



FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD

CURRITUCK COUNTY



Minutes

**Thursday, May 21, 2009
Currituck County Courtroom "C"
7:00pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Advisory Board Members – All members present with the exception of Commissioner Taylor.
3. Public Comments - None
4. Chair's Comments/Advisory Board Member Comments
 - a. Chairman Hugh McCain stated that the budgets are a victim of the economy and he is interested in hearing the Volunteer Fire Chief's perspective, specifically on the memo from Dan Scanlon the County Manager. The Chair has dissected this letter into two parts – Funds and Equipment. He sees challenges with the Funds and associated stipulations. He commented that the previous chair understood the Fire/EMS culture and operations, but he was a "bean counter" so he asked for support from the FEAB for the next year to interject their comments and guidance.
 - b. Mr. Mick Lesinski commented on the letter from Mr. Scanlon and would also like to hear from the Chiefs.
 - c. Chief Dailey mentioned the fire training that occurred the previous Saturday. He stated that this was one of the best training sessions he has even been involved with in Currituck County.
 - d. Chief Carter echoed Chief Dailey's comments and was impressed with the coordination and cooperation of all the different entities that were involved. He hopes to see more training like this in the future. The First Annual Awards Ceremony will be held tomorrow night to celebrate the end of EMS Week. He would like to see this become a public safety banquet in the future.
 - e. Mr. Butch Stegner is interested in the VFD Chief's comments. He has enjoyed being a part of the FEAB and still learning about the system.
 - f. Chief Galganski has updated auto-aide agreements with Carova Beach VFD and Duck Fire Department (Dare County) Additionally, Platform 61 is still being worked on and Engine 64 is having the pump replaced and should be back in service in the near future.

All meetings will start promptly at 1900 hrs

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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. Vice Chair Carl Soltow submitted a letter commending the volunteer and career Fire and EMS personnel in Currituck County. He also stated that equipment, time and buildings are a good investment to our community.
 - h. Chief Laput – Chief Dailey’s folks should be commended for the logistical sides of things and hosting this event. The training was well executed and well
 5. Approval of April 16, 2009 Minutes – some grammatical changes were submitted but no other changes were noted. Minutes approved unanimously.
 6. Discussion on recording FEAB Meetings and placing them on the County website – Approved without discussion.
 7. Moving forward with the current budget allocated by the BOC- being proactive in a tough economy
 - a. What line items in the budgets that can be identified for alternative funding requests? – Discussion ensued.
 - b. VFD department funding sources - Monies saved that are not identified for individual department projects – Discussions on how to allocate funding in an equitable manner. Several departments stated they were operating on donation funds at this time.
 - c. Planning for the Equipment Fund usage going forward
Discussion ensued on how we can better fund this and have an audience with the Commissioners and/or Manager and develop a better process for the contracts.
 8. Coordination with County Dept. of Fire-EMS for Daytime Assistance in 2009-2010 – Chief Carter stated that the County Department is here to supplement and assist the Volunteer Fire Departments as necessary or requested. Chief Galganski stated thank you to CCFEMS and Chief Carter’s working relationship
 9. Adjourn