



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

## ***CURRITUCK COUNTY***



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### **Minutes**

**Thursday, May 26, 2011  
Currituck County Courtroom "C"  
7:00pm**

1. Call to Order – meeting called to order by Chairman McCain at 7:00pm
2. Installation of New Members – (BOC action May 2, 2011)
  - a. Northern District - Lt. Kurt Black - (Exp. 5/13)
  - b. Mainland District - Mr. Mitch Copeland - (Exp. 5/13)
  - c. Outer Banks District - Deputy Chief George Bergamini - (Exp. 5/13)
  - d. At Large - Mr. Paul Beaumont – (Exp. 5/13)
3. Roll Call of Fire & EMS Advisory Board Members.

**Present:** Commissioner Vance Aydlett, Paul Beaumont, Deputy Chief George Bergamini, Charles Berry, Mitch Copeland, Chief Robert Glover, Vice-Chair Stanley Griggs, Chairman Hugh McCain

**Absent:** Lt. Kurt Black, Michael Lesinski

**Attendees:** Gina Copeland, Chief Chris Dailey, Chief Rick Galganski, Commission Marion Gilbert, Chief Bill Jones, James Mims, Chief Scott Morrison
4. Reading and action of March 2011 Minutes.

The motion to approve minutes was made by Vice-Chair Griggs and seconded by Mr. Copeland, motion voted and the minutes were approved.
5. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes each speaker)

Chief Dailey – Welcome aboard new members  
No other comments
6. Special Presentation – Upcoming Firefighter Challenge – Oct. 1, 2011 (Hampton Lodge) – Mrs. Gina Copeland.

Mrs. Copeland shared with the board information about the program that was completed last week at the high school in connection with Every 15 Minutes. There was a mock accident on Friday, May 20 to help promote awareness about drinking and driving as well as texting and driving. Participating in the event were CCFEMS, Moyock VFD, Crawford VFD, Lower Currituck VFD, CC Sheriff's Office, NCHP, Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance, and Gallop Funeral Services. The week was a great success ending with the prom on Saturday night where the Vice-Principal of CCHS received many comments from

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attendees that they were not going to drink and drive and how good the program was.

Mrs. Copeland also talked about the Firefighter Challenge being held on October 1, 2011. It is a moral boosting event for all of the VFD and CCFEMS staff who would like to participate. The challenge held in Currituck County is a modified version of the National Firefighter Challenge. The events for competition will include hose pull, victim rescue, victim carry, and tug-of-war. The event also involves a picnic for family members. If any of the VFDs would like to have a team participate, please contact Mrs. Copeland. Donations are being solicited to help with payment for the event. Donors will be recognized with a banner and entry in the program.

7. Comments – Chairman and FEAB members

**Commission Aydlett –**

- a. All outgoing board members are invited to the Commissioner’s Meeting on June 6, 2011 for a recognition ceremony.
- b. Thank you for the teamwork during last weeks programs. Our organization(s) are only as strong or as weak as our strongest and weakest links.

**Vice-Chair Griggs** – glad to see everyone participating in the program at the high school. It helps build community support.

**Deputy Chief Bergamini –**

- a. Said he is honored to be on the Fire-EMS Advisory Board.
- b. Mentioned the NC State Firefighters Association conference will be held in Raleigh on August 10-14, 2011. Chief Jones is the association president this year. Thinks it would be beneficial for our community to have representation there. Chief Glover will be presenting at the conference.

**Mitch Copeland** – Introduced the new Knotts Island Fire Chief Scott Morrison. Chief Morrison then introduced himself and said a few words.

**Chief Glover –**

- a. As of Friday, June 3, 2011, Tonya Crawford is leaving CCFEMS to pursue her career as provider.
- b. Congratulations to Captain Teresa Wheeler for her recent accomplishment of Chief Medical Officer (CMO) designation. To become a CMO, you must go through a lengthy process and meet many qualifications. Captain Wheeler joins just 66 others in the US who have this designation.
- c. Thank you to everyone who came to the EMS Week Celebration.
- d. Thank you to Mitch Copeland for organizing and teaching the Extrication training currently being taken by CCFEMS staff.
- e. Feels that the fellowship and unity shown by CCFEMS and all other VFD during the Every 15 Minute programs was one of the proudest moments of his career.

**Chairman McCain –**

- a. Thank you to outgoing members of the board.
- b. Welcome to new members of the board.



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c. Would like to say in the few years that this board has been established, he feels that issues are being talked about and it is making for a strong unit between the fire departments and individuals involved in the Fire-EMS community.

### 8. Old Business

a. Review and Discuss Proposed Draft Ordinance.

Chief Dailey - asked whether "Assistance" by CCFEMS paid staff was going to be addressed in this document or in another way. It was decided this will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. Recommendation/Motion on the Draft Ordinance.

Vice-Chair Griggs – Made a motion that this draft document be sent to the County Manager and County Legal Dept. for review on format or other comments to then come back to FEAB for further working. Motion seconded by Charles Berry. Motion voted and passed.

c. Election of FEAB Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Stanley Griggs made a motion that Hugh McCain remains Chairman of the Fire-EMS Advisory Board. Motion seconded by George Bergamini. Motion voted and passed.

Charles Berry made a motion that Stanley Griggs remain Vice-Chairman of the Fire-EMS Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Mitch Copeland. Motion voted and passed.

d. Input from Chiefs regarding 2011/2012 Budget base upon 2 year budget already agreed upon and approved.

The Volunteer Fire Departments are bound by the contracted amount. All Chiefs in attendance agreed that their budgets for FY2012 were good. Chairman McCain to get in touch with Chief Ruscoe for approval of Moyock budget.

e. Status of Voting Privileges for Chief of Fire – EMS

This has not been resolved by the Board of Commissioners.

Chief Glover would like to take this item of the table at this time with the understanding that he appreciates the support, but does not feel it is necessary for him to have voting rights on this committee. It can be revisited at a later date if necessary. A motion was made to rescind having voting privileges instated for Chief of Fire-EMS by Stanley Griggs. Motion seconded by Mitch Copeland. Motion voted and passed.

9. New Business

- a. Request from Chief Bill Thorn - Knotts Island VFD to be placed on the apparatus replacement list for consideration of a new Fire Engine/Pumper.

Chief Dailey - The Fire Chiefs, in the past, have decided who will receive apparatus replacement with a process that includes information on age and maintenance costs of equipment for all VFDs. Would like to have a Chief's Meeting in the near future to make a 5 or 10-year plan for apparatus replacement.

Chairman McCain – Asked Chief Morrison to take his request to the Fire Chief's for consideration.

- b. Announcement of the appointment of new Fire Chief in Knotts Island – Chief Scott Morrison – taken care of above

- c. Discussion on Public Safety Mass Gathering and Event Planning

Chief Glover spoke of a planning process that needs to be implemented because of all of the mass gatherings that are being scheduled in the county due to the new Rural Life Center and other venues. Need to have consistency on what resources are needed for different scenarios including number of expected participants and location of event. Also discussion on whether the departments involved in the events should be compensated monetarily for their time.

- d. Other new business

Chief Galganski –

- a. Handed out information about lease/purchase options for apparatus acquiring.

- b. Asked if anyone would be willing to help with the July 4 Fireworks celebration by staging an engine at the Whalehead Club.

- c. Informed everyone that Ocean Rescue will be ready to hit the beach this weekend. There are 45 members, 37 of whom are returns. They have a new Polaris 6-wheeler this year for carrying patients off the beach that should help CCFEMS not have to bring ambulances on the beach.

10. Primary topic for June Meeting

“Assistance” of CCFEMS paid personnel will be the June meeting topic of discussion

11. Set June 2011 meeting date and time

Meeting scheduled for June 23, 2011 at 7pm in Courtroom C

12. Adjourn until June 2011 Meeting – meeting adjourned at 8:33pm