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ALBEMARLE COUNTY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, September 30, 2023 | 1800 Hours | COB-McIntire, Room 235

Agenda Item	Name
I. Call to Order A. Moment of Silence B. From the Board: Matters Not Listed on the Agenda C. From the Public: Matters Not Listed on the Agenda	K. Alibertis
II. Approval of Consent Agenda A. June 2023 Minutes	K. Alibertis
III. Committee updates - A. Executive Committee B. Training Committee C. Operations Committee D. Recruitment & Retention E. Quartermaster F. Apparatus Committee	No Meeting See Attachment No Meeting See Attachment No Meeting No Meeting
IV. Unfinished Business – A. Development Update	H. Lagomarsino
V. New Business – A. Community Engagement Plan B. Radio Channel Assignments C. Mayday Procedures D. Insurance Service Office (ISO) Rating	G. Monroe D. Puckett D. Puckett D. Puckett

ALBEMARLE COUNTY FIRE/EMS BOARD
FEMS BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023 – 1800 HOURS

A regular meeting of the Albemarle County Fire/EMS Board was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at the County Office Building–McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia.

The following members were in attendance:

Dan Eggleston, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Gary Dillon, Crozet Volunteer Fire Department
Todd Richardson, Earlysville Volunteer Fire Company
George Stephens, North Garden Volunteer Fire Company
Michael Grandstaff, Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department
Rob Knight, Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department
Dustin Lang, Stony Point Volunteer Fire Company
Kostas Alibertis, Western Albemarle Rescue Squad

Others in attendance:

Heather Childress, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Christina Davis, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Emily Pelliccia, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
David Puckett, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Chip Walker, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Dryden Quigley, NBC-29 News

I. Call to Order

Chief Alibertis called the meeting to order at 1800 hrs.

A. Moment of Silence

Participants observed a moment of silence.

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

There were no items added to the agenda.

C. From the Public: Matters Not listed on the Agenda

There were none presented.

II. Consent Agenda

A. May 24, 2023 Minutes

Ms. Davis reported that there were changes needed on Page 7 of the minutes to indicate that it was Alyssa Mezzoni speaking, not Chief Leavell.

MOTION: Chief Stephens motioned, seconded by Chief Grandstaff, to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

III. Committee Updates

- A. Executive Committee**
- B. Training Committee**
- C. Operations Committee**
- D. Recruitment & Retention**
- E. Quartermaster**
- F. Apparatus Committee**

Chief Alibertis stated that the Training Committee minutes were attached.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

V. New Business

A. City/County Fire Service Agreement

Chief Eggleston said the purpose of this item was to just walk through the agreement, which was originally implemented in 2000. He explained that the intent of the agreement was primarily to provide services to the urban areas of the County during station buildout that was happening to address growth and urban response times—specifically in the Route 29 North area. He stated that there has been a lot going on since its inception, with Station 12, Hollymead, Monticello, Ivy, and Pantops stations built, as well as career staff added to rural area stations to help create capacity.

Chief Eggleston stated that going back to Chief Charles Werner's tenure in the City, they wanted to move toward a mutually beneficial agreement that would not require an exchange of funds but would involve sharing resources. He noted that chiefs Smith, Baxter, and Thomas have all been working toward that as well.

He reported that the contract that began in 2000 has gone through several iterations, including amendment and renewal in 2014 and extension in 2018, with it slated to expire July 1, 2023. He said that FY13 was the height of the contract, with payment at close to \$1 million for 1,800 responses.

Chief Puckett noted that this represented about 15% of responses.

Chief Eggleston said that by FY21, it dropped down to \$213K for 415 responses.

Chief Puckett noted that this represented about 2% of responses.

Chief Eggleston indicated that Station 16 would be 24/7 by July 1, and Chief Puckett and Chief Carpenter of the City of Charlottesville have been meeting to determine how to approach responses and how that station might assist the City. He said that there would be an agreement that spells this out, presented to both City Council and the County Board of Supervisors for review and approval. He said that he and Chief Thomas would make necessary tweaks, including any mutual aid impacts.

Chief Puckett stated that he and Chief Carpenter had been working on response between the localities, and the current agreement has the City providing resources to the County—but the new agreement is bidirectional. He explained that the automatic response district (ARD) will remain largely the same, with I-64 cutting off at the 116 crossover, and expansion going down Route 20 South, with Station 10 picking up some coverage there to address ISO gaps. He added that the ARD would now include the entire City of Charlottesville so that resources are going both directions.

Chief Puckett said that they have also identified some incidents as having a regional impact, so those cases for automatic response would include the entire City and County; cases where they collaborate as a joint team, such as technical rescue or hazardous materials, would continue to respond together regardless of incident location. He also mentioned that automatic response typically covered fire truck responses (not ladder trucks, ambulances, etc.), but some of the regional responses allow for greater responses and are sort of “exceptions” to those protocols.

Chief Puckett stated that additional call types being considered for the ARD only would be situations with imminent risk for life: cardiac arrest, drowning, pedestrian struck, first alarm fire, construction fires, crash with entrapment, and stabbing/gunshot. He emphasized that this was just a draft list and could be altered as they finalize the agreement. He stated that for situations like entrapment, the City could be the responding entity if they were the closest resource so they could take immediate action.

Chief Puckett said that regarding call types, they attempted to model this from 2022 incident types—with projections that the City would be responding out into the County about 100–125 times, which is reduced from the current approximately 400. He added that each locality wants to continue to serve its own locality in providing resources, so the automatic response under this will only commit two engines at a given time, and each locality will retain a minimum number of engines.

Chief Puckett explained that mutual aid resources can be requested but may require approval through the City or County battalion chief; station transfers will be handled the same way as mutual aid requests, and they want to choose the best resources available to handle these, such as leapfrogging and taking a slower station to send personnel into the City versus stripping a busy one. He said that the ARD could be modified periodically or as circumstances dictate, such as call type and area modifications, with the fire chiefs ultimately having the authority to agree upon changes and modify the agreement as necessary.

Chief Puckett stated that he would begin updating CAD on June 30 to reflect the current discussions with the City, with the Board and Council adopting a broader mutual aid agreement (slated for July) that authorizes fire chiefs to enter into automatic response, with finalization of the MOU to follow.

Chief Knight asked for additional detail on the leapfrogging process, such as a situation where he had two engines at Station 8 but there’s an engine at 12, 4 and 6.

Chief Puckett responded that it would depend on the scenario, but if Station 8 had two engines staffed, it would make more sense to send one to the City—but if Station 8 only had one engine staffed, it would make more sense to send Earlysville to the City, for example, if they had an engine available. He said that another example would be sending Station 2 instead of stripping out Pantops.

Chief Puckett confirmed that this was a dynamic process, and they'd be working with the City on resources and coverage; they will also be working with ECC in situations such as having a battalion chief do a blanket approval for resources over a fixed time period instead of having dispatch call them for every individual request.

B. OEMS Inspection

Chief Puckett reported that the Office of EMS inspection was typically held in September/October and would be coming up again this year, although they don't have exact dates yet. He said he would send out generic checklists and would send out the data report required for this; emergency response plans would likely not need to be signed again but would just need the applications signed by the County.

C. Miscellaneous

Chief Lang asked if there would be a stoppage between July 1 and the time the Board approves the ARD.

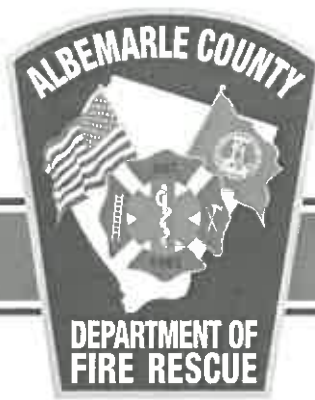
Chief Puckett responded that it would not stop and he would program it based on what they discussed here. He said that state code allows for mutual aid to bill generically, and they would operate under that umbrella until the agreement is formalized.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting would be July____, 2023.

Adjournment

At 16:20 hrs., the FEMS Board adjourned its meeting.



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Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

VOTING MEMBERS (OR DESIGNATES)

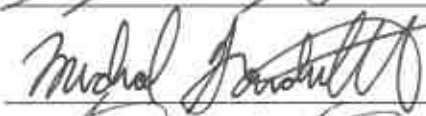
Chief Dan Eggleston (Albemarle County): 

Chief Virginia Leavell (CARS): 

Chief Gary Dillon (Crozet): 

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Chief Todd Richardson (Earlysville): 

Chief Dwayne Williams (East Rivanna): 

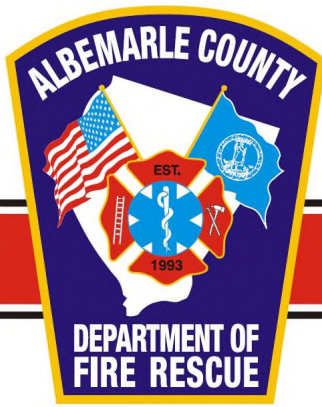
Chief George Stephens (North Garden): 

Chief Mike Grandstaff (Scottsville Fire): 

~~Chief Dennis Hahn (Seminole Trail):~~
Rob Knight

Chief Dustin Lang (Stony Point): 

Chief Kostas Alibertis (Western Albemarle): 



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ALBEMARLE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD ACTION RECORD

AGENDA TITLE/ISSUE:	AGENDA DATE:	
Consent Agenda	June 28, 2023	
MOTION:	MOTION MADE BY:	SECONDED BY:
To accept consent agenda with corrections as discussed	Chief George Stephens	Chief Michael Grandstaff
SUBSEQUENT MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS:		

CALL OF THE QUESTION:	Yes	No	Abstain
Chief Dan Eggleston (Albemarle County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Virginia Leavell (CARS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Gary Dillon (Crozet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Todd Richardson (Earlysville)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Dwayne Williams (East Rivanna)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief George Stephens (North Garden)	<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"/>
Assistant Chief Rob Knight (Seminole Trail)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Dustin Lang (Stony Point)	<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

May 24, 2023

Clerk

Date



- Building the Model Volunteer-Career Fire & EMS System -

Training Officers Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2023, @ 1830hrs

Attendees:

Matt Ascoli
Jennifer Yerby
Rob Knight
Carol Paget-Brown
Lucien Mirra
Sean Keeley
Dan Spearin

Current Registrations: current registrations were sent out yesterday.

- **Regional School:**
 - Starts 3/16-3/17 weekend.
 - Kicked around ideas about what we want out of the following year.
 - Plan to set a solid schedule at our September meeting.

Recruitment & Retention Committee
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023
Time: 1800 hours
Location: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

A virtual meeting of the Recruitment and Retention group was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 1802 hours.

Those that were in attendees are as follows:

Deputy Chief Heather Childress, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
 Chief Gary Dillon, Crozet Vol. Fire
 Elise Lindquist, Crozet Vol. Fire
 Neil Pierce, Scottsville Vol. Fire
 Jeff Bozzone, Seminole Trail Vol. Fire
 Olivia Hale, Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad
 Christina Davis, Albemarle County Fire Rescue

I. Volunteer Reimbursement Program

The checks for the second part of FY23 Volunteer Reimbursement Program were mailed out on August 11. An email was sent to each Chief letting them know who receives what amount and the amount of each tier.

Chief Childress stated the process the second time around was a little faster turn around time than the first time. The review did catch a few items which needed to be updated, such as a group of people who were in one tier but needed to be in the other tier.

Venmo or a different electronic option is not supported by Finance. The reimbursements should be processed by check to those eligible.

II. Follow-up on Chest X-Ray Invoicing

WorkMed identified the problem involving the chest x-ray invoicing and spoke with Ms. Davis about how they will be addressing the situation. Chief Childress asked if anyone has received any chest x-rays after January 2023, as she feels the few that are trickling in are prior to February 2023. So far, no one has received a chest x-ray invoice. Chief Childress asks if anyone receives an invoice to let Ms. Davis or herself know.

Chief Childress reminded the stations to ask their volunteers not to give WorkMed their insurance information and ask the volunteer to tell WorkMed to invoice Albemarle County Fire Rescue to try to help them not to invoice their insurance.

III. Membership Data

Ms. Davis asked if the stations would like to receive their membership data on a quarterly basis. The reports would be emailed to each station Recruitment representative from ImageTrend and First Due. Updates would need to be returned to Fire Rescue. Ms. Davis will start setting up the reports and the first one will be emailed out before October's meeting.

IV. UVA Activities Fair

Jeff Bozzone explained with the UVA Activities Fair was. The fair had been held at the amphitheater, but it has since moved to Cabel Hall. To attend the organization who is

interested in attending will need to apply to be considered for a spot by UVA. The fair is held during the day and students will come by and stop for information if they are interested in the organization.

V. UVA Baseball/Basketball

Neil Pierce said the baseball tickets went well. He asked if the committee would be considering offering tickets to members for the Women's Basketball games for 2023-2024 schedule, as he feels like this would also be a popular event. Chief Childress feels like this would be something we could look at maybe a game after January 2024. Once UVA has released their schedule Chief Childress and Ms. Davis will review and send out information to the committee so a few games can be selected. More information to come.

VI. Sirens

Mr. Pierce asked if we could create a section in Sirens which would give a volunteer from each station special recognition such as when a station has someone who went above and beyond. Chief Childress likes the idea and would like each station to send in information to be included in this section. If anyone is interested in submitting something for this section, the deadline for submission is September 29 and Sirens is scheduled to go out in October. We want to have people to participate and be involved in submissions for Sirens.

The meeting adjourned at 1830 hours. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday, October 9 at 1800 hours.