



FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD

CURRITUCK COUNTY



Minutes

**Thursday, December 13, 2012
Currituck County Courtroom "C"
7:00pm**

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Stanley Griggs at 7:00PM

II. Roll Call of Advisory Board Members:

Present: Chairman Stanley Griggs, Chief Rob Glover, Ms. Evelyn Henley, Mr. Jim Cason, Deputy Chief Bergamini, Mr. Mitch Copeland, Commissioner Vance Aydlett

Absent: Mr. John Wheeler, Mr. Charles Berry, Vice Chairman Paul Beaumont

Chairman Stanley Griggs stated that Mr. Wheeler and his family were in his thoughts and prayers for health reasons.

III. Reading and Action on the October 2012 Minutes:

Ms. Henley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Vance Aydlett seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed.

IV. Public Comments:

Chairman Stanley Griggs recognized Mr. Paul Savage as Currituck Fire-EMS new Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Savage introduced himself at this time. The board then acknowledged Chief Savage with welcoming remarks.

V. Board Comments:

Chief Glover spoke of promotions to department of Currituck Fire-EMS. Chief recognized Nick Dicaprio as the new "C" shift Captain and Steven Harris as the new "A" shift Captain. Chief Glover stated that both employees have worked hard to achieve this promotion and it was well deserved.

Mr. Mitch Copeland shared about his recent trip to the Health and Safety Conference in Orlando, FL. Mr. Copeland thinks information retained from this program will be useful to Currituck Fire EMS and to Lower Currituck Volunteer Fire to place an exercise program to stem line of duty death and various other injuries.

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Commissioner Aydlett shared that he is excited to be back to the board and is feeling well. Mr. Aydlett spoke of looking forward to being an asset in the future.

VI. Update on the status of the Knotts Island Fire Apparatus

Deputy Chief Bergamini stated that he is very happy to come to this point where the equipment is being manufactured. The process has taken over two years to get to where they are at this time.

Bergamini shared that he, Chief Jones, and Chief Morrison recently made a trip to the manufactures site to view the process and meet with the engineers. Chief Bergamini stated that he thought the trip was much needed and that by seeing the truck and others similar led to a possible decision to make some minor changes which would increase the cost a total of \$880.00. He then shared that the changes would consist of changing the valve position to save money, switching the mirrors which were originally picked out for this truck which weren't safe enough, and the hose fixed tray that would need to be floating for our terrain. Bergamini stated that all changes were safety related.

Other additions or changes that Chief Bergamini shared were an upgrade to the foam system. For an additional charge the committee felt it necessary to go with the hail foam fill system which pumps foam and fills at same time with a bottom fill system. Bergamini thought this addition would be necessary for the safety of firefighters. Another need per Chief Bergamini included the cost for ladders, pipe poles, hard suction and hand tools to outfit the truck. Chief Bergamini shared that the cost for all these additions would total \$7400.00 including the \$880.00.

Deputy Chief Bergamini asked the board to process the additional costs and add to the trucks original purchase price. Chief Glover asked if the truck that the new would be replacing still had tools attached that could be moved to the new truck to save money. Bergamini would have to research information on the old truck that is no longer in service to answer this question. Chief Glover and Commissioner Aydlett suggested that these accessories be checked into before purchasing new. They both suggested that a capital outlay purchase be made later to outfit the truck with tools. Mr. Copeland asked Bergamini the timeline on needing an answer to go ahead with the additional purchases. Deputy Chief Bergamini stated that the Finance Director has been made aware of the additions and she would like to know as soon as possible to get the money arranged but all is needed would be the quote. Bergamini did state that any additions or changes to the truck that impacts the build will need to be finalized now. Chief Glover made a motion to accept the \$880.00 upcharge as well as the addition to the foam system and the hard suction and research the accessory

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items before purchasing. Mr. Mitch Copeland seconded the motion. Deputy Chief Bergamini stated that the motion would increase the purchase price a total of \$5900.00 versus the \$7400.00.

Chairman Griggs spoke about the lettering on the new equipment. Mr. Griggs shared that he has sent an email to the County Manager asking his opinion. According to Chairman Griggs, during recent conversation, Commissioner Aydlett suggested going less dominant (county) on the lettering and letting the KIVFD lettering be more dominant.

VII. Update on the 800 MHZ radio system:

Chairman Griggs updated the board on the new radio system. Chairman expressed that the County Manager wanted the board to be involved in the radio system on the Fire-EMS side. Chairman reported that he has been attending the meetings and there has not been a lot of movement due to problems meshing with the highway patrol system. Chairman Griggs stated that he would bring anything to the board that he felt needed but in return he would need to hear any wants or concerns to take back to the meetings.

Commissioner Aydlett shared that the vendors have been established and the funds have been approved to move forward with the project.

VIII. Two Year Volunteer Fire Department Budget:

Carova has submitted a 2013-2014 and a 2014-2015 budget

Corolla has submitted a 2011-2012 budget (wrong dates)

Crawford will be submitting the same budget as past year

Lower Currituck has submitted no budget

President Steve VanHise from Crawford Township spoke on updates to the Sligo station. Mr. VanHise shared that the station will be expanding in the Spring of 2013 adding two bays. Steve shared that the County will be lending the funds which will be on the next board agenda for approval. Mr. VanHise shared they will be signing an auto aide with Camden County as well as speaking about the newly purchased tanker from VA Beach with donation funds for the price of \$14,000.00.



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Commissioner Aydlett asked Deputy Chief Bergamini on a report about opening a new (Carova) South Beach Station. Bergamini shared that he knew plans were in the works, however also knew that nothing at this time had been finalized.

Commissioner Aydlett expressed his belief that the beach needs more EMS coverage and better care with faster response times. Mr. Aydlett states there is no longer an off season, meaning the population during the winter months seems to be higher than in the past. Commissioner Aydlett shared his thought of one ALS provider to respond to cushion the arrival time from the ambulance. Chairman Griggs suggested that any help the board can give for him to ask and bring forward, knowing the board is willing.

IX. Mask Fit Test Machine: Added to the Agenda per Mr. Mitch Copeland

Mr. Mitch Copeland shared that he has met with various Fire Chiefs to get opinions on what is needed to conquer a more unified purchasing experience between stations. Mr. Copeland shared that the most common discussion was the fit test machine that and that the logistics were not working so well. Mr. Copeland hopes that if there is any monies left in the contingency fund that a purchase could be made for a machine that could be shared by all stations but housed either with the Fire Marshall or Fire-EMS Admin office. Mr. Copeland gave an estimate total of \$9500.00 to purchase this machine as a group to share the cost and have a product long term.

Chief Glover asked if the machine covered N95 medical fit testing as well. Mr. Copeland could not answer at this time. Chief shared that his thought was if the machine could test for fire and medical needs that he place that in his budget this coming year and could lend the machine out to the Volunteer Stations as needed.

Chief asked that the research be done and brought back to the board. Mr. Cason asked if the County Jail has a machine and if not, could they absorb some of the cost for this machine as a public safety use. Chairman Griggs asked the Mr. Copeland and Chief Glover work together on researching and the item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

President SteveVanHise from Crawford wanted to go on record and state they are on board with the purchase of the machine and do not have a preference where it is housed. Mr. Copeland expressed that all of the other Fire Chiefs agree with the idea.



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X. Next Meeting Dates:

January 24, 2013 February 28, 2013

XI. Adjourn:

8:10pm - Chairman Griggs made motion to adjourn the meeting

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chief Rob Glover and Ms. Crissy Daneker

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