

Welcome

Chief Loftus, Deputy Chief Matiak, District Chief Chenault, Asst District Chief Buchanan, Asst District Chief Jenkins, Dist Chief Beasley, Captain Giles, Captain Street, Lieutenant Rickens, Capt Doucet, Lt Calhoun

February Minutes approved.

Company Items

Rescue 1 –No problems. Drink machine moved and approved. Storage project estimates being obtained. EMS closet shelves have been ordered. Doors should be replaced in the coming week. Members responded to Tappahannock after Tornado damage to assist mutual aid as needed.

Rescue 2 – Russ Kanarr passed away 3/4/16. Memorial service will be held at R2 on March 12, 2016.

Company 1 – Station is maintaining. Multiple units out of service. Dumpster should be delivered this week. Air Trailer was displayed at Chief's Conference last weekend. It is the only unit of its type in Virginia.

Company 2 – Move back into new building was successful! Engine and Tower still out of service. EVOC, BPO and RWS classes have been scheduled. Station radio alerting is not functioning properly so additional in-building solution is being sought.

Company 3 – Kitchen Renovation is underway. Deadline is end of March due to an event booked at the station. Roof raising project will move forward with contractors and overhead door.

Company 4 – New Internet is up and running and faster than ever. Thank you for supporting it. Radio pagers are working well, would like to request 6 more. SVFD will adopt a family and host a spaghetti dinner to be able to raise funds to benefit the family. The Tires and alignment on Engine 4 will happen during the same service time, May 2016.

Company 5 – Not in attendance

Company 6 – Not in attendance.

Logistics

UNITS out of Service: Tower 2 Is at Atlantic.

Wagon 1 at Atlantic.

Engine 2 at Carter Cat for repairs.

Amb 31 at Winding Brook for transmission issue.

Amb 11 out of service
Brush 1 out of service
Brush 5-1 out of service
Tanker 4 should be fixed tomorrow

TASK COMPLETED: Fire extinguishers have been serviced.

UP COMING ISSUES:

Zolls will be serviced March 16
Cascade at Co 2 will be serviced March
Ladder testing scheduled for April
Pump testing scheduled for May

Training

Upcoming Programs:

Dominion VA Power station walk through tomorrow 3/10/16
Value City Furniture walk through 3/22/16
Spring School registration update included

Training Bulletins: Active 911 CAD Codes

Ambulance Designations
In Line Nebulizers

Probationary members and Ticket to Ride lists included in packet.

Retention and Recruitment

BOS has requested a work session to examine volunteer Recruitment and Retention efforts.

Online store front being developed so that members can buy items with our brand and logo imprinted items.

Operations

Fire Operations –

- Letter that explained Cross Staffing guidance to career staff included in packet for everyone's reference. Additional email from Capt. Bonham clarifying the intention to keep two personnel on any apparatus running calls for safety included.
- List of PPE that has to be replaced this year included so that all Gear more than 10 years old is replaced. Members will be given signed forms to get sized and ppe purchased. Yellow copy must be returned to Fire Administration
- PPE specification is being updated this year. Outer shell is being upgraded to Armor AP for increased breathability and color fastness. The fading issue is known and additional information will be put into a training aid.

EMS Operations –

- Radio Policy change will take effect April 1. "Rescue" will become "ambulance" in order to better reflect regional language.

- BLS equipment and Oxygen bags for licensed EMS non-transport units (Fire apparatus) are being replaced with standardized kits. Engines only will be replaced at this time. The bags are blue, Meret bags.
- BOS approved RSAF grant application for 4 X Zoll monitors to replace remaining ambulance monitors.

Administration

Monthly data included in packet.

Annual data report included in packet. Sharp increase in call volume noted as expected. Volunteer Training compliance vastly improved from 2014 to 2015. EMS Revenue projections are also positive moving forward.

County Administrator's recommended budget was presented to the BOS last meeting. The BOS projects a balanced budget without any increases in FY17. This budget includes: Replacement of E-5, Replacement of Amb 228, Brush truck replacement, Logistics metal building construction, 3 firefighter/emt positions from PT/OT converted funds for Department of Fire Rescue.

Another project in the works is Weather Stations at Fire Stations. CO 5, 4, 3 have already been installed and the remaining are in process. Instructions on how to log in and read these measurements will be forthcoming.

Ambulances surpluses last year are still for sale and available. Please contact Fire Admin with any interest.

Welsey Melson has resigned effective March 16th. He will be taking a job with LifeCare.

Volunteer 2015 Stipend checks are done. They should be available for pickup after March 14th. Please call Melissa to coordinate picking them up for the whole station.

Special Projects

Pager Static issue has been fixed. If any pagers still produce static after the tones drop, please contact Chief Garnett for a software upgrade.

CCFR Equipment Committee meets again tomorrow night, 3/10/16. This committee has representation from each station and will make decisions that should standardize our fire equipment in the future.

Elite conversion is due June 30th. We will talk to area agencies who are already using it before our deadline to gain perspective whether or not we will use the State Template or try to create our own.

CAD issue with extra Zeros populating into numbers has been fixed we believe. Please let Fire Admin know if this reoccurs.

Cross Staffing question discussed about EMS only crew (ALS) not responding to BLS crew leaving no qualified fire crew in quarters. More information gathered for further review.

EMD Priority 1, 2 and 3 change discussion. Improvements have been made since implementing the policy. Continuing issues to further investigate:

- Law Enforcement CADed calls by policy should push to Priority 2.
- Concern raised about giving patient information over the radio.
- Fire incidents dispatch compliment should not have changed. Look 2/21/16 for example. #20165137
- Chest Pain 2 on 3/ 7/16 at 2000 was dispatched to BLS unit, ended up being ALS calls.

Opticom project will move forward with Dual phase emitters so that they will work in Caroline and surrounding areas.

Comments.

Chief 3 – Please do not flush disposable wipes in toilet.

Completed Training videos on accountability and radio terminology have been uploaded to Youtube. Link from Website will be placed in Training Information page.

Forestry Department does not yet have access to Caroline's new radio system. Interoperable portables have been ordered and will be programmed once they arrive. We will consider loaning them Tower 2 radio's until the new state radios arrive.

Chief 1- Route 606 approved changes coming around the area of Dominion Raceway. The bridge over 95 will be widened to 6 lanes and traffic lights will be added to both sides. Additional traffic circles are also approved. No timeline has been published.

2 portable radios from R2 (Number 7 & 8) have been moved to Co 2 in the ambulance. These are still programmed to say R2.

Route 601 Penola Rd will be closed at Railroad crossing March 14-18th.

CAD to email and fax project moving forward. CAD Texts will no longer be active. Please send Capt Bonham your updated email addressed so that CAD to email transition will be seamless.

Next Meeting scheduled **APRIL 13TH, 2016.**