreck it or damage it beyond a economically



feasible repair point, who pays the bill. If we can't control who get's in this equipment, how can we control a outcome? Who will maintain the list of who is allowed to drive what? What are the "City administrative and training requirements" that are in place, allowing members to operate each classification of vehicles?

4. We have no control over our maintenance, but we have to pay the first \$50,000 of a wreck. What if maintenance caused or contributed to the wreck?

5. Who is allowed to drive the MCI trucks or the city MCI bus?

6. If the city puts a member from another station in a truck from your station. They wreck it, who pays the deductible? What if the drivers station can't afford to pay it? Do we have to require each station and the city to show proof of insurance to use a asset?

7. What coverage or deductibles are in place for other asset's like carts, trailers, utility trucks, etc.....

8. Who pays the deductible for 404 members, that volunteer directly for the EMS office, with no station ties.

In my opinion, we need a copy of the risk management binder spelling out all of our current coverage, so we can study this prior to signing a new agreement. I formally asked for this in the last meeting and assume we will have it next week. If not we need to get a ETA for this to be provided to us. We need to have a closed door meeting with no city staff, so we can discuss this and come out with a unified position on this, in my opinion.

**Status:** Parked

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## 2. Unfinished business

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### 2.A. 2018 Budget Proposal

**Status:** Completed

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### 2.B. 2018 Election of Officers

**Status:** Completed

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## 3. New business

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## 4. Closing business

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### 4.A. Station reports

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### 4.B. Next Meeting Date

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#### 4.B.1. Next Meeting January 17th

**Status:** Completed

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