



FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD

CURRITUCK COUNTY



Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2009
Currituck County Courtroom "C"
7:00pm

1. **Call to Order** - @ 1900
2. **Roll Call of Members** – All members present with the exception of Chairman Dave Messina.
3. **Public Comment** – Chief James Moseman of Lower Currituck Volunteer Fire Department stated that his department had a record year with calls. They responded to 302 calls for service. A majority of the calls his departments sees are accident related.
4. **Vice Chair's Comments/Advisory Board Member Comments** – Vice Chair McCain stated that this was the last meeting before the commissioner's retreat. Tonight's work will be important to try and fine tune this and better our cooperation. Chief Galganski thanked the Advisory Board and County staff for their assistance in obtaining emergency funding for Platform 61.
5. **Approval of December 18, 2008 Minutes** – Motion by Chief Galganski, second by Chief Dailey. Minutes approved unanimously.
6. **Department Chief Updates**
 - a. Corolla Fire/Rescue – Platform 61 repairs are being addressed now. CFR calls increased by about 6 ½ %. They are starting to see more calls in the shoulder seasons. This is likely due to advertising and special rates etc. They are working on a auto/mutual aide contract with Duck Fire Department.
 - b. Carova Vol. Fire Dept – no new report
 - c. Crawford Vol. Fire Dept – Chief Dailey reported that his department is still working with the airport to better response and overall set up to deal with emergencies inside and outside the airport proper. Chief Dailey stated that his department has also had another busy year and will give a report in the near future, with the appropriate statistics. Membership is steady, they voted in five members this past month.
 - d. Lower Currituck Vol. Fire Dept – Chief Moseman gave an update on the Powell's Point Fire station. All apparatus and essential equipment have been moved across the street so that work could begin on the building. He also thanked the advisory board for all of their hard work.
 - e. Knotts Island Vol. Fire Dept. – No comments
 - f. Moyock Vol. Fire Dept. – Deputy Chief Laput reported that the North Eastern North Carolina Fire Academy has begun and they have a good size class. They have applications that are coming in and being approved, but daytime is still a struggle for response. Moyock's call volume has also increased over the last year.

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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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- g. County Dept of Fire-EMS – Chief Carter reported that there was over 3500 calls that CCFEMS responded to in 2008. This is about a 10% increased from the previous year and includes fire and EMS related incidents.

7. Total Needs Assessment Process for All Fire and EMS Stations

- a. Discussion on a third party service to come to the County and conduct a thorough survey in all aspects of Fire-EMS was discussed. This would allow for a non-bias entity to collect information and give their recommendations based on all standards to include ISO, NFPA, staffing needs and other emergency service trends. This third party assessment should also include equipment and apparatus to assist us in developing a long term plan so that each department will have updated and appropriate equipment.
- b. More information and research will be needed for this to come to fruition. We will also need to look into a price and develop what we want the assessment to help us determine. Chief Galganski made a motion to obtain costs of vendors for this project and bring it back to consideration in the near future – A second was made by Mr. Lesinski and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Review the Requested Daytime Paid Staff for Fire Service and EMS in Carova

- a. The letter that was submitted to the Advisory Board from Corolla Vol. Fire-Rescue was rescinded by Chief Galganski.
- b. A second letter from Moyock Vol. Fire Department requesting assistance from the County was presented. – Chief Laput stated that the department has followed all recommendations from the Fire and EMS Advisory Board, but has not had any luck with response during the daylight hours. This letter is a second request to merge with the County Department of Fire-EMS to ensure daytime response.
- c. Mr. Soltow asked that his information submitted at the beginning of the meeting be rescinded until further research could be conducted. He wanted to give out some information to get a county-wide standard, the letter was rescinded.
- d. After much discussion and questions on the different ways to provide daytime service, a motion was made to present the Advisory Boards recommendation of daytime, part-time firefighters to assist the Volunteer Fire departments during daylight hours. These personnel would report to the Volunteer Fire Departments chain of command. Moyock's request would also be presented as an option for that department. Motion was made by Mr. Stegner with a second by Chief Galganski – Motion passed unanimously.

9. **New Business-** Model EMS System will be presented on February 16th at the BOC meeting.

10. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.