



Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

January 16, 2019: 1800-1952

EMS Headquarters

Minutes:

Members in attendance: Demetrius Devore (R02), Paul Kalmus (R09), Dave Clement (R13), Nancy Gregory (R06), David Wheeler (MRT), Bobby Hill (VBRSF), Tom Reading (R01), Tanya Barnes (R04), Jay Kerr (R01), Kay Lewis (R02), Korinne Islam (R16), Julia Barnes (R17), Kevin Lipscomb (VBDEMS)

Call to Order: 1810

Welcome/Introductions – Demetrius Devore

Approval of Minutes - Demetrius Devore

-Motion to accept December's minutes made, seconded and approved.

1810-1815

President's Report – Demetrius Devore

-Pre-written statement distributed to those in attendance and read aloud due to president's absence.

1815-1816

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Gregory

-Report On File.

1816-1834

Department of EMS Report, Q&A – Division Chief Kevin Lipscomb

-Proposed city budget items mention during the November meeting i.e.-EMT Advance class at training Center and staffing for Burton Station have not been shutdown to date.

- Oceanfront lifeguarding contract with Virginia Beach Life Saving (VBLS) approved 1/15/2019

-Money owed to individual squads for auctioning of old response vehicles is now available through VBDEMS.

-State inspection date coming up for all city ambulances: March 20th, 2019

-Bi-Annual OMD agreements distributed to Squad Leadership for signatures- Changes include updating of "Quality Management" section to expand upon previous section.

-Fleet/Supply Committees: will now meet 2-3 times a year not monthly, next meeting for Fleet Committee scheduled for 1/24/2019, Supply Committee meeting to convene in February.

-MORB Committee- City plans to purchase and issue the new CPAP devices in the following quantities: 2 per ambulance, 1 per Firetruck. Department plans to replace these supplies until such time individual squads can self-purchase. This process is currently being



held up by City purchasing office. MORB is also currently examining the process of optimizing Cardiac Arrest treatment methods, specifically reviewing the current "Pit Crew" method.

-Proposed Draft policies: Council presented with draft policies by MORB and the Medical Training Steering Committee.

-Discussion-

-Chris Florio: would like to see more Volunteer representation in both of these processes as opposed to 2:7 representation across VBEMS, PD, and FD representation.

-Agreed upon by Council that representation on these 2 committees is seen as an "Executive" level and thus less members present, appointed Volunteer representative should be appointed from Rescue Council Executive Board OR a designee appointed by the Council.

-Motion presented to Council to accept both the MORB and Medical Steering Committee policies as submitted and presented by Chief Brazle, seconded, approved.

1835-1905

Coordinator Reports-

-Rescue Foundation-

-Administration Report-

-No Report

-Recruitment Report- Bobby Hill

-Foundation has approved continued funding for recruitment

-Just completed 3 Day at the Hampton Roads International Auto Show with a recruitment booth and VAVRS's Cadillac. Bobby extends a thank you to: R02, R05, R09, R13, and R14 for assistance staffing the booth during the show.

-Recruitment efforts and focus are primarily being made on Gen Y (1980-1994) and Gen Z (1995-Current) and secondary focus being made on those Age 18-34

-Ambient Carbon Monoxide Detector Coordinator- Demetrius Devore

-Project received grant from Foundation, have not yet received letter or funds in order to get started.

-Bylaws- Demetrius Devore

-President and Vice-President have been in email communication back and forth updating bylaws; these are currently available by request. Draft of updated bylaws will be available at March meeting.

-Multi-Squad Fund Drive Coordinator- Jay Kerr

-Fund Drive has just been mailed out, next meeting will be Late February for starting the May process.

-Still looking to get all squads involved with this effort

-"Partners for Life" campaign now titled "Virginia Beach Volunteer Public Awareness and Marketing Strategies"- This group may affect the 2020 fund drive process

-Photo Shoot for Recruitment and fundraising purposes being planned

-Recruitment Coordinator- Tom Reading

-VBDEMS will be holding monthly open houses highlighting 1 of the 10 Rescue Squads and MRT, with plan to host R06/R13 somewhere in



Pungo to reach their intended community. This is a turnkey event where the department will supply concessions; Stop the Bleed instructors, Hands Only CPR instructors, Pulse Point demos and more. Squads welcomed and encouraged to provide instructors for these and bring equipment and recruitment material. Squads should collectively advertise not just for their event but for each other's events to promote city wide recruitment goals.

-Jr. Rescue Squad Liaison- Jay Kerr

-Recently received approval on proposed new Logo will be ordering apparel soon to issue to participants and for participants to attend City CPR classes.

-Participant will be issued a uniform and ID Badge

-Current participation averages 14 kids per night during meetings held on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month.

-Group is still looking for Help from those that can consistently devote time to help teach on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The group would also like each squad to host the group on the 2nd Saturday of each month to assist with chores, cleaning, station work, etc. for volunteer hours.

-Will be participating in this year's Pungo Strawberry festival to assist with first aid.

-The Jr. Squad would like to seek an Official Decree announcing and associating the program with VBDEMS.

-currently looking into joining HOSA in efforts to allow participants to enter competitions to use skills and advertise the group.

-Looking into possibility of 16+ y/o participant to ride observer shifts with parental consent and limitations on amount of time allowed on shift.

-EMS Week Coordinator- Jay Kerr

-EMS week will be May 19th-25th, 2019

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Best Practices-

Kevin Lipscomb- Medical Treatment Centers are being encouraged to utilize commercial ambulance services prior to calling 911 for non-emergent calls. Department is looking to provide pads with list of commercial providers to Medical Treatment Centers to help mitigate number of non-emergent calls being received.

1909-1910

Unfinished Business-

-Rescue Council Student Awards- Not finalized to date, still awaiting feedback from VBDEMS training Staff.

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New Business-

-Replacement of CURED Board Member-

-New Alternate and requirements discussed, to be presented to each squad during business meeting and present names back to RC during March meeting.



- Chris Florio Nominates self as possible appointee
- Tabled until March meeting
- MCI becoming 501 3(c)
 - MCI → “Tidewater First Response Support Service Inc.”
 - Team to be comprised of both EMT and non-EMT staff
 - statement of understanding on Chief Brazle’s Desk
 - looking to apply to join Rescue Council in future and officially established
 - Questions asked as to what specific role this new team would fulfill that is not covered by current MCI and Departments Support Services Team, along with many other questions
 - Vice President and Council Requests that Greg Postlewait the current head of this group attend the March or May meeting in order to answer Council’s questions and present more in-depth information about the unit.

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Medical Trends and Issues- Group Talk

- Stokes and STEMI call 15min on scene time is being achieved at a 60% rate, setting goal of 70% across squads. On scene times for Trauma calls have been good.
- Fire Department moving to digital short forms instead of paper that will be able to download into EMR with vitals and other gathered information.

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Station Reports-

- Station 1:** Upcoming open house at EMS on 1/26/2019, RSAF grant was denied, looking to get new roof for station this year, and intersection in front of station being redone soon.
- Station 2:** station banquet around the corner being held at Top Golf
- Station 4:** station banquet around the corner as well
- Station 5:** Not Present
- Station 6:** No Report
- Station 9:** RSAF grant request for ambulance denied
- Station 13:** No Report
- Station 8/14:** Not Present
- Station 16:** No Report
- Station 17:** Survived their banquet, appointed new Booster Chairman, appointed new Board and squad officers, note to other stations that when borrowing ambulance please return them with same amount of equipment they had when they were taken to be used and not to trash them
- MRT:** Polar Plunge being held on 2/8 & 2/9 MRT is lead water agency and will have other teams from around Hampton Roads, North Carolina, and Richmond assisting with water safety line. Will be at Virginia Beach Boat Show with recruitment booth

March Meeting 3/20/2019 at 1800 VBEMS Headquarters

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Meeting Adjourned