



Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

March 20th, 2019: 1800-2045

EMS Headquarters

Minutes:

Members in attendance: David Wheeler (MRT), David Coulling (R05), Debbie Volzke (R06), Gina Benefiel (Foundation), Julie Barnes (R17), Tom Reading (R01), Chris Florio (R16), Joey Hundley (VBEMS), Ed Brazle (VBEMS), Nancy Gregory (R6), Tanya Barnes (R04), Michael McCracken (R04), David Clement (R13), Bonita Teaford (R16), Bobby Hill (Foundation), Travis Smith (R14), Kay Laws (R02), Demetrius Devore (R02)

Call to Order: 1811

Welcome/Introductions – David Coulling

Approval of Minutes – David Coulling

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

1812-1818

President's Report – David Coulling

-GAP insurance dues of \$450 per ambulance per station are due, invoices to be sent soon.

-Review of new Executive boards: MORB, Training, Recruitment

-Council presentations for academies

- past year 2 positions topics were made, looking to new ones for this year, for example Jr. membership

1818-1829

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Gregory

-Report On File.

1819-1834

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

-Introductions of new Deputy Chief Joey Hundley

-Inspections are done, everything went great! News Channel 13 airing a story this evening on the inspections.

-Business Application Specialist position is in the hiring process now, will give further information as it is available.

- 1 career medic is beginning retirement package processing

- Saturday of EMS week will be a ZOO day, emails will be coming from admin in the coming weeks

-Something in The Water (SITW) is a LARGE scale event on a national level happening April 26th- April 28th



- City is pursuing possibility of funding returns for squads that staff and participate.
- Goal is increased staffing levels Thursday 25th onward through the event.
- City Managers budget proposal will be released at the end of the month
 - Budget has funding for Burton Station staffing- 8 Career medics (June 2020)
 - Ocean front VBLS lifeguarding contract budget
 - No AEMT funding due to previous problems with the course
- CURED BOARD-** Demetrius Devore
 - 4 preventable incidents reviewed
 - 2 being further investigated
- Fleet/Supply Committees:** No news
- MORB Committee-** No News

1834-1920

Coordinator Reports-

-Rescue Foundation-

-Administration Report- Gina Benefiel

- Discussed "Partners for life" facelift and process of market research
- Requests attendance of all stake holders' leadership at a Leadership

Dinner on April 18th, 2019 for dissemination of data and information.

-Recruitment Report- Bobby Hill

- Focus on 3 bursts, 18-34 year olds are our target audience
- ads currently running on 11 radio stations, Facebook, Instagram, Spotify
- 2nd burst of ads will be during EMS week and 3rd during September
- Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook help with recruitment, only if you

continue to post regularly.

-Pandora also runs ads

-Ambient Carbon Monoxide Detector Coordinator- Chris Florio

- Project received grant from Foundation
- Chief Brazel states that 16k upstart costs for daily bump testing would be

needed

-Looking at additional routes, funding is secured however no execution

has been decided

-David Coulling, Kevin Lipscomb, Chris Florio request meeting with Scott

to discuss

-motion to table purchase of CO monitors made, seconded, and passed

-Bylaws- Demetrius Devore

- Bylaws revisions presented and discussed
- bylaws will be up for vote at the May meeting

-Multi-Squad Fund Drive Coordinator- Jay Kerr

-No Report

-Recruitment Coordinator- Jay Kerr

-No Report

-Jr. Rescue Squad Liaison- Jay Kerr

- 20 member's average
- IDs, Hats, Shirts, Logos approved and issued for members



-EMS Week Coordinator- Jay Kerr

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

1920-1935

Unfinished Business-

-Rescue Council Student Awards- Tanya, Devore, Brazle
-Motion to accept department policies presented at last meeting presented, seconded, and passed.

1935-1936

New Business-

No new business

Medical Trends and Issues- Group Talk

-New CPAP devices have major problem, medium mask does not have connector and Large does. To effectively use the medium mask you must open both the medium and large masks... Chief Brazle says he will look into it.

1937-2000

Station Reports-

- Station 1:** Election of officers, updating bylaws, banquet on April 6th
- Station 2:** Recruitment uptick, benefit May 5th 5-9pm @ Grand Affairs fundraisers
- Station 4:** 3 events in April, Easter, Squad event. 2 in May- Mermaid winery, plated dinner in June/July. Working on Bylaws, squad pictures at end of month
- Station 5:** Bowling league email, Easter egg hunt, closing on FOP lodge in April.
- Station 6:** Putting in a grant for a new unit in the next cycle
- Station 9:** Not Present
- Station 13:** New truck arrives next month
- Station 8/14:** Oyster roast successful, letter to EMS to move MCI truck to R14. CPAPS used up in first week
- Station 16:** Applied for ambulance with RSAF, signed MOU, Pursuing second ambulance
- Station 17:** Booster club is gearing up once again for Pig Pickin', Bingo, and other activities forth coming. "We met with Deputy Chief Hundley at our board meeting. He told us he had done some ride alongs and was concerned with EMTs not being assertive enough on calls ("standing in the corner watching") and seemed to want to push more squad level training and mentorship. We told him we believed it needed to be a shared responsibility with the training center in part due to uniformity of training."
- MRT:** upcoming events: Norwegian Lady Wreath laying, crush and run sky diver safety. MRT diver program currently has 10 new divers going through certification training with 2 going for their advanced and Dive Supervisor qualifications. We are experiencing a great uptick from our recruiting efforts we are projecting roughly an additional 20-30 new members based on new intern levels by summer. (New total projected 50+ operational members versus 35+ currently)

May Meeting 5/15/2019 at 1800 VBEMS Headquarters

Meeting Adjourned-2000