



FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD

CURRITUCK COUNTY



Minutes

**Thursday, February 28, 2013
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, Mr. Jim Cason, Deputy Chief Bergamini, Mr. Mitch Copeland, Commissioner Vance Aydlett

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

Chairman Stanley Griggs stated that Mr. Berry had some health issues, but is ready to be active with the board once again and plans to be back at the March meeting.

III. Reading and Action on the January 2013 Minutes:

Chief Glover made a motion to accept the minutes as written. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cason. The motion was voted upon and carried.

IV. Public Comments:

Cindy Beamon from the Daily Advance was present in the audience. Ms. Beamon stated she was in the process of visiting all county advisory boards and was happy to attend this Fire Advisory Board.

V. Board Comments:

Commissioner Aydlett advised the Fire Chiefs and the Board that the county is in the process of holding a joint meeting session on the overall system. Mr. Aydlett did not know the dates but stated that the County Manager would advise the Fire Chiefs and the Board when one is established. Commissioner Aydlett expressed that the meeting would be beneficial with good ideas for process improvements and advancing the county to another level of service.

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Deputy Chief Bergamini shared that the Air Tanker training held at the Currituck County Airport that is scheduled on Saturday, March 2, 2013 had changed the start time and would now start at 11:00 am. Bergamini stated that the department of Forestry brings in air tankers to familiarize employees with the equipment. Commissioner Aydlett had a concern with the amount of fire protection on site for the course.

VI. Volunteer Fire Department Budget Status/Review:

Chairman Griggs discussed more time to submit Volunteer Fire Department Budgets with the County Manager. An extension was granted until March 2013. At the time of this meeting it was said that Knotts Island still had not submitted their two year budget. Since the meeting, Crissy Daneker with Currituck EMS located an email from the Chief of Knotts Island that included the budget in question.

Chief Jones of Lower Currituck shared that some items requested in his capital outlay account may have already been addressed and could be deleted or reduced, such as the mask fit testing machine being purchased by EMS as well as several grants that have been applied for to cover various items such as the TIC camera.

Mr. Cason had asked if it was beneficial to allot money in the individual budgets for incentives. Mr. Cason expressed that it was his feeling that where money could be cut. The Fire Chiefs in the room disagreed and stated the importance of reimbursing their volunteers. Commissioner Aydlett cautioned the Volunteer Fire Chiefs about the law determining when their department would be considered a paid system vs. volunteer. After discussion from Board members, it was still unclear what is required by the IRS or the determining factor that classifies the department a volunteer vs. paid. With research needing to be done on whom would present, a motion was made by Mr. Cason to have a speaker be present at an upcoming FEAB meeting to clarify. This motion was seconded by Chief Bergamini, which was then voted on and carried.

VII. Update on the Mask Fit Testing Machine:

Chief Glover shared that a letter had been sent to the County Manager expressing the Board's plans on budgeting for the Mask Fit Testing Machine as well as ideas on sharing the machine. The letter requested to purchase the machine out of the Fire Service Contingency Fund in the amount of \$14,550.00. Glover explained that once it has been approved by the board of commissioners, a specific product along with the accessories would need to be identified to purchase. Following the research, a meeting with the FEAB to establish a process would be necessary.



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VIII. New Business:

None

IX. Next Meeting Date:

March 28, 2013

X. Adjourn:

7:48pm - Chairman Griggs made motion to adjourn the meeting

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

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