

Fire Rescue Operations

September 25, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Stations in Attendance: 2, 5, 6, 9, 13 & 14

CCVESA

- 5 reports turned in

DFEMS, Chief Robinson

- Career Staff
 - 118 current personnel
- Continuously hiring paramedics and firefighter/paramedics
- 84 positions currently budgeted
- Would like to have a 3rd Assistant Chief to oversee operations, position would be day work
 - Met with Commissioners, but not sur what will happen with the budget
- Staffing Issues
 - Station 10 – Add Hazmat Tech requirement
- QM Position
 - 11 interviews being done
 - Start date of October 26th
- Billing Tech
 - 2 people starting on September 28th
 - Elyssa Cool has been assisting in the interim
- Billing
 - \$2 million billed so far
 - Reinvested back into EMS
 - Medicaid billing
 - Additional funding is possible
- Safer Grant
 - Applying for one
 - Each station should look at AFG grants
- Data Analyst
 - Position has been advertised
 - Hope to have person start in early October
 - Replace ERS program
 - Not currently budgeted
 - Add-ons may be up to the stations
- Fuel
 - Everyone should have fuelman cards
 - Send email to Callie if there are issues with the cards
 - DEF is ordered through Callie
 - Fuelman card can be used for DEF
- Maintenance
 - General Order 9-3-2023
 - Only applies to stations we are staffing
 - EUT required

- Contract with AES (Atlantic Emergency Services)
- Behavior/Civil Rights
 - Currently have active investigations going on
 - Title VII violations will be taken out of volunteer role
 - There's been a complaint made that could cost the County up to \$1 million
 - LMS Training
 - Mandatory
- Background Checks
 - Will show all stations
- SOPs
 - Fireground
 - Structural Firefighting
 - Back on drawing board for communication
 - Valerie's dept is understaffed
 - Need cleaned up module from Troy
 - Training program
 - Goal for communication policy to match structural and fireground
- Leadership Retreat
 - Before holiday's or after first of the year
 - Bring concerns
 - Have better direction
 - Revisit at next meeting
 - Chain of command moving forward
 - Shift Commanders, 2 Assistant Chiefs, Director/Chief and Station Chief to attend

EMS Operations, Mike Stoner

- Monthly EMS Orders being sent in
- Pleasant Valley – Boots
- Harney – Boots
- New Windsor – Waiting for turnout gear to come in
- Cadet gloves are ordered
- EMS supplies are going well
 - Ordering what is needed
- UCap It
 - Hopefully within the next 2 months
 - Stations 2, 4 & 5 along with the hospital will have machines
- October 12th the 29 new hires will start
 - First 3 days will be spent at PSTC to go over HR items
 - If already cleared in County, they will be cut loose
- Station Assignments
 - Will get with station Chiefs on who will be assigned there
- Gear
 - Need inventory of what's in the County
 - Check with Charlie Simpson per the Chief

New Business

- Junior day is Saturday, September 30th
 - Registration begins at 7 am
 - Need help with the maze
- Apparatus & Budget
 - How many should there be?
 - Haven't come out of the committee yet
 - Anything in by-laws?
 - Robinson stated the standards need to become DFEMS standards and become SOP
- Transfer Policy
 - Needs to be addressed
 - Does dispatch need to be called?
 - All call (after 2)
 - 3rd is all call
- Need room at National Fire Academy
 - Get date out