



Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

July 17th, 2019: 1807-1940

EMS Headquarters

Minutes:

Members in attendance: Tom Reading (R01), Kay Laws (R02), Tanya Barnes (R04), Chris Daly (R05), David Coulling (R5), Nancy Gregory (R6), Paul Kalmus (R9), Korinne Islam (R16), Julie Barnes (R17), David Wheeler (MRT), Scott Burns (R17), Bonita Teaford (R16), Travis Smith (R14), Kevin Duck (Chesterfield Insurers), Mary Ellen McClain (Foundation), Ed Brazle (VBEMS)

Call to Order: 1807

Welcome/Introductions – David Coulling

Approval of Minutes – David Coulling

-1807- Dave Coulling motions for approval of minutes, Chris Daly Seconded: vote passes unanimously

1807-1809

President's Report – David Coulling

-It has been a great summer for operations so far let's keep it up, make sure your members are staying hydrated and safe this summer

1809-1810

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Gregory

-Checking as of 6/30/19: \$15,482.73 || Savings as of 6/30/19: \$20,209.15; report on file

1810-1819

GAP Insurance- Kevin Duck- Chesterfield Insurers

-List of Vehicles on Policy provided to council

-50K GAP insurance previously purchased w/ 5k deductible: 17k renewal a year, 435.9/ambulance -> 1 claim made to date

-300k GAP insurance w/ 5k deductible: \$53724 yearly renewal, \$1378/ambulance

1819-1901

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

-SITW went well, event season has gone well- \$101k given to squads last year for event coverage

-4 medic vacancies

-Business application specialist position has been filled

-Building 2 shooting- Leadership will be visiting squads for debriefs, we are proud of our members and squads for their actions



- Rescue Task Force trainings to come
- Body armor is here waiting to develop policy for deployment before deploying it to units
- The rumor mill is running rampant, if you hear rumors and want correct information contact Chief Brazle for questions
- Plaza Appreciation day this Saturday
- Zoo Day-> 50% attendance for Zoo event was 200 members out of 400 members given tickets- will revisit drawing board for events
- Grievance Procedure is gone, as City sees it Volunteers do not have the right to grieve disciplinary actions
 - City attorney "Volunteers have no rights"
 - Open Door policy is the only option for now for EMS volunteers per Chief Brazle
 - awaiting City Lawyer to answer questions for new policy to be put into place
 - Disciplinary actions also lists grievance
 - Notification of policy changes and policies being removed requested by all members of Council present
- Unfinished Business
 - Survey for events- Chief has the results w/ reviews
- EMS town hall meeting July 31st
- Medical Operations Steering Committee (MOS)-Korinne Islam**
 - June 30th
 - Duty Physicians-3 in process
 - Fellow- starts up this month
 - Chief Green- Annual required skills in-service will be required in near future
 - Defib pads for all STEMI cases
 - Sept 12th next meeting- Korinne not able to attend
- Training Steering Committee- Dave Coulling**
 - No report
- CURED BOARD- Ed Brazle**
 - process is now in the hands of Chief Lipscomb; being reviewed for efficiency
- Fleet/Supply Committees:**
 - Please Share Vehicles
 - New adjuster killing down time for vehicles
 - PM work if already at garage not bring back
 - Risk management has to inspect prior to garage touching when damaged
 - R16 truck down 2 weeks- No communication about vehicles being pointed sent in for warranty work
 - Why the fingers being pointed at rescue volunteers for tire falling off of a R05, when it is City Garage responsibility? Email sent to Volunteer Membership was unwelcomed and accusatory, should not have been sent- Chief Brazle will look into the matter
 - R17 Not loaning new ambulance right away, should be able to retain one at their own station.
 - R13 ambulance out of service- CG will not repair it any longer
 - Replacement Cycle needed for units, need to look at standardizing trucks across stations and look at models that each station could afford
- MORB Committee- No News**



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Coordinator Reports-

-Rescue Foundation-

-Administration Report- Mary Hellen McClain

-2019 Grant cycle reports due August 30th, these must be submitted if you plan to submit for 2020 cycle

-explain why grants are needed, apply for something

-can apply for non-operational equipment such as administration resources I.e.- Quick books, computers, etc.

-2020 Scholarship has been announced

-Recruitment Report- Bobby Hill (Not Present)

-No report

-Ambient Carbon Monoxide Detector Coordinator- Dave Coulling

-No Report

-Bylaws- Demetrius Devore (Not Present)

-No report

-Multi-Squad Fund Drive Coordinator- Jay Kerr

-“no System wide official numbers, but anecdotally, it was down this year. It started very slowly for OP. It did make a rebound toward the end and ended up equaling last year’s Spring drive in net. A little lower gross, but some cost savings helped balance things.”

-Photo shoot upcoming - before Fall

-Waiting to hear about Foundation progress on marketing

-Will be looking to re-bid the project in search of alignment with new messaging from Foundation project.

-Recruitment Coordinator- Jay Kerr

-No Report

-Jr. Rescue Squad Liaison- Jay Kerr

-Year wrapped with a party on Sunday night. Wish to thank Leadership at the Pungo Strawberry Festival for another great year of participation and letting these kids see what it is all about to be an EMT.

-Junior Open House - Sunday August 17 at HQ - 1700. Have a number of people interested.

-Still need to review the list we sent to the Chief. Hoping for that to occur at the next R&R meeting.

-Still need the commitment for adult help going into next school year.

-Still need to get with Nancy and get Bank Account done - on Jay to reach out to her.

-EMS Week Coordinator- Jay Kerr

-Juniors were able to help pack and distribute snacks to all Squads for EMS Week. Have had no feedback on the snacks. Everything did make it out and OPVRS has been reimbursed for the money spent. Was within budget.1937-1939

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New Business-

-Jay Kerr: Would like to suggest an exploratory committee to look at the current structure of our ambulance purchases. Data gathering for best practices.



- Academy Graduations- Would like to know who is graduating more than a week before graduation, allows squads to plan attendance and “goodies”
- Please reply to Chief Lipscomb’s Scheduling Process email

Medical Trends and Issues- Group Talk

- Nothing New

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Station Reports-

- Station 1:** OPVRS is on the verge of renovations. Will, in the next 6 months, replace roof, paint exterior, replace all HVAC systems, paint bays, replace exterior windows and doors, landscape and repair parking lot. Shortly thereafter in the following 6 months, new bunk rooms, additional office space, laundry room upgrades, day room kitchen renovation and meeting room facelift. There is no expected Operational impact expected by any of this work.
- Station 2:** Fund drive still rolling in
- Station 4:** all is quiet and good at R4
- Station 5:** Horizons building almost ready (old FOP lodge), using as financial builder
- Station 6:** No Report
- Station 9:** No Report
- Station 13:** No Report
- Station 8/14:** New roof at R14 going in; Utility and Admin 14 cars to be replaced with new vehicle in near future
- Station 16:** Squad appreciation event Friday, took the month to celebrate the squad, purchased new truck with grant money
- Station 17:** Mailer worked well, BINGO is ongoing, Recruitment brochure to give at churches, September 7th, 2019 Annual pig roast
- MRT:** Our Squad appreciation event is August 24th at Admin; Recruitment and retention efforts still going strong, we are starting to Plateau a little on the recruiting side as summer winds down we will shift focus to retention. 2 of our Boats are currently out of service, one for new siding the other for engine and electronics upgrades from our Foundation grant

September Meeting 9/18/2019 at 1800 VBEMS Headquarters

Meeting Adjourned-1940