



County of Rockbridge

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Regional Fire-Rescue Commission June 16, 2020 Minutes

Commission Members Present: Nathan Ramsey – Rockbridge County, Steve Reese – RERG, Jerry Wilson – RCFA, Carl Irvine – RCFA, Ty Dickerson – Lexington, Ted Duke – Citizen

Members of Public: Kathleen Beverly – BVRS, *please note: the meeting was held via Zoom.*

The June meeting was called to order at 19:10 by Chief Ramsey.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to accept the April 21st, 2020 minutes was made by Ted Duke and 2nd by Jerry Wilson.

Chair Report: Not present.

Committee Reports:

- **F/R ECC Subcommittee** – Meeting held just prior to Commission meeting. Discussed:
 - Region 2000 (Bedford, Amherst) mobile radio placed in service at ECC with capabilities for patching to our system. Has not been tested, planning to do soon.
 - Dave stated he sent email today requesting an update on the Raphine area study, Harris will get back with him.
 - Lindsay mentioned that while working on CAD texting and A911 messaging, it seems that the system in trying to send to many emails out at one time on a multiple company response, thus causing either a delay or not being sent at all. The recommendation is to remove texting for those who have A911 or CAD page (LFD) platforms. The group identified times where things didn't work on a single company response as well. Lindsay noted that every 11 days the CAD has to be rebooted or it will crash and not send any messages. No action taken at this time. Item still needs to be discussed.
 - Discussed the paging of the Regional Swift Water Team. Dave presented an idea to the group to create a separate tone for the just the team members. Chief Ramsey will get with teams and present the idea after Dave develops a draft policy.
 - It was brought up that ECC would like to know which units are staff medic level throughout the County. Several different ways were discussed.
 - Chief Reese stated that Chief Wilmer wanted to revisit 911 hang-ups. The consensus of the group was not to change the procedure. Chief Ramsey and Lindsay will collect data on call outcomes and report back.

Old Business:

- Chief Ramsey reported out on the joint RCFA/RERG meeting.
- Burn Burning plans have been submitted to VDFP for approval.
- EMT class has completed.

New Business:

- Chief Ramsey reported that the last Community Testing Event will be Thursday the 18th, 10 am – 1 pm.
- Administration is working on plans for use of the CARES Act funds.
- Review of the Performance Based Funding program
- Chief Ramsey reviewed highlights of the CSEMS Board meeting held on Monday the 15th.
- Chief Reese mentioned to the members that the recommendation from the BOS from the RCFA and RERG is that the Commission continues normally to discuss and plan for upcoming budget processes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm motion by Jerry Wilson and 2nd by Ty Dickerson