

Minutes - Fluvanna Fire and Rescue Association

January 8, 2024



The meeting was Called to Order at 19:30 hours

In attendance: Howard Lagomarsino, Richie Constantino, Gary Morris, Josh Brent, Greg Edwards, Dwayne Mayo, Chris Aley, John Lye, Andrew Pullen

Guests: Debbie Smith, Brian Deane, Jim True, Peppy Winchel, Eric Dahl

Approval of the minutes: Meeting of 12/11/23 (motion by Richie Constantino, second by Gary Morris)

Burn Building Update: Ben Powell: We need to get a financial commitment from the County Board of Supervisors, this will greatly strengthen our case for the burn building. We need that before the Fire Services Board meeting, so there is not a lot of time.

Arrangements for Gloria Vest: Friday night from 16:00 to 19:00 hours will be the family visitation at Sheridan Funeral Home. The service will be at the Fluvanna County High School at 11:00 on Saturday. Ambulance 48 will be there, there will be a Pegasus fly over, Jim True is working on the “End of Watch” announcement for Dispatch, we will need the Tower Ladder there for the flag at the High School.

Laptop SIM cards update: The Sim cards are now activated, so the laptops can be used in the field (Fluvanna EMS is already using theirs). Turn the old Surface Pros in to Debbie for recycling and/or disposal.

Unit reports:

Fork Union Fire: the new laptops are up and running.

Lake Rescue: There has been some down staffing due to the UVA January break, this is temporary. Car-5 is nearing completion. LMVRS ran 1708 calls in 2023. Chief Lagomarsino would like to form a subcommittee to work on EMS protocols and EMS Dispatch protocols (this was approved, and an email list has been set up for the use of this subcommittee). February 8, 2024 will be the start date of the A-EMT class.

Kent's Store Fire: Nothing on Car-30 yet. The specs and contract have been sent to Tori Melton in the County Finance Office.

Palmyra Fire: Hose testing is done. There will be preventative maintenance services done in January. Tanker 10 should be done by January 29, with final inspection scheduled for the first week of February 2024.

Lake Monticello Fire: Just FYI, Charlottesville Fire just placed an order for a new engine, and the cost will be \$1.2 million. The FireFighter 1 class has started, and there are 19 students in the class. The Seminar planning committee is working on the seminar for March 2nd. Chief Riley from Florida will be the main speaker. Hose testing has been completed. We are very pleased with this new vendor (followed by a discussion regarding getting one contract for hose testing for the whole County).

Chief 1: School is closed for a flood watch. We will need to work on active member lists and criteria for the tax relief proposal.

Water Rescue: As Chief 1 mentioned, there is a flood watch tonight, so be safe.

Dispatch: We are upstaffing for the possible weather issues.

Emergency Services Supervisor: Vehicle maintenance has been a struggle lately, and we have had to borrow trucks from other agencies to get by. The new ambulance 46 is here and now has a temporary license. Staffing is good.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report: How many of the New Edition ERGs does everyone need? We are in the process of the Nemsis v3.4 to v3.5 upgrade, and will keep everyone in the loop as it all changes. The deadline for the upgrade is March 31, 2024.

TJEMS: There is a group at the Lake (the “Lake Doers Group”) who are distributing medical information sheets to be placed on refrigerators (Jefferson Pharmacy and the Library have copies), as well as having a lock box program to facilitate entry to houses. On January 20, there will be an Autism Training program at the Lake Christian Church on South Boston Road from 09:00 to 12:00. Due to the issues at VaOEMS, the RSAF grant program will be re-vamped, details to be determined. Pediatric transport protocols are also being discussed.

Upcoming Events: The CalTri triathalon is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2024.

Other Business: Chief Pullen asked about using County EMS staffing for Fire fill in staffing, especially some of the part-time employees who might already have fire training. Chief 1 discussed some of the training issues involved. There would need to be an ordinance to enable this. There was a discussion about forming another subcommittee to discuss this issue and to make plans for the future (which was approved, and an email list has been set up for the use of this subcommittee). Chief Pullen, Chief Constantino, and EMS Supervisor Jim True volunteered to be on this subcommittee, and the County Attorney was suggested as an essential member as well.

Adjourned: 20:40 hours