



# ***FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD***

## ***CURRITUCK COUNTY***



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### **Minutes**

**Thursday, October 16, 2008  
Currituck County Courtroom "C"  
7:00pm**

1. Call to order – Meeting began at 7:05 pm
2. Roll call – All Board Members Present
3. Public Comments – three minutes - NONE
4. Chairman's Comments/Advisory Board Member Comments
  - a. The Chair stated that we have started to tackle a large amount of issues in relative short period of time. We have listen to the issues of fire services throughout the County and tried to address some of these over the past several months. He thanks all of the volunteers for what they do in this County!
  - b. The Chair would like to amend his previous request to the fire chiefs of how to provide fire service in their district. Instead he would ask that each department take the County Department of Fire-EMS out of the equation for this submission, look at the issue from a "stand alone" department and state what you would need to provide adequate and reliable daytime response.
5. Approve minutes – September meeting – motion by Carl Soltow, second by Chief Dailey, minutes approved.
6. Daytime Fire Service Response - Fire Chiefs' report-
  - o ***Station 3 Moyock Volunteer Fire*** – Chief Lane – The comments made by the chair changed a couple of his recommendations. However, the MVFD body would like to see Fire and EMS stay together. Night time response has improved stating that they have brought in approximately sixteen volunteers in the past year, spending approximately five thousand dollars. He recommends all Volunteer Fire departments put in the time and money for recruitment as it has assisted their department. Unfortunately, this has not improved daytime turnout. Chief Lane reiterated that without CCFEMS personnel, they would still be on probation.

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- **Requests** -As a standalone department, Chief Lane would need between four and six personnel during the day. The department is not in a position to manage these personnel, finances or payroll. Moyock is still very open to being absorbed by the County and would like to see Fire-EMS stay as one. Personnel would be certified firefighter 2 and would like to see personnel certified as an EMT-Basic at a minimum.
  - **Certified Personnel** – Over 40 personnel at Firefighter 2
  - **Station 4 Crawford Volunteer Fire** - Chief Dailey gave quick reports on statistics: Data was pulled for the last five months April 1 – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. 56 were accidents without extrication, standbys, and 44 calls were assisting EMS. 64 calls were handled with County employee assistance (CCFEMS, CCSO etc). 69 calls were handled by pure volunteers. Crawford handles auto-aides with Station 3 and Station 5 both north and south.
    - **Requests** -Chief Dailey requests two personnel six days a week, ten hours a day. The department is looking at contracting out payroll services. Personnel would be certified firefighter 2. He would like to see personnel certified at the First Responder Level.
    - **Certified Personnel** – approximately 34 firefighter 1 or 2 with 8 of those in class at this time.
  - **Station 5 Lower Currituck Volunteer Fire** – Chief Moseman gave some statistics: 2006 = 208 calls, 2007 = 270 calls, 2008 = 255 calls – Majority of calls were motor vehicle accident related. 129 calls were during the daylight hours. 4 calls were structure fires that happened during the daytime hours this year Chief Moseman stated that they have requested paid staff before, but were denied due to funding.
    - **Requests** – Chief Moseman would like to request 3 personnel during the daytime hours. Two personnel would be placed in Grandy and one person would be placed in the Powell’s Point station. He would also request one of these positions be an officer. Chief Moseman would like to confer with his Board of Directors to see if they could handle pay roll as they have not made a decision.
    - **Certified Personnel** – Was not asked by the Board. LCVFD has 55 personnel on the roster.

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- **Station 6 Corolla Volunteer Fire Rescue** – Chief Galganski stated call volume is up 12% more than last year. Ran approximately 186 calls for service so far this year. Assisting EMS is rare, less than 12 a year. Chief Galganski reiterated his need for a 4X4 Engine/pumper to assist Carova and his four wheel drive district.
  - - **Requests** – Four personnel on a rotating basis seven days a week. This would be in conjunction with the current 24 hour CCFEMS personnel as he uses and relies on these personnel. He would like to see certified Firefighter 2 and EMT-Basic as a minimum EMS requirement. Chief Galganski stated that they could not handle the payroll or scheduling of these personnel.
    - **Certified Personnel** – 12-15 certified personnel at Firefighter 1 or 2.
  - **Station 7 Carova – Chief Galganski for Chief Vann**
    - **Requests-** Chief Vann requested two personnel during the day to assist with EMS calls first and then help with Fire calls. Would like to see a Paramedic and an EMT-Intermediate with Firefighter 1 or 2 credentials. Payroll and personnel would be very difficult for them to manage.
    - **Certified Personnel** – not given.
  - **Station 15, Knotts Island Volunteer Fire** – Chief VanAuker – Not sure if Fire-EMS should stay together or separate, sees benefits for both. Statistics show 39 fire calls for their department this year. Most calls they have been after 4pm and/or the City of Virginia Beach Fire Department sends mutual aid.
    - **Requests** – Chief VanAuker would like two personnel during the daytime hours. They are not in a position to handle payroll or personnel, but would likely contract out payroll services. He sees this as a benefit to assist EMS with a much larger call volume and would like to see personnel certified as EMT-B's at a minimum.
    - **Certified Personnel** – 10 personnel are certified.



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- **Discussion** – the discussion ensued on how to address this issue and in all phases of how to solve the current issues and address them appropriately. The Volunteer Coordinator Position was taken off of the table until this pressing issue is addressed. The Chair stated that we will gather some figures and start to discuss the options to present to the Board of Commissioners for January 2009. He reminded all that we are an advisory board and should give the BOC a couple of options for them to make a decision.
  - 7. EMS Service Report – Chief Carter stated that we need to keep all factors and personnel in mind. He believes that we should keep Fire and EMS as a system and keep it together as this was one of the missions for the Advisory Board. He asks that all members remember the 100 plus full time, temporary and volunteer members in his department, of which 70 plus are certified firefighters and any full time certified firefighters are compensated extra in addition to being EMT-Paramedic, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-Basic providers. Chief Carter provided numbers for response times and number of calls this year
    - a. 2700 EMS calls January-September 2008
    - b. Response times meeting the national standards on an average However, the departments on scene times need to improve dramatically.
    - c. We are now reviewing all Aero-medical calls for system performance.
  - 8. Volunteers Coordinator Job Description – Tabled until further notice.
  - 9. Adjourn

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