



FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD

CURRITUCK COUNTY



Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2008
Currituck County Courtroom "C"
7:00pm

1. Call to order at 1901 hrs
2. Roll call of Board Members – All Advisory Board Members are present with the exception of Mr. Mick Lesinski and Deputy Chief Greg Laput
3. Public Comments - None
4. Chairman's Comments/Advisory Board Member Comments
 - a. Chairman Messina does not have final information on the retreat with the Board of Commissioners, but it will be sometime at the end of January. Chair stated that he attended a meeting with a couple of the Volunteer Fire Departments to discuss insurance items for personnel injuries and line of duty deaths. This may be something that the Advisory Board may want a presentation on in the future.
5. Approve minutes – November 20th 2008
 - a. Motion to approve by Vice Chair McCain to approve as presented with a second by Mr. Stegner. Motion passed.
6. Chief Galganski report Corolla Fire-Rescue
 - a. Chief Galganski presented a report detailing his immediate, middle and long term requests for Corolla Fire Rescue (CFR). *See attachment for further.* At this time he is requesting the County to contribute funds to repair their ladder truck, Platform 61. This truck has approximately \$220,000 worth of necessary repairs and he is requesting the County assist him with an emergency appropriation of approximately \$157,000. Discussion ensued. Chief Galganski stated that Chief Carter and Finance have been working to find other funds to assist in this project and may have a solution prior to the retreat. However, it would be prudent to move forward to assist this project now.
 - b. A motion by Mr. Carl Soltow was made for the Chair to present this topic to the Commissioners for an Emergency Appropriation of Funds in the amount of \$157,000 to assist in repairs of Platform 61. The motion was given a second by Chief Galganski. Motion approved.

All meetings will start promptly at 1900 hrs

Turn all pagers, radios and cell phones either off or to vibrate

At ninety (90) minutes, the agenda will be continued to the next meeting, unless there is a "motion to continue" that is seconded and approved.



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7. Updates from Department Chief's

- a. Knotts Island – Chief VanAuker stated that they obtained a 1987 Chevrolet truck to replace their 1974 brush truck. The new Knotts Island Fire Station is going fairly well and should be completed in 60- 90 days.
- b. Crawford – Chief Dailey Reported that they are moving forward with drawings in hopes to service the airport with fire protection. They are looking at using the Maple fire station and having direct access roads to 158 and to the airport. The intent will be to try and get the airport rated. January 8th the Census will be here and working out of the Sligo station. This is an opportunity for personnel to work as they will be hiring up to 50 people to assist with the details of this census.
- c. Carova – Chief Galganski reported that Carova is working to better the dirt roads around the station.
- d. Corolla – will be working with the Villages of Ocean Hill to become another fire wise community.
- e. Department of Fire-EMS – Chief Carter reported that we will be approved for Model EMS System. This will make us the 14th Model System in the state and the first in North Eastern North Carolina. We have received five new ambulances and are trying to schedule them to go into service by the beginning of February 2009.

8. New Business

- a. Crawford/Sligo Fire station has a public addressing system. This was donated by the FEAB Chair. If any station would like to utilize this, please contact Chief Dailey.
- b. The Fire Chief's and Volunteer Fire Departments need to do a better job of promoting and identifying their respective department. Each Chief should be encouraged to put together a program to inform the community about your station and abilities. This should help with recruitment and retention, plus a great informative tool.

9. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Chief Dailey, Second by Chief Galganski. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2048 hrs.