

Fire Rescue Operations

February 26, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Stations in Attendance: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8, 9 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14

CCVESA, Sue Mott

- Thanked the companies for letting the social media team come in
- Jr Day is in April
 - 60 – 80 kids
 - Scavenger hunt
- Physicals
 - March 9th – contact OHS

DFEMS, Chief Robinson

- Sent email out informing of personnel changes
 - Three personnel left employment with DFEMS
 - Zero tolerance for insubordination and disloyalty to the department
 - Two people placed as “acting” shift commanders and a promotional process will be held:
 - Max Nickey – Shift Commander
 - Russell Halterman – Shift Commander
- Thanked Shift Commander Guy Garheart and Josh Pierson
- Shift Commanders will report to Chief Robinson (on a temporary basis)
- The EMS Assistant Chief will be more of an EMS Admin and not operations
- Positions
 - Put in for following positions:
 - Deputy Chief/Deputy Director to focus on operations
 - Two Training Lieutenants
- Retreat was cancelled
 - Knowing the information at hand is why it was cancelled
 - Will put out some dates
- Met w/Commissioners
 - All 84 positions can still be hired
 - Must staff all EMS units
- Met with Jack Brown
 - Working on Communication Policy-meeting to be held with Chief 2
- PAT Testing was conducted today
- Bringing on six new Paramedic’s on Thursday
 - Two people on chase cars
 - Replacing the ones who were promoted
- Will have meeting with all career personnel
- Two ambulances being built
 - 4-month time frame
 - April delivery
- Four more Paramedic Units
 - July/August
- Chase cars will be in shortly
- Van for QM will be labeled QM1

- Assign stations to Lieutenants hopefully this summer
 - Keep consistency with training
- Chase cars and ALS will run as intended
 - Chase cars will upgrade as required
 - Problem is gone
 - Cyanokit added
- Ketamine being added
- Shift Commanders to take on cohesive role
- Do your role and step up to the plate
- Eric Zaney will handle recerts with National Registry
- Transfers
 - Will be evaluated with two Shift Commanders
- Data Analyst
 - Getting accurate information within one to two calls
- Want Commissioners to ride with Shift Commanders to see what goes on
 - Will talk to Shift Commanders

EMS Report, Chief Robinson

- In progress

Health & Safety, Dennis Brothers

- Turn Out Gear
 - Being handled by Rob Schombert
 - Turn in a set to get a set, unless new person
 - Kreimer to keep a set at center
- Vouchers
 - Not giving away
- Fleet & Risk Management
 - Considering driver training
 - Need to have a better understanding of what we do
 - Reid Oliver will be here next month
 - Send information to Brothers
- CDL License
 - MVA

Training Committee

- Meeting was cancelled
- Sue Mott to get minutes to Woody

Hazmat, Chief Robinson

- Redoing plan
 - Catastrophic Plan
- Wish List
 - Send to Special Ops/Robinson
- Metering Class
 - Two dates left
- Training on Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00

Dive Team

- Reaching out to satellite personnel

ATR

- Progress

Safety, JJ

- Postponed
- Probably meeting next month

ESAC, Chief Robinson & Sue Mott

- Nothing real big
- Communication Policy
- Meeting with Commissioners
 - Budget sent
 - \$200k for maintenance fund
- Losing three voting members
- Dr. Kemp
 - Information from Dr. Chizmar
 - Cadaver Lab on the 16th
 - Monthly in person/virtual training

Old Business

- Communication Policy
 - Need to meet with Jack Brown
 - No compromises
- Gas Leak Policy
 - Committee
 - No one writing policy
 - Move slowly with
 - Not sure what will come from the Loudon County incident
- Federal OSHA
 - Real deal branching out
 - Start on page 560
 - Major impact on companies
 - March 6th is next meeting

- Unfunded mandate
- ESAC Minutes
 - Mt. Airy (whoever gets bid)
 - Reach water threshold
 - Four years
 - Reach standards
 - Approved with 500 gallons
 - Look at all the standards
 - Regroup and evaluate
 - Rules in place, but are not being followed
 - Ruch stated the group made a decision and have to live by it
 - Woody will take concerns

New Business

- Squad 12 is out of service on Wednesday
- New unit by July
- 124 is out of service, only rescue unit is tower
- New portables
 - Get schedule together for them to be replaced
- Lithium Lion Battery
 - Go over at next month's meeting
 - Jeff Donahue w/MDE