

# Fire Rescue Operations

July 22, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

Stations in Attendance: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14

## DFEMS, Chief Robinson

- Budget
  - Went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - \$33.6 million approved
  - Growing and looking at data
  - Will ask for the 12 floater positions back next year
  - Will ask for 2 Lieutenant positions for training next year
  - Will ask for 4 Lieutenant positions
  - Upgrade 12 chase cars to Lieutenants (possibility for next year)
  - Continued hiring and staffing
    - 31 new positions
    - Competing all the way around
  - Enhancing ALS skills
    - Ultrasounds
    - Medications
    - Whole Blood
      - Dr. Kemp is evaluating
- Eric Zaney was promoted as of last Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Deputy Chief of Operations
  - Paul Supko
  - Starts on August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Will be second in command
  - Direct Supervisor for Captains
  - Will streamline investigations
  - OPS 100
- Staffing
  - Challenge due to summertime
  - Mandatory holdovers
  - A lot of overtime being paid
  - Union Bridge and Lineboro needs staffing
  - Contingency for staffing
  - BLS Units
    - Revised IV tech program
  - Deputy Chief Supko will have 3 stations without Lieutenants
  - Regional Supervisors
    - Lieutenants helping with other stations
    - Will be done mostly remotely
    - Details still to be figured out

- ERS to ESO
  - Probably in calendar year 2025
  - Single Silo
    - Makes us a single jurisdiction
    - Allows us to get grants
- New inventory system
  - Operative IQ
- SOPs
  - Additional ones being worked on
  - Assistant Chief Brothers is working on safety SOPs
  - Safety Data Sheets needed at each station
    - Including cleaning supplies
- Vehicles
  - 4 medical units
    - September/October
  - 2 additional units budgeted for this year
    - Total of 6 units
- Billing
  - \$5 million with budget billing
  - What is it being used for:
    - EMS related items
    - Upgrade ultrasounds
    - Training
      - Cadaver lab
    - Priority is ambulance fleet
- ESAC approved engine for Mt. Airy
- Background Checks
  - Important to get done
  - For existing and new members
- Drivers of each company needs to be on the database (per Risk Management)
- Responding on calls
  - Need to get a handle on responding
  - Reprioritize who is running/responding
  - Need command board
  - Duty Officer or Chief with numerical order
    - FROPS, Deputy Chief or working board to decide
  - EMS Chase Car
    - Qualified and able to run
    - Taken off elective fires
  - Medic Units
    - Only responding in first due
- Safety Officers
  - Non-existent
- Look at responses to certain events
  - What's a necessity to sit in ER for an hour
  - Put perimeters on
  - EMS Operations Committee
  - Downgrade other units due to dangers
    - Come to happy medium on what's appropriate

### Health & Safety, Dennis Brothers

- Issues with COH
  - Still only one physical
  - Meeting with Dr. Mann on August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - There are two contracts
    - Based on 90 physicals
    - Things need to be considered if we go under one contract
    - More communication needed
- 12 new hires started last Thursday
- Processing 18 additional personnel
- Thanked Chief 3 for use of engine for testing
- Sprinkler issues with testing

### Training Committee

- Meeting past week
- EST Class
  - 5 students are signed up
  - Meeting to see if there is a way to get more enrolled
- Sign-up for fall classes
- Traffic Incident Management Class
  - Contact Kevin Fox
  - On CCVESA's website

### Hazmat

- Ivan Browning resigned as Core Leader

### Water Rescue

- No Report

### ATR

- New core drill
  - Went well

### Safety

- No report

### Special Ops, Troy

- No report

### ESAC Report

- CCVESA still report how much money is left by September 1<sup>st</sup>
- 8 EMS polices approved
  - 5 sent back for grammatical errors

### Old Business

- Respiratory Policy
  - No issues
    - Motion to approve as written
- Recordings
  - Sent to Deputy Chief
- After action report/review
  - Send to Assistant Chief Zane
- Communication Policy
  - Issues were addressed this morning
  - Want to meet with Troy
  - Maybe add another position in our budget for dispatcher
  - Taneytown is dispatched by MSP
  - Safety issue
    - Need another operator
- MDT's
  - Still a few that need to be brought back up with codes

### New Business

- Fair
  - Ambulance gap
    - Barrell Racing
    - Senior Day
    - Motorcycle Races (August 2<sup>nd</sup>)
    - Demo Derby
  - Waiting on engine coverage
  - Will also take utility with crew
- Squad 9 out of service for about month