



# Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

## Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

**Date/time:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Started: 6:08 PM Ended: 8:10 PM  
**Location:** Virginia Beach EMS Admin4160 Virginia Beach Blvd.Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
**Purpose/notes:** Regular scheduled meeting  
**Chaired by:** VbRescueCouncil President  
**Minuted rec. by:** VbRescueCouncil Secretary  
**Status:** Minutes distributed

### Attendance

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

### Meeting documents

8 documents attached to agenda items below

### 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

**Resolution #:**

**Moved:** Richard Doub

**Seconded:** Debi Leonard

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

Vacancies - Jamelle is back

Medic resigned, been replaced.

New 6 are in training/precepting.

Will ramp up 9 - 9 shift.

Shifts moved to 8 shifts - some all nights, some all days, some floaters. Captains bound to shifts.

1425 - Council paid deductible to cover cash flow loss. City has made good on all 4 ambulances lost.

In new building - Dedication 10:30 AM this Saturday 11/18

Bleeding control kits are out

**Status:** Completed

- Cart15-Notes.pdf
  - R&Rupdate2017.pdf
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#### 1.E. Treasurer's report

**Status:** Completed

- NOV Balance Sheet Report (1).pdf
  - NOV Profit and Loss Report.pdf
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#### 1.F. President's report

**Status:** Completed

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#### 1.G. Coordinator reports

CO Monitors have been distributed - have 9 vehicles left that need checked - Have one unit left.

RC owns this again. Will continue to monitor.

Be aware - CO monitors need to be tested per risk occupational health. Are they reliable?

**Status:** Completed

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##### 1.G.1. Foundation Recruitment Coordinator

Final year end surge to coordinate with Find Drive.

2018 budget is being finalized

Kitty is retiring to be replaced by Gina Benefield



Looking forward to good work from her.

Websites being updated - look great.

Share each others posts - at least like.

Our target Audience is using social media.

Social media training.

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.G.2. Multi-squad Fund Drive Coordinator

Mailer should be hitting mailboxes this week.

Cost for OPVRS went up a total of 20% this current fund drive, with the Vendor fees rising 58%. The Vendor did come back and provide a discount to OPVRS, but two things should be investigated:

Did costs for each Squad involved increase?

Do we think it is time to take this project back out to bid and consider other options?

Doub - Let's look at it.

Need to meet and discuss in the coming year.

Jay Kerr will organize a follow up meeting - and potentially serve coorddinator.

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.G.3. Recruitment Coordinator

Next Recruiting Workgroup Meeting - Monday November 27 @ Plaza

**Status:** Completed

- RR-Committee MEETING MINUTES Sep 28 2017.pdf
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### 1.G.4. Explorer Post Liaison

**Status:** Completed

- Post Report Nov 2017.txt
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## 1.H. Best practices

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.H.1. Asset Insurance

Florio looking at Code 3 to get a competitive quotation and will email to RC reps when he gets it



Lipscomb said initial City review was positive but waiting for official word from AIG (which may never come)

Chesterfield will also provide bonding for Board Members and Officers.

Going to push forward with Ambulances.

Lipscomb will discuss it with Kevin Duck.

Looking at Early January for decision.

**Status:** Completed

- Virginia Beach EMS Proposal 082917.pdf
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## 2. Unfinished business

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### 2.A. 2018 Budget Proposal

No updates at this time.

Options to provide computers for Student Lounge. How much are we willing to spend?

We do have a Tech Soup account.

Will Chrome Books work?

Richard Doub wants Desktop PCs, and potentially add them to EMS rooms at Hospitals.

Debbie - PC at R15?

**Status:** Completed

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## 3. New business

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### 3.A. Special Election of Vice President

Nominations will be accepted for VP at December meeting.

**Resolution #:**

**Moved:** Jay Kerr

**Seconded:** Richard Doub

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:**

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### 3.B. Proactive Communication from City Garage

Request that mandate be enacted to require Fleet Management staff to send out an updated status report to vehicle owner and DEMS every second business day from the time the vehicle arrives at City Garage.



**Resolution #:**

**Moved:** Jay Kerr

**Seconded:** David Coulling

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** 3 Abstentions 7 For

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**3.C. Ambulance Non Essential Equipment Clarification**

Request for a delineation of equipment on ambulances which can be designated as non-essential to allow the truck to be put back into service while waiting for final repair.

**Resolution #:**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Status:** Deferred: 1/17/2018

**Vote:**

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**3.D. Backsafe Systems**

<http://www.backsafesystems.com/>

Guardian by BackSafe Systems is a breakthrough communication tool for spotters and drivers that gives them the clarity, communication and visibility they need to avoid potential accidents, reduce liability and save lives.

Q: How long does it take to install Guardian in a vehicle?

A: That depends a bit on the type of vehicle. Typically, the system can be installed and fully operational within an hour.

Q: How is Guardian better than using a camera or sensors?

A: Cameras and sensors can notify a driver of proximity, but they are not predictive and often distract the driver from where his or her attention should be: the mirrors. Guardian by BackSafe Systems' audible and visual cues make a spotter more effective and allow the driver to keep his or her eyes where they will ensure safe operation.

Approximate cost (for 4 ambulances) - \$2280.00 per unit

**Status:** Completed

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**4. Closing business**

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**4.A. Station reports**

**Status:** Completed

- R1 Report Nov 2017.txt
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**4.B. Date Next Meeting**

**Status:** Completed

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4.B.1. Next Meeting December 20th

**Status:** Completed

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