

Fire Rescue Operations

March 25, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Stations in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8, 9 10, 11, 13 & 14

Fleet, Reid Oliver

- Learning experience
- EMS Vehicle Maintenance
 - Covered by Fleet
 - DFEMS Vehicles
 - CCVESA truck and Tahoe
 - Bills being picked up by Fleet
 - Send bills to Callie & Reid
 - Term Contracts for vendors
 - Service
 - Being contracted out for ambulances
 - Need to be EBT shop
 - Atlantic Emergency
 - DPC
 - Patriot
 - Anything over \$2,500 needs to have multiple quotes and a term contract
- Send suggestions on vendors to Reid
- No plans to take over engines
- Fuel
 - 2 Stroke
 - Received email that it won't be covered
 - DEF Fuel will be covered
- County owned vehicles need to be scheduled through Reid
 - Reserves included
- General Maintenance
 - Ok to be done at station to keep it on the road
 - Repairs and oil need to go through Reid
 - Can give correct oil for vehicles to keep at the station
- PM's
 - Being tracked for county vehicles
 - 4k mile intervals
- Work with Dennis Brothers to create a General Order
- No one is available outside of normal hours
 - Has approved contractor list (which will be sent out)
- Flat Tire (county vehicle)
 - Whatever keeps it on the road
 - Service Tire is an approved contractor

CCVESA, Sue Mott

- Sent an all call on March 24, 2024
- Presenting budget on March 26, 2024
 - Would like as many people there as possible
 - Not all Commissioners feel the same
- Marketing team working hard
 - Getting information out on social media
 - Emphasize value of volunteers in the community
 - Have presence in county
 - Need fundraising support
- Next CCVESA meeting is on April 1st

DFEMS, Chief Robinson

- Everyone is doing a great job
- Have had multiple working fires
- Acting Chair is doing a great job
- Biggest Issue
 - Budget
- Acting Assistant Chief of EMS
 - Eric Zaney
- Acting A Shift Commander
 - Max Nickey
- Acting B Shift Commander
 - Russell Halterman
- 6 Lieutenant positions open (based on success of budget)
 - Written test
 - Assessment center
 - Hope to fill based on FY 25 budget by July
- Lost 8 people within the last month
- Meeting with Officers today
 - First meeting since being brought on a year ago
 - July 1st will start regional supervision
 - Some stations do not have a supervisor
 - 3 stations with Lieutenants
 - Chase car
 - Each Lieutenant at each station will have multiple stations
 - They will deal with scheduling, conflicts, and check lists
 - Will help with consistency and accountability
 - Station 3 and Station 9 will be together
 - Station 1 and Station 14 will be together
- Will not be creating a separate rank
- Issues with logistics will be prevented as much as possible
- Deputy Chief of Operations
 - Hopeful by July
 - Shift Commanders will respond to them
 - Will be second in command

- Two Training Lieutenant's
 - MICRB required
 - LMS administrator
 - Rotate on call basis
 - Safety Officer on all incidents
 - Long term goal is 4 Safety Officers
 - 1 per shift
- Baltimore County review sent out on Advanced Auto Parts Fire-Reisterstown
 - Read report
 - Lessons to be learned
- Hiring
 - 135 uniformed positions
 - 47 currently being processed
 - Beginning of August before they are in stations
 - 18 personnel lost since June
 - Challenge to retain people
 - Paramedic and Firefighter/Paramedic positions will stay open
 - Looked at data from personnel who have applied
 - Hazmat/EVOC missing from PA applicants
 - Give them Hazmat/EVOC class to paramedics with understanding if they don't pass, they won't be hired
 - Proposals
 - EMS staffing can't be compromised for stations
 - No growth for revenue for county
 - Not inline to raise taxes
 - Possibility not all 84 positions will be filled
 - Everything may not get funded
 - Revenue from EMS billing helps
 - Show up to public meetings in uniform
 - Will know May 21st
 - Hoping to get all positions
 - Looking at all contingencies
 - Plan B or Plan C until enough people
 - Look at what works best
- Data Analyst
 - Katie is working on different models
 - Will bring her to a meeting to standardize how to count calls at the stations
 - CAD to CAD
 - Interconnected on out of county calls
- Cannot have disrespectful volunteers
- Awards – Chamber of Commerce
 - There were 7-8 submissions
 - 3 people for gold medal of honor
 - 2 people from Manchester were entered
 - Thank you for the submissions
 - No Volunteer Provider of the Year was submitted
- Retreat
 - Know why it was cancelled
 - Wants 100% participation
 - Saturday or Sunday

- Sometime in the fall

EMS Report, Eric Zaney

- Introduced himself
- 3rd week in the position
- Busy on admin side of things
- Knox Box will be fixed first
- Contacting EMS officers at stations
- MIEMSS is squared away on our end
- National Registry expires
 - Will push out the list
- Different changes will be coming
 - Has a different thought process

Health & Safety, Dennis Brothers

- Surveys for fall (expedite)
- April 16th is the Training Committee meeting
- Low numbers on classes
 - Volunteers can attend
 - Day time classes to be offered
 - Will be on MFRI site
- Pump, Hose and Ladder Testing
 - Mike Hughes is handling
- Looking to replace 20 ambulances
 - 2 coming out in a couple weeks
- SCBA
 - Not sure how testing will be done
 - As of July, it's in the budget to handle
 - Annual flow test/maintenance
 - DUVAL
 - MES
 - Chief Robinson mentioned the Quartermaster might do the bench testing and eventually have a SCBA Tech in the future

Training Committee

- MFRI survey
- Rescue classes
 - Need to request
- Certain requirements for new classes
 - Standards for rescue have changed
 - MFRI site has all the information
- FDIC
 - 8 people from Carroll
- Company level trainings
 - A lot of fatalities
 - Mayday in January

- Mitigated quickly
- RIT Setup
 - Need same setup for each station
 - Don't go overboard
 - A lot of people getting injured
 - Need feedback
 - What's needed for baskets
 - Come up with list for what each one brings
 - Value your opinions
 - Label properly
 - Can get tools together
 - Chief Wooden to send out email
 - Training Officers to bring back

Hazmat

- No report

Water Rescue

- April 10th at 1900 hrs boat operations
- May 18th at 9:00 will be body recovery techniques
- Both will be held at the reservoir

ATR

- In contact with Valerie
 - Can't get in contact with representative

Safety

- No report

Special Ops, Troy

- Grant Money
 - Get team account for Carroll County for new mapping software
 - Caltopo
 - Onboarding under process
- Mapping program with GIS layers
 - Personnel accountability
 - Need 1 representative from each company
 - Need email for each account
 - Will be work in progress
 - Core group to manage system
 - Buy in from Communications
 - Can see where it goes county wide

ESAC

- Woody sent

Old Business

- Communication Policy
 - Need to meet with Jack Brown
 - Need dates
- ECC Rep
 - Meet within the next week
- Dispatch Needs
 - Email Chief Robinson

New Business

- Lithium Ion Battery
 - Go over at next month's meeting
 - Woody can resend
 - Grant Money
 - Has gone to training
 - Not going away
 - Look at policy and get comments to Ivan
 - OSHA Brigade Standard
 - Generic
 - NFPA partnered
 - MD has MOSH
 - Apply across board
 - 1582
 - Unfunded mandates
- MFSA
 - Look at legislature bills
 - Chief Robinson stated he meets every Friday morning virtually for legislative bills
- Incident in Sykesville/Gamber
 - Person lost in woods
 - What 3 Words App
 - MDT programmed
 - Look at attaching it to what Troy is using
- Reserve engine county has is getting worn out
- After Action Reviews
 - Policy needed
 - Winfield does one after each incident (within 30 days)
- Call Out on Channels
 - Hold everyone accountable
 - Be receptive
- Full Assignment, Steve Kreimer
 - Water Supply
 - Not being picked up
 - Need to hold people accountable
 - Chief Officer to jump in if needed
 - Communicate and have a plan