

ALBEMARLE COUNTY FIRE/EMS BOARD
FEMS BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022– 1630 HOURS

A virtual meeting of the Albemarle County Fire/EMS Board Executive Committee was held on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 1630 hours.

The following members were in attendance:

Heather Childress, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Dan Eggleston, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Virginia Leavell, Charlottesville/Albemarle Rescue Squad
Todd Richardson, Earlysville Volunteer Fire Department
Michael Grandstaff, Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department
Kostas Alibertis, Western Albemarle Rescue Squad

Others in attendance:

Philip Burkett, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
David Puckett, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Christina Davis, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Nicole Jones, Albemarle County IT Department
Kenneth Martin, Guest

I. Call to Order

Chief Eggleston called the meeting to order at 1631 hrs.

Ms. Davis noted that all Executive Committee members were present.

Meeting Statement

Chief Eggleston read the following statement: “This meeting is being held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A(14), ‘An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the COVID-19 Disaster.’ The opportunities for the public to access and participate in the electronic meeting are posted on the Albemarle County website at www.acfirerescue.org under the Fire Rescue and EMS Board section.”

A. From the Board: Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

There were none presented.

Mr. Grandstaff noted that the date for the next meeting should be corrected to the proper date in June.

II. Consent Agenda

A. March 7, 2022 Minutes.

MOTION: Chief Alibertis motioned, seconded by Chief Grandstaff, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Executive Session

There was none held.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business presented.

V. New Business

A. Funding for North Garden Building Expansion

Chief Eggleston stated that North Garden Volunteer Fire Department has undertaken a substantial expansion and renovation of their building, and the station has hired an architect and contractor to do a lot of work to help them put together a budget. He said that North Garden had approached the County some time ago about assisting with this funding, and the County Executive and Board were working to formalize this process, which would grant the station some funds to assist with their building.

Chief Eggleston noted that the station has been extremely organized with their project scope and had enlisted an experienced contractor, and the County is considering providing a no-interest loan to North Garden should they exceed their contract budget. He said the construction business was difficult currently because there was high demand and not significant personnel, so costs were excessive, and they were collaborating with the station to provide a loan.

Chief Eggleston stated that this may be a template for future support for other stations who wanted to proceed with projects, and he mentioned Earlysville as having station needs that may fit with this approach. He commented that he wanted to mention it so that no one was caught off guard.

Chief Alibertis said that they seem to have come full circle, because this was where they were 20 years ago but decided not to do this due to some concerns. He stated that the County had to come in and erase a lot of debt for some stations, and there were some hard feelings because other stations didn't have any debt, but yet everyone was supposedly considered equal.

Chief Eggleston agreed that there had been some ill will, stating that they had a revolving loan for apparatus, which was moved into the CIP and the loans for those purchases were forgiven. He said that what he likes about the new process is that in looking at financial help for station building improvements, they found that they were not legally allowed to provide funding directly for that but could use a note system.

Chief Eggleston acknowledged that they may end up in the same position of having to forgive loans, but the Board of Supervisors felt that there were substantial investments being made into the buildings—which were important in keeping future Fire and EMS service viable. He noted that part of the agreement to accept the donation was that should North Garden stop providing services, the building would default back to the County so that service would continue, and North Garden agreed to those provisions.

B. Single-Family Dwelling Draft Policy

Chief Burkett stated that this policy was next in line after the Command Policy that was just passed at FEMS, and this Single-Family Dwelling Policy would allow them to move forward fairly rapidly with the rest of the operations guidelines. He said that in conjunction with the command guideline, it would allow them to move forward with their Field Operations Guide so they can operate just off of this.

Chief Alibertis asked when this policy had been distributed.

Chief Burkett responded that he would have to ask Ms. Davis.

Chief Grandstaff noted that it was attached with the last set of minutes.

Chief Puckett said it was in the Operations Committee minutes as an attachment.

Chief Burkett said he would review the highlights, noting that one of the major highlights of the Single-Family Dwelling Policy is definitions of construction types and building types associated with the single-family dwelling. He said there was also a change in when RIT was established, which is currently established at the third engine's arrival, but the new policy would move it to the fourth engine, with the understanding that RIT is a revolving responsibility until it is fully established with arrival of that engine. He said there was also the addition of a tower ladder or a truck on all hydranted single-family dwelling responses, regardless of distance; in the absence of a truck being available, a fifth engine would refill those responsibilities.

Chief Burkett stated that much like what was discussed in the Command guideline, there is some fairly specific conversation about on-scene report, follow-up report, etc., and beyond that, there were many tactical considerations to think of, based on your unit's arrival. He said that this was nothing spectacular but was slightly different than what they were currently doing.

He asked if there were questions.

Chief Eggleston stated that he had a process question and said there were other guides being developed that will be packaged, and they would like to move these directly to the FEMS Board, given that most of them were operational. He asked what the Executive Committee's view would be of having these go directly to the FEMS Board instead of to the EC, since they are really related to operations. He stated that they were basically given a thumbs-up here, but the real input happened at the FEMS Board level.

Chief Puckett noted that the Townhome guideline was coming out of the Operations Committee now and would likely come before them the following month, then there was Apartment, Strip Mall, High Rise. He said that a lot of these had tactical considerations but had the same assignment layout, so there was some redundancy.

Chief Eggleston said they would move forward and could always revert back to the other policy if there were issues. He noted that the FEMS Board would need to be involved in these policy discussions.

Chief Puckett asked if they needed a general motion/vote to “preapprove” any FOG-related policies through the end of the year, which was generic but would cover the policy approach.

MOTION: Chief Grandstaff motioned to approve the process for the Command Guide and Response Modules to come out of the Operations Committee and go straight to FEMS, unless there were a reason to send it to the Executive Committee.

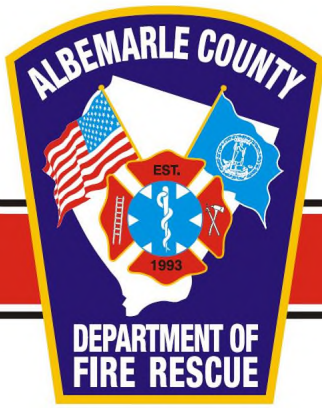
Chief Leavell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. Next Meeting

A. Monday, June 6, 2022 at 1630 hours – Virtual Meeting

Adjournment

At 16:38 hrs., the FEMS Executive Committee adjourned its meeting.



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ALBEMARLE COUNTY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE LOG

Date: May 9, 2022

VOTING MEMBERS (OR DESIGNATES)

Chief Virginia Leavell (CARS): Virginia Leavell

Chief Todd Richardson (Earlysville): Todd Richardson

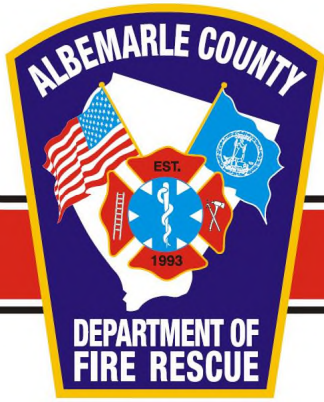
Chief Michael Grandstaff (Scottsville Fire): Michael Grandstaff

Chief Kostas Alibertis (WARS): Kostas Alibertis

Chief Dan Eggleston (ACFR): Dan Eggleston

GUESTS & OTHERS

<i>Guest/Other</i>	<i>Organization/Agency/Affiliation</i>
<u>David Puckett, Deputy Chief</u>	<u>ACFR</u>
<u>Philip Burkett, Battalion Chief</u>	<u>ACFR</u>
<u>Kenneth Martin</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
<u>Nicole Jones</u>	<u>A/V Specialist, Dept. of Information Technology</u>
<u>Christina Davis</u>	<u>ACFR</u>



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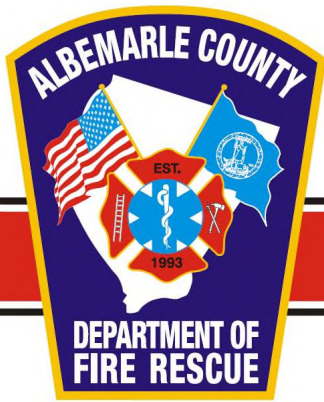
AGENDA TITLE/ISSUE:	AGENDA DATE:
Approval of Consent Agenda	May 9, 2022
MOTION:	MOTION MADE BY: SECONDED BY:
Approve Consent Agenda with correction of next meeting to June 6	Rescue Chief Kostas Alibertis Chief Michael Grandstaff
SUBSEQUENT MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS:	
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CALL OF THE QUESTION:	Yes	No	Abstain
Chief Dan Eggleston (ACFR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Virginia Leavell (CARS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Todd Richardson (Earlsville)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Michael Grandstaff (Scottsville Fire)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Kostas Alibertis (Western Albemarle)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I hereby attest that the foregoing is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

 Christina Davis
 Clerk

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AGENDA TITLE/ISSUE:	AGENDA DATE:	
Move Command Guide and Response Modules to FEMS Board bypassing Executive Committee	May 9, 2022	
MOTION:	MOTION MADE BY:	SECONDED BY:
Through the rest of the process the Command Guide and Response Modules will come out of Operations Committee to FEMS Board bypassing the Executive Committee unless it needs to be sent back to the Executive Committee for some reason.	Rescue Chief Virginia Leavell	Chief Michael Grandstaff
SUBSEQUENT MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS:		
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