



FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD

CURRITUCK COUNTY



Minutes

**Thursday, August 28, 2014
Currituck County Courtroom "C"
7:00pm**

1) Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Mitch Copeland at 7:00PM

2) Roll Call of Advisory Board Members:

Present: Chairman Mitch Copeland, Mr. Jim Cason, Mr. Ernie Bray and Mr. John Brennan, Mr. Donald Mathias, and Ms. Evelyn Henley

Absent: Commissioner Beaumont, Mr. Charles Berry

3) Reading and Action on the June and July 2014 Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made and voted upon to accept the minutes as written.

4) Public Comments:

Chief Daly brought the new apparatus that the board approved the spending on for everyone to see.

Daly also shared that October 27-29, 2014 are the dates that their method 3, requested state inspection is set for and invited everyone to attend that would like to do so. The event will last from 8am-5pm all days and will meet at the Sligo Station each morning.

5) Board Comments: none

6) Old Business:

VFIS Study Discussion- Chairman Copeland stated that he has met with Commissioner Beaumont and County Commissioner Dan Scanlon prior to this board meeting to obtain their thoughts and direction. Copeland will plan to meet with each Chief to share and discuss. Recruitment and Retention was a major speaking point with Fire Prevention Week approaching. The thought process was to advertise on several bulletin boards as well as mailers going out through each department at the county's expense. Chairman Copeland stated one major idea was to share knowledge with the public on how the system works with Fire/Ems as the current title and what role each department plays. Chief Daly suggested holding public meetings.

All meetings will start promptly at 1900 hrs

Turn all pagers, radios and cell phones either off or to vibrate

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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A joint training center for all departments to do physical training was another discussion stated Copeland. As well as standardization of SOP's throughout the individual departments. Chairman says bulk purchasing was another key topic in the meeting; however, he assured them the piggy back system has been used. Chairman also stated that the restructuring of the FEAB was a main topic of discussion, which is currently in the works.

Fire Department's Extension to Contract- Every Fire Department has either signed a contract or extension.

Budget Approvals FY2014-2015- Chairman stated that the budgets were between the County and each individual Fire Department. That the FEAB will not approve any submitted budgets. Chairman Copeland stated that he will ask, again, what dollar figure was allotted for the Fire Departments to divvy. Chief Galganski asked about the Capital Outlay items that were put on hold in the past. Chairman had not heard of anything in reference to those items and will have to ask the County.

Request from Corolla Fire/Rescue for the Purchase of new Fire Apparatus- Chairman has requested that the request be submitted again. Chief Galganski reminded the Board that it is a request for a replacement, not a new request.

7) New Business:

New Request for Knotts Island VFD- Donald Mathias is requesting the approval for use of current funds to purchase a new set of 24 volt rechargeable demo extrication tools from E Hydraulics, not to exceed \$25,000. The request was put in a form of a motion, seconded and voted upon.

Next Meeting Dates:

Discussion was held but declined about moving the date of the week for the FEAB to meet.

Sept 25, 2014 will be the next scheduled meeting date.

Meeting adjourned.