



Frederick County Fire and Rescue Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

Date: March 14, 2022 1900 hours

Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Battalion 1 (Todd Johnson)	Present
Battalion 2 (David Fox).....	Present
Battalion 3 (Nelson Smith).....	Present
Battalion 4 (Micky Fyock)	Present
Battalion 5 (Allen "Frank" Davis)	Present
Career Rep (George Lane).....	Absent
Career Rep (Anthony Gramiccioni)	Absent
Citizen Rep (Mark Kirchman).....	Present
Citizen Rep (Gunnar Pedersen)	Present

Nonvoting Reps:

Frederick County Executive (Jan H. Gardner)	Absent
Jurisdictional Medical Director (Dr. Jeffrey Fillmore)	Present
Fire & Rescue Services (Chief Tom Coe).....	Present
Volunteer Fire & Rescue Assoc. (President James May).....	Present
Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services (Deputy Chief Shane Darwick).....	Present
Local #3666 (President Stephen Jones).....	Present

Guests: None

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Todd Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that this will be an informational meeting only due to the lack of a quorum.

II. ROLL CALL OF VOTING AND NONVOTING MEMBERS:

Absent was:

1. George Lane, Career Representative
2. Anthony Gramiccioni, Career Representative
3. Jan Gardner, County Executive

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Since a quorum of FRAB members was not present, the January and February meeting minutes could not be approved.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Battalion 4 Representative Micky Fyock commented that maybe we need to change and go back to the basics.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

VII. EX OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS:

A. Frederick County Executive, Mrs. Jan Gardner:

As County Executive Gardner was absent, no report was given.

B. Jurisdictional Medical Director, Dr. Jeffrey Fillmore:

Protocols

There are several new protocols to include Critically Unstable Patient, Replacement of Haldol with Droperidol, Lateral Uterine Displacement, end of Induced Neuroprotective Hypothermia for cardiac arrest patients.

Legislature

A bill for payment for non-transport is currently in Legislature.

Question Asked: "Is termination of resuscitation a billable call?"

Dr. Fillmore replied: I would think that would be a prime example of one of the things that would be high on the list to be reimbursed.

C. Fire & Rescue Division Director, Chief Tom Coe

Banquets

Thank you to United Fire Company and Local 3666 for their invites to recent recognition ceremonies.

Staffing

Behavioral Health Coordinator - In process of interviewing candidates

Recruit Class 32 started on February 28th with 30 recruits, currently down to 28 recruits.

Logistics Warehouse

The Logistics warehouse move to 1501B Tilco Drive has been completed.

Station Items

Northgate opening expected in early May. Dedication ceremony to be announced soon.

Promotional & Awards Ceremony

Event will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm at Frederick Community College.

Compliance Training

Annual training is underway.

Work Performance Evaluation (WPE)

In preparations for WPE which will kickoff in April.

D. President, FCVFRA, James May:

President May stated that he did not have anything to report for the March meeting.

E. Local #3666, President, Stephen Jones:

President Jones stated that he did not have anything to report for the March meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Deputy Chief, Shane Darwick:

Banquets

Thank you to Independent Hose and Rocky Ridge for the invite to their banquets.

Operations Committee

Meeting was held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the PSTF, committees and sections provided updates and reports. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the PSTF at 1900 hours and is an All Chiefs Meeting.

High School/Internship Program

Currently have 13 students in the Rescue Tech. Site Ops course.

Accreditation

February 28th was the deadline for submitting the attestation letters and 10 list. Next step is peer review. Several companies have yet to comply.

Compliance Training

Volunteer personnel have until 1600 hours on Friday April 8, 2022, to complete the training.

EMS

Billing office will give an overview of the billing process. A Teams meeting presentation with Chief's, President's and Treasures has been rescheduled for April 6th.

The BLS nebulizer program rolled out at the end of February. This is a state mandate to be implemented by July 1, 2022. Frederick County EMS personnel will need to complete the training prior to May 13th. EMS personnel will need to log into the MIEMSS website to obtain training via an online platform.

Fire Museum

Museum will be open from April through October on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Fire Police Radios

The APX-4000 radios have arrived and need to be programmed.

Fire Prevention & Life Safety

The Wolfsville Volunteer Fire Department along with the Myersville Fire and Rescue (Career Staff) completed the task of meeting with residents and educating them on several Fire Prevention and life safety items. A total of 89 homes were visited.

Planning and Research Workgroup

The Frederick County Fire/Rescue Planning Workgroup met on March 8th. The group continues their discussions on updating and revising the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Service Delivery Plan.

Recruitment & Retention

Gear Up Class 22-3 began on March 7, 2022. Currently there are 15 students enrolled.

Question Asked: "Which Companies have not complied with the Accreditation?"

Chief Darwick replied: I don't want to call them out here. If you want to contact me, I'll let you know. Some of the companies will be submitting information tomorrow.

B. EMS Committee

No report.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Old Business

COVID Update

Currently have no responders that are quarantined or restricted. Masks are recommended in County facilities but are required healthcare facilities and certain other places. Test kits have been distributed to Career and Volunteer responders.

B. New Business

DFRS Annual Report

The DFRS 2021 Annual Report has been published.

HB1052

HB1052 – Flynn and Laird Act looks to ban the use of non-jacketed, non-arc resistant corrugated stainless-steel tubing (CSST) as a mechanism to transport for LPG or natural gas.

Question Asked: “Is the bill moving through the committees?”

Chief Coe replied: The bill has been revised a few times to ensure that the wording is appropriate. The bill should go through the sub-committee vote tomorrow.

Question Asked: “Is there a national focus on this as well?”

Chief Coe replied: There is some interest addressing this issue through NFPA.

Question Asked: “Any talk of this at the IAFF conference last week?”

President Jones replied: There wasn’t any conversation specific to this at the national level. We are lobbying to get this pushed forward.

Accreditation Process Update

Submissions – Still waiting on a handful of submissions. They are in the 30-day grace period now.

Peer Review – Chief Darwick to send email with a schedule of the peer review dates.

Question Asked: “What is the reason the Board isn’t getting the information on the delinquent companies?”

Chairman Johnson replied: As Chief Darwick mentioned, we are still waiting for a few companies to submit information.

Chief Coe commented: I don’t think there is a reason why we can’t share who is delinquent.

Chief Darwick replied: It is United, Middletown, Braddock Heights, Graceham, Lewistown and Thurmont Ambulance.

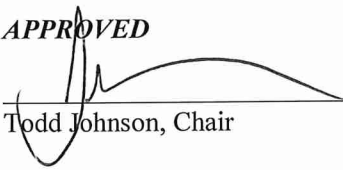
April FRAB Meeting Format

Discussion ensued regarding resuming in-person meetings or continuing to meet virtually. The consensus was to resume in-person meetings in April.

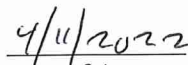
X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

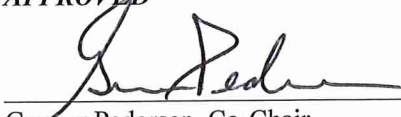
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