

Cabarrus County Fireman's Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2007
Cold Water Fire Department

2nd Vice President Doug Bickerstaff called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2007 BOD meeting, Michael Stafford ask for a correction of the minutes to reflect that any issues involving Cabarrus EMS should be put in writing and presented to any supervisor, not just himself. Secretary Allen Burnette asks for a correction on the roll call of the June 14, 2007 BOD meeting to reflect that Harrisburg had no one present. Danny Furr made a motion to approve the June 14, 2007 BOD minutes with the noted changes, same passed unanimously.

Treasurer Gary Freeman gave the financial report and Danny Furr made a motion to accept with a second by Ed Phillips, approved.

Roll call by Allen Burnette, as follows

Roll Call

Date 9-13-2007

Location - Cabarrus

Rescue

Present

Allen	3
Cab EMS	3
Cab Rescue	3
Cold Water	3
Concord	0
East Gold Hill	0
Emer Mgmt	4
Flowes Store	2
Forester	2
Georgeville	2
Harrisburg	2
Jackson Park	1
Kannapolis	0
Midland	3
Mt Mitchell	0
Mt Pleasant	3
Northeast	1
Odell	0
Richfield	1
Rimer	2
Sheriff Dept	1
United Cab	0
Guest	1
Total Present	37

Accountability Committee: There has been reorganization and Artie Craig is the new Chairman and there will be starting back with regular scheduled meetings.

Training Committee: Kevin Lewis reported that there had been no response on new ideas and that the FY 2007-2008 Rookie School had been set-up and the schedule sent out to each department. Kannapolis FD will host the classes with the class room portion being held at the RCCC South Campus.

Recruitment Committee: Ed Phillips stated the committee was struggling and had made no progress.

Communications Committee: Jody Johnson spoke on the upcoming replacement of radios by Nextel with the upgrade pricing as follows;

XTL 2500 \$470.00

XTL 5000 \$996.00

XTS 2500 \$474.00

XTS 5000 \$791.00

Jody also reported that the Sheriff's Department may not be able to keep the present transmission tower and if replaced would need to be lowered in height and lower wattage. This may be offset by putting additional towers in the county, but this would have a significant cost associated with it. Another option that is being explored is to piggyback with CMC on the 900 MHz alpha-voice paging system. Recommended to hold off on purchasing new Motorola Minitor V pagers till a decision is made.

Ed Phillips inquired about a back-up radio system in case the 800 system was down; Jody stated that they were currently addressing that issue. Ed Phillips inquired about the status of the new 800 radio template, Jody stated that it had been completed; Ed Phillips wanted to know who had approved the completed template. Bobby Smith stated that his office and the Sheriff's Department could have final say in communication issues if needed.

RIT Guidelines: Alan Thompson stated on page 6 that the utilization of the CMC helicopter might need changing due to possible upcoming new criteria on the use of CMC's Air Ambulance. Ed Phillips stated that the last paragraph on page 3 needed some clerical work concerning the example with AFD and JPDFD. Ed Phillips stated the RIT tarp referred to on page 2 needs to be uniform in color and size through out the county for easy identification. Allen Burnette made a motion to use an orange 10' x 12' tarp, 2nd by Chris Honeycutt, same passed.

Ed Phillips made a motion to accept the RIT SOG with the noted changes, 2nd by Danny Furr, same passed.

Bobby Smith asks Vice President Bickerstaff to have President Hurlocker send out the new 800 radio template.

Motion to recess Board of Directors meeting by ED Phillips and second by Danny Furr.

Vice President Bickerstaff opened the EMS Advisory Board meeting.

No business to report.

Vice President Bickerstaff reconvened the BOD meeting.

Vice President Bickerstaff reported on behalf of President Hurlocker that some departments had still not returned their foam surveys.

Fire Marshal's Report: Steve Langer introduced 404 Jason Burnett, and reported that his office still has some Relief Fund checks to distribute. Also as of 9-17-2007 the County will have approved the monies for Fire House Software.

Bobby Smith reported that his office was looking at dispatch protocols for setting time limits for non response and when to have another department dispatched. Anyone with concerns should contact Bobby Smith.

Steve Langer reported that the Report of Fire Conditions were due in.

Ed Phillips stated that his department was having trouble with the run cards, Jody Johnson said he could give a copy of streets and zones and for specific run card problems contact him or Sergeant McGee.

New Business: David Hampton reported on the ongoing negotiations with Cabarrus Rescue and the municipalities of Kannapolis, Concord, Harrisburg and Mt. Pleasant which want to be the primary provider of rescue within their respective city limits.

Bobby Smith reported the need to form a rescue committee to address possible rescue standards. Kevin Lewis stated that the North Carolina Association of EMS and Rescue had a set of standards for light, medium and heavy rescue.

Jody Johnson reported that it could present problems with dispatch if the decision was not uniform as to rescue being dispatched.

David Hampton said all Departments should let Bobby Smith know as to what their intentions were regarding Cabarrus Rescue. David Hampton made a motion to put together a work group for the rescue standards and same was seconded by Jim Overcash.

Tom Joyner ask who started this, David Hampton replied some of the municipalities. A question was ask concerning the legal issues of having the word rescue on the side of an emergency vehicle, David Hampton stated that their were no legal statues defining rescue.

Bobby Smith stated that the IC could call for rescue upon arrival at the scene if needed.

An amendment was made to David Hampton's motion on forming a rescue committee, for all departments to let Bobby Smith what their intentions were on having rescue to respond automatically in their respective districts, the motion with the amendment passed unanimously.

Tommy Clymer spoke on what the recruitment committee was working on; mission statement, possible advertising, surveys and getting into the school system. Any ideas and/or help are also requested. Steve Langer reported that they were working on a recruitment video for possibly airing on television. Chris Honeycutt stated the need to know what each Departments eligibility requirements were.

Ed Phillips reported on problems with the smoke machine for the fire safety house. Ed Phillips made a motion for the Association to purchase a new smoke machine, a second was received, motion passed. Ed Phillips stated that the Burned Children's Fund may purchase a smoke machine also. Ed Phillips also reported that the fire safety house was not being checked after each use and needed to be policed in order to keep maintained and any good working order. Bobby Smith stated that the Fire Marshal's Office take over that responsibility.

Jason Marlow introduced Mary Williams, the new Cabarrus County Forester. Jason also stated that he and Michael Cheeks would continue assist in covering Cabarrus County till the return of Robert Ward.

Bobby Smith made a request for the Memorial Committee to meet and for Vice President Bickerstaff contact the Chairman and see if he is interested in continuing on as Chairman.

Kevin Lewis spoke on concerns of personnel checking en-route and on-scene, when no apparatus was responding. Bobby Smith stated that this was appropriate on medical calls. With fire calls this would not stop the clock.

Awards Committee: Steve Langer reminded everyone that the deadline for submitting nominations was the October Association meeting at Cold Water FD.

Ed Phillips spoke on the need for standardizing helmet colors; with some discussion no action was taken.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Burnette, Secretary