



Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

May 15th, 2019: 1815-2005

EMS Headquarters

Minutes:

Members in attendance: Jay Kerr (R01), Tom Reading (R01), Demetrius Devore (R02), Kay Laws (R02), Tanya Barnes (R04), David Coulling (R5), Nancy Gregory (R6), Paul Kalmus (R9), Brian Abeyta (R14), Korinne Islam (R16), Julie Barnes (R17), David Wheeler (MRT), Gina Benefiel (Foundation), Bobby Hill (Foundation), Ed Brazle (VBEMS)

Call to Order: 1815

Welcome/Introductions – David Coulling

Approval of Minutes – David Coulling

-1815-Motion to accept March's minutes made, seconded and approved.

1815-1818

President's Report – David Coulling

- This year we have had great inter-squad working relationships, hope to see a continuation of this
- reminder there are 3 more regular council meetings before next year's elections, start thinking if you want a board position
- Kudos to Demetrius Devore for filling in for me at recent meeting and Academy Graduation
- I met with Scott Kalis regarding CO monitors, more on this later

1818-1821

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Gregory

-Checking: \$15,482.73 || Savings: \$20,207.81; Report on File

1821-1830

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

-SITW is over and we all survived! Following the success of this large scale event we are expecting large scale events to become a normal occurrence. \$48,000 has been donated to EMS by VWG, \$44,000 of this is to be distribute amongst squads based on their levels of involvement, at this time totals have not been decided.

- Jay Kerr (R01) asked is there could be a survey following large events to allow members to voice single largest "gripe" each or voice how they feel it went
- There will be a Zoo Saturday for EMS, approx. 400 tickets given out
- EMS Awards ceremony will be May 23rd, 2019 at Fire training Center
- Expectation during recognition events: We will do our best to rotate crews during appreciation events however staffing calls is still ultimately the priority



- 8 new medic positions in the budget for approval, set for hire in spring 2020
- Body armor has been ordered for each ambulance and is on its way
- Medical Operations Steering Committee (MOS)**-Korinne Islam
 - Not much to report
 - 6/2 meeting has been canceled awaiting new date
- Training Steering Committee**- Demetrius Devore
 - nothing to report
 - 6/6 next meeting
- CURED BOARD**- Demetrius Devore
 - 11 cases; 4 for review
 - CURED being reviewed for feasibility
- Fleet/Supply Committees**: No news
- MORB Committee**- No News

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Coordinator Reports-

-Rescue Foundation-

-Administration Report- Gina Benefiel

- Held dinner with squad leadership to cover market research. Research showed little awareness of what our system really is and a high apathy for system of volunteers from the general public
- Foundation spearheading campaign and cost to get our collective mission out to the public.
- get concept for market campaign from 3rd party professional organization, expected to be kicked back late summer 2019
- Foundation has a recruitment committee consisting of Foundation members and duty members
- electronic survey to come out in 4 weeks from foundation to EMS members about motivations and deterrents for recruitment and retention
- Jar Kerr (R01) noted we should survey those leaving the system not just those in it
- Rescue Lines- 60% open rate which is great!

-Recruitment Report- Bobby Hill

- 2nd burst of recruitment ads just finished
- EMS week- 11 radio stations, Pandora radio, channel 10, sky4 TV, WHRO all have paid ads running
- 36% AIC live outside of Virginia Beach borders currently
- 48% of those in "Training Phases" live outside of Virginia Beach borders currently
- LIVE rescue Monday Night recruitment posts- Get on the hype while its out there

-Ambient Carbon Monoxide Detector Coordinator- Demetrius Devore

- Yes, we should keep up the program its great
- To upgrade to where the OSHA office wants us is a lot of money
- new device on the market ours is old and out
- Do we want to continue with current process or come up with a new one?



- Approx. startup cost will be \$10000 at roughly \$500 a unit
- do we go with "check out" equipment or make standard on every truck
- Jay Kerr (R01) Motions to consider CO program Viable and to consider continuing research to keep program alive. Motion seconded and passed.

-Bylaws- Demetrius Devore

- Motion to accept all changes presented at last regular meeting made. Motion Seconded and passed

-Multi-Squad Fund Drive Coordinator- Jay Kerr

- Invoices being sent out soon
- Photoshoot not done in time for fund drive, pulled photos from squad social media pages for use in drive
- Costs cut this round, 6 squads participated

-Recruitment Coordinator- Jay Kerr

- Moving to quarterly meetings, looking at Volunteer lifecycle, observers and incentives (i.e- challenge coins, shirts, etc.)

-Jr. Rescue Squad Liaison- Jay Kerr

- If more Badged providers (2 per squad) can't step up to assist there will be no more junior rescue squad come fall
- \$2000+ close out check due to Junior Squads from RC
- Could use Support team members for Victims or help teaching
- Helping with Pungo Strawberry festival again this year
- 2nd Saturday service, 4-5kids to help clean and do chores around stations for volunteer service hours, reach out to coordinate this
- May 31st, 2019- Rock Climbing trip in Richmond

-EMS Week Coordinator- Jay Kerr

- EMS week will be May 19th-25th, 2019
- Bowls and Snacks coming out for each squads

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Unfinished Business-

- GAP Insurance:
 - 50k Insurance 17k cost total at \$450 per ambulance per station
 - 300k insurance 54k cost total at \$1000 per ambulance per station
- Forward questions to Dave

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New Business-

- High Visibility Vests: Special events
 - Request for Grant from Foundation
 - Provide uniform appearance and uniform for events
 - EMS may already be working on this as there are numerous different vests already out there
 - Motion for Rescue Council to support the purchase of a Cache of Standardized Safety Vests for use in Special Events- Motion Seconded and Passed

Medical Trends and Issues- Group Talk

- Nothing New

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Station Reports-



- Station 1:** Blood Drives, Cook outs, and elections around the corner
- Station 2:** May 5th @ Grand Affairs fundraisers earned money, will host another event this fall
- Station 4:** 5/23 Mermaid day at Winery, Kroger Day on Saturdays, and Quarterly event reach out to feed the homeless
- Station 5:** Strawberry Festival next weekend, Closed on FOP lodge now the “Court House Horizons”, old Special Operations Building issues- issues reported to zoning/city assessors recently
- Station 6:** No Report
- Station 9:** Bill Black awarded for longest running active member
- Station 13:** Not Present
- Station 8/14:** Thank you all for your support recently with our recent losses; special events are in full swing, feel free to come help out; Thank you to everyone for coming out and helping to supper the SITW event in our area; MCI truck now relocated from R21 to R14
- Station 16:** Hosting an event for members and families this weekend
- Station 17:** June 8th squad appreciation day at Creed Ruritan Club; BINGO June 12th for 10 weeks
- MRT:** Membership: 23 released members, 2 new Admin members, 13 interns, 11 new applications, 9 applicants in LIMBO, and 7 currently in testing on track for 60 members as of June; MRT is now supplementing some staffing with Marine Medics as we move into our busy season; MRT program has a total of 12 divers in training either as initial certification or continuing education.

July Meeting 7/17/2019 at 1800 VBEMS Headquarters

Meeting Adjourned-2005