

# Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

## Meeting Minutes

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**Called to order: 19 September 2018 / 18:00 / VBEMS Administration**

### ATTENDEES

Dave Coulling, Jay Kerr, Nancy Gregory, Korinne Islam, Bobby Hill, Ed Brazle, David Wheeler, Tom Reading, Paul Kalmus, Travis Smith, Demetrius Devore, and Gina Benefiel

New Representatives from R4 will be Richard Saul and Tanya Barnes.

### AGENDA

**Welcome/Introductions-** Dave Coulling

**Approval of Minutes-** Dave Coulling

Motion made to approve last meeting minutes, seconded, approved.

**Treasurer's Report-** Nancy Gregory

On file.

**Department of EMS Report, Q&A-** Chief Brazle

The medical-friendly shelter was deployed for the storm. One person was relocated from the shelter to family in another state.

New Brigade and Division Chiefs have been hired. Two Captains and one Medic spot are currently open. There will be a few more people leaving by the end of the year and more openings which will come with the Captain hirings. The Deputy Chief position is open nation-wide.

The Recruitment and Retention meeting was held. There was discussion as to a possible alternative to Fish Night, but an event will be held.

Management training has been requested. TCC has a program for non-profits. The city has money for reimbursement.

When purchasing new vehicles, please talk to the city first to discuss feasibility of new truck styles and maintenance. It was suggested to have an in-house mechanic/tech to work on powerload systems. The city will examine this possibility.

### **President's Report-** Dave Coulling

Junior Membership will be the next project.

Please have station leadership put forth any comments or concerns for Rescue Council to address.

Insurance- the new supplemental insurance has been working well. R5 has not heard back from city insurance.

The Rescue Council needs involvement to assist with interview panels. There has not been enough help and people need to step forward.

Thank you to Mission Barbeque who has offered to cater regularly. Will check with Baker's Crust to supplement for variety.

### **Coordinator Reports**

- Rescue Squad Foundation- Gina Benefiel

The Foundation will be producing Rescue Lines as an E-newsletter for all members monthly. Please submit any features, incentives, polls, etc. The new version should start in October.

The Grant Fund process is open. Closing reports are due by September 28 at 5pm. So far the Foundation has not received any closing reports, which must be submitted before a new grant can be requested. New grant requests are due by October 1 at 5pm.

The Public Awareness Campaign Task Force has found that there are questions about the audience, theme and feasibility, but biggest question is how the campaign will work. Market research will be completed before engaging an agency. Gina Benefiel, Skip Smith, Chief Brazle, Demetrius Devore and Jay Kerr will work on this. Motion to pledge support for the Marketing Campaign Task Force, seconded, passed.

- Foundation Recruitment Coordinator- Bobby Hill

A major push of information to the public has been completed. The squads have been doing well on their social media efforts.

- Ambient CO Detector Coordinator- Chief Brazle

Chris Florio has requested testing and calibrating equipment. Necessity of the devices was discussed. A few are now being reported as having gone off, prior information of these alarms have not been received. Reminders to report these incidents to allow better feedback. Motion made to apply for a grant for 2019 grant cycle for 20 CO monitors and to possibly include up to \$1000 for testing and calibration equipment. Seconded. Discussion, if additional testing equipment is not needed due to the availability of testing equipment already available, the additional funds may be used to purchase additional monitors. Motion passed.

- Junior Rescue Squad- Jay Kerr

The group meets Sunday at 5pm. R14 and R5 have been helpful in assisting and the group needs station support in mentoring their academy. The group would like to have two members from each squad show up on a regular basis. Volunteers can contact Jay for further information.

- Fleet Committee-

This is still a pertinent committee, however, there is nothing further to report.

- Supply Committee-

This is still a pertinent committee, however, there is nothing further to report.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Training Work Group-

Meeting has not yet been held.

- BLS Academy Lunch-

Question posed: what to do to introduce the academies to Rescue Council and the squads. Suggestion by Jay Kerr for Rescue Council to give graduates graduation gifts. Chief Brazle made the suggestion that Rescue Council sponsor gifts for valedictorian or teacher/class choice. Motion made to create an award for the EMT Academy Student who meets criteria to be determined to be given at each academy graduation starting in January of 2019, seconded and passed. Motion made for Rescue Squad to create uniformed Rescue Squad Recruit materials to be included in new student orientation materials, seconded, passed.

### **New Business**

- Dates for next meetings-

Proximity for next two dates to holidays: Question posed about moving meeting dates per bylaws, clarified as permissible. Motion made to move November meeting to November 28, 2018, seconded, passed.

- Budget Committee-

Jay Kerr and Nancy Gregory volunteered.

- Nominating Committee-

Paul Kalmus, Demetrius Devore and David Wheeler volunteered.

### **Medical Trends and Issues**

An Active Shooter drill will be held November 3, 2018.

### **Station Reports/Announcements**

- MRT- Purchased two john boats to help with flood extrications. A response structure has been developed for major flood scenarios. Mike Bradberry is back in the hospital, please keep in thoughts.
- Station 1-no report.

- Station 2- The back to school drive went well.
- Station 4- not present.
- Station 5-Discussed an article in JEMS magazine about 5 ambulances en route to help with disaster all involved in an accident. Reminder to be diligent in driving.
- Station 6- no report.
- Station 9- no report.
- Station 13- not present.
- Station 14-Squad truck decommissioning. A community day will be held on October 27, 2018 at Station 8 to recognize ten years since the station opened. Won EMS Agency of the Year from EMS World. Will be holding a meeting with VAVRS on September 24, 2018 at 5pm, Station 14, to discuss withdrawing from VAVRS. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.
- Station 16- no report.
- Station 17- not present.
- Foundation- no report.
- EMS- no report.

**Adjourned at 19:49**