

# Fire Rescue Operations

January 22, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

Stations in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 & 14

## CCVESA, Sue Mott

- Working on budget
- Everyone is supporting the original communication policy

## DFEMS, Chief Robinson

- Thanked everyone for what they've been doing
- It's National Firefighter/Cancer Prevention Month
- Still some major issues going on
  - Need to resolve some things
    - Change personnel and authority
    - Make true combination system
    - Must communicate
    - Need to work together
    - Volunteer Chief to meet with officers
    - Need to do your job
    - Everyone participating in trainings
      - Career and volunteers
  - Stick with minimal staffing
  - Create a 2 tier ALS system
  - Very dynamic situations at some stations
- Continuously hiring paramedics and firefighter/paramedics
  - Currently have 9 applications
  - Start in January
- Budget
  - Met w/Commissioners
    - Can move forward with hiring 84 people
  - Take over billing for everyone in July
    - Additional revenue
    - Revenue to go back to EMS
      - Not go outside of DFEMS
  - Try to recruit
  - Rein in on pension
- CCVESA Budget
  - Currently waiting on
  - Meeting w/budget analyst
    - Maintenance on station
      - Chief Brothers to do inspections
- Maryland MOSH
  - OSHA compliance
  - Working on compliance training

- Data Analyst
  - Is on board – Katie Spurrier
- County Replacing SCBA's
  - One for one replacement
  - Transition
    - Centralized under DFEMS
  - Bench tested annually by Quartermaster
  - 10 year project
  - Need to get people involved with committee
    - Dennis Brothers and Rob Schombert to be involved
- Radios
  - The radios being replaced will be collected on March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - If another county funded the radios, need it in writing
- Vehicles
  - Dennis Brothers will be reaching out to some asking for information
  - 6 vehicles will be coming in by the end of summer
  - Sykesville and Westminster may be receiving one of the new vehicles
- Daily Rosters
  - Thanked Shift Commanders and Mike Stoner
  - Going out daily
- Information Being Sent
  - Add staff meeting
- Background Checks
  - Hopeful to start in February
  - Company Presidents
  - The following will need them
    - Card carrying members
    - LOSAC members
    - Anyone dealing with money or youth
- Hiring & Staffing
  - 5 FF/PM
    - 1 cleared already and the other 4 in about 2 weeks
    - 9 more in February
  - Floaters
    - Hampstead
    - Call Shift Commander – will provide on as needed basis
  - Advertising for positions now
    - Hopeful by May that conditional offers will be made
    - July for final offers
  - Assist with recruitment
- Leadership Retreat
  - For all senior operational leadership
    - The volunteer chief of each VFC or other chief officer but only one
    - 3 Chiefs - DFEMS
    - 4 Shift Commanders
  - Questionnaire to be sent out
  - Chance to ask questions
  - There will be a facilitator present

- An action plan will be in place going forward
- Be respectful
- Report to be written on the meeting

#### EMS Operations, Mike Stoner

- ALS Skills Session
  - 3 left
  - Working on list to send out on who needs to attend
- QA Issues
  - Number decreasing
  - 12 leads not approved for EMT's
    - Getting GO together
- Staffing
  - Don't have people for the day, can get another person for the day
  - 9 more PM's to hire
- Chase Cars
  - Lineboro
  - Lack of communication
    - Stoner to look into

#### Health & Safety, Dennis Brothers

- Physicals
  - One per year
  - Same for career and volunteer
  - Have a meeting scheduled this week
- Gear
  - Email Rob Schombert and copy Dennis
- Group Training
  - Being refined
- LMS
  - Email Richard with CCVESA

#### Training,

- Get more people involved
- House in Gamber for RIT training
  - Every company to rotate through
    - Ian Runkles is the lead
- Meter Class
  - PSTC
    - 2/3; 2/18; 3/2; 3/17 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
  - On CCVESA website
- LMS
  - Working with Brothers
    - Need to verify administrators
      - 2 per station

## ESAC

- Rejected communication policy
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time in September

## Old Business

- Communication Policy
  - Where is the updated document?
    - September to now, revised copy not sent

## New Business

- Inside Odor and Gas Leak Policy
  - Concerns on residential
  - Add second engine
  - Policy for county wide
  - Consensus was to put under structural
  - Get a group together to write policy
- Apparatus Standards
  - ESAC to update standard
  - Do we put a group together to review 4-5 policies/standards?
  - Susan mentioned that ESAC didn't want an exception for each unit
  - Chief Robinson stated that Carroll County supersedes NFPA
  - A motion was made by Chief Russo to replace Rescue 1 and for it to be dispatched as it currently is with 500 gallons
    - Motion was denied
    - Request needs to meet standards of what it is trying to do
- Communication Policy
  - Policy went to ESAC
    - Chiefs not in favor of policy and voted it down
    - In solidarity with policy in FROPS
    - Policy changed when Chief Robinson met with Communications
      - They can't handle the workload
      - We need to be able to tell them what to do and what is needed
    - Frustration when it gets to other levels
      - Chief Robinson stated it's on him as the department head to represent the group
      - Submit it in writing so it can be taken to County Administrator
    - Troy will send Chief Robinson the approved policy
      - Motion was approved to send original policy to ESAC