

ALBEMARLE COUNTY FIRE/EMS BOARD
FEMS BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024 – 1630 HOURS

A virtual meeting of the Albemarle County Fire/EMS Board Executive Committee was held on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 1630 hours.

The following members were in attendance:

Dan Eggleston, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Virginia Leavell, Charlottesville/Albemarle Rescue Squad
Gary Dillon, Crozet Volunteer Fire Department
Greg McFadyen, Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department
Kostas Alibertis, Western Albemarle Rescue Squad

Others in attendance:

Heather Childress, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Christina Davis, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
Greta Fleming-McCauley, Albemarle County Fire Rescue
David Puckett, Albemarle County Fire Rescue

I. Call to Order

Chief Eggleston called the meeting to order at 1631 hrs.

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

There were none.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. June 3, 2024 Minutes

MOTION: Chief Alibertis motioned, seconded by Chief Leavell, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0-1, with Chief Dillon abstaining.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Training and Registration Policy

Chief Childress stated that the feedback she had received indicated that the chiefs had wanted to put something in the policy that allowed the departments choose who gets to apply—but that already exists, as it requires approval from training officers before members sign up for the class. She said that this could be used for the stations to decide who gets to sign up for a class, or that can come at the department level before it goes to ACFR.

Chief Alibertis said that it was he who had emphasized that the department should decide.

Chief Childress agreed but said the department should decide, but before these come to ACFR.

Chief Alibertis said that the stations don't necessarily know the status of the member's enrollment until after the course closes and there's a cancellation that allows eligibility. He cited an example of someone who is on the wait list and there is an opening.

Chief Childress stated that the first two people get in anyway, and she asked if he was just talking about the wait list.

Chief Alibertis posed the example of 16 people signing up for a 12-person class; person 12 cancels, which moves onto person 13. He said that there is little or no time for communication because of Cornerstone and hence no ability to know who the person is on that day.

Chief Childress responded that this could easily be handled in terms of the wait list and enrollment. She stated that she would put this policy under 600.4.2, under Registration.

Chief Alibertis clarified the additional language, "Any additions to the course from the wait list will be at the discretion of the department."

Chief Puckett asked if there would ever be a scenario where the first two people are not the choices.

Chief Leavell said that was her question as well—how the first two people become the first two people, because they are the ones signing up.

Chief Alibertis stated that the first two people must have department support. He said the stations get a weekly report as to who is in which class, so if they aren't paying attention to who is attending from their station, that's on them.

Chief Childress emphasized that they can change the order of those people if they come to ACFR and let them know.

Chief Dillon posed an example of having four people waitlisted and issues with one of the two people already enrolled.

Chief Childress said that he could change it out as his discretion, as every station had two slots and she had no preference as to how they were prioritized.

Chief Alibertis stated that there may not be a negative reason for a person being selected; it could just be to meet a need.

The Executive Committee clarified that this was the only outstanding issue for this policy.

Chief McFadyen stated that Station 8 still has concerns about the pick order, and that has not gone away.

MOTION: Chief Leavell moved to forward FOG to FEMS, updated regarding station approval to move a person from the waiting list. Chief Alibertis seconded the motion, which passed 4-1, with Chief McFadyen dissenting.

IV. New Business

A. Garden Apartment FOG

Chief Puckett reported that the Garden Apartment FOG was attached to the agenda, and he had been working with Chief Burkett as he was developing this. He said that they already had single family and townhouses approved; garden apartments is before them; and the midrise/high-rise is drafted to go to the Operations Committee as early as this week.

Chief Puckett stated that it would be difficult to zero in on the parameters of the garden apartment, so they would have to fall under Pro QA and how they can dispatch. He said that as Chief Burkett was doing the taskings for this, one of the recommendations is for garden style, midrise, and townhouse to get an additional truck. He said that as they get into high-rise, anything five stories or later would have an additional engine for lobby control, two trucks, and a second transport unit.

He said that this FOG would need to be revised to reflect the additional truck.

Chief Eggleston noted that this would be the only change and would be consistent with industry practices.

Chief Puckett said that he had polled several central Virginia departments, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Northern Virginia—and what they are recommending for 4 and 2 for this type of structure is equal to or less than what those other departments are putting out. He noted that some of those departments also likely have more people on each truck.

Chief Alibertis stated that they need to be careful, as they are stretched pretty thin and don't have a lot of second-call resources when they are busy. He said that outside of the urban ring, if all those resources are out in Crozet, there's a chance someone's house in Keswick might burn down if that happens at the same time.

Chief Eggleston commented that Crozet is a long haul from Seminole.

Chief Alibertis asked if this brought backfilling into consideration.

Chief Puckett responded that it did, and he said that's one of the triggers for a working incident.

Chief Alibertis noted that that's more education than policy.

Chief Eggleston commented that the most challenging situation is when there are several lightning strikes, and they sometimes do a reduced response during that.

Chief Puckett said that they may want to consider something like "storm mode" where they hold tree-down calls, and they may have to do a modified response on structure fires.

Chief Alibertis asked what the volume of calls is, as those types of structures have gone up exponentially.

Chief Puckett responded that he did not know, as they weren't dispatching that way, but they could still get ECC to run a report on the breakdown in Pro QA. He noted that there are a few categories: Single-family, which includes residential structure or trailer; small or large unoccupied dwellings such as barns or chicken coops; multi-family, which includes townhouses and garden apartments; commercial, which includes strip malls, grocery stores, and retail space; high-rise; and high-occupancy/life hazard.

Chief Puckett explained that they may want to send the same response to a high-rise as to a nursing facility that's only two stories; they may want to target the high-occupancy/high-risk the same way as they do the high rise.

Chief Eggleston asked if this was just an initial reading and not ready for advancement to the FEMS Board.

Chief Puckett responded that it was up to the committee, and it could go forward with the recommended change in response or could come back to the EC again first.

Chief Dillon stated that he was fine with it going forward now.

Chief McFadyen commented that it was quite detailed and informative at about 15 pages, and as these continue forward, the depth of them would also expand.

Chief Alibertis suggested that they have a cheat sheet, as all of these should.

Chief Puckett noted that one of the changes was to add the actual response plan below the structure type, and updating the 4 engines/2 trucks.

Chief McFadyen noted that each time something like this comes out, it affects other aspects and should be included in the updates.

Chief Eggleston noted that the Wildland FOG had a pocket guide that included all pertinent information, which worked well.

Chief Alibertis said they could also do a command chart to correspond, and they could just write in their units.

Chief McFadyen added that it would be nice to have an engine company version and a command version; he noted that his station has an engine company version of this in their front seats, but a command version would help a lot.

Chief Eggleston said that he has sometimes heard on the radio that the DC or other responding officers would make sure they know ahead of time what the engines need to provide, such as water supply.

MOTION: Chief Dillon moved that the Garden Apartment FOG be forwarded to FEMS. Chief McFadyen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

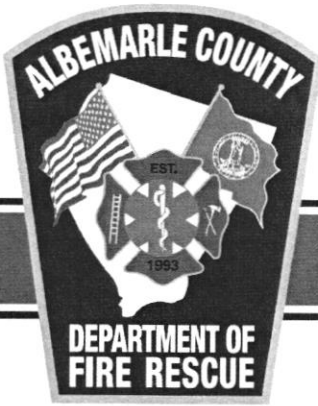
V. Next Meeting

A. Monday, August 5, 2024 at 1630 hours

The next FEMS Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 1630 hours in the Fire Rescue Conference Room.

Adjournment

At 16:49 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: July 8, 2024

VOTING MEMBERS (OR DESIGNATES)

Chief Virginia Leavell (CARS):

Chief Gary Dillon (Crozet):

Chief Greg McFadyen (Seminole Trail):

Chief Kostas Alibertis (WARS):

Chief Dan Eggleston (Albemarle County):

GUESTS & OTHERS

Guest/Other

Organization/Agency/Affiliation

Christina Davis

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Heather Childress

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David Puckett

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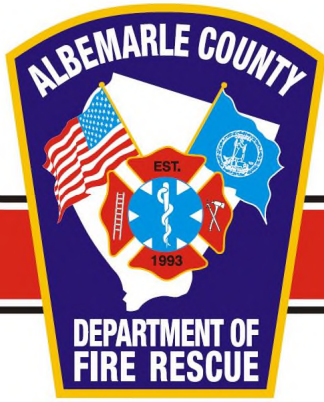
AGENDA TITLE/ISSUE:	AGENDA DATE:	
Approval of Consent Agenda	July 8, 2024	
MOTION:	MOTION MADE BY:	SECONDED BY:
Approve Consent Agenda with correction to dates on the agenda	Chief Kostas Alibertis	Chief Virginia Leavell
SUBSEQUENT MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS:		
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CALL OF THE QUESTION:	Yes	No	Abstain
Chief Dan Eggleston (ACFR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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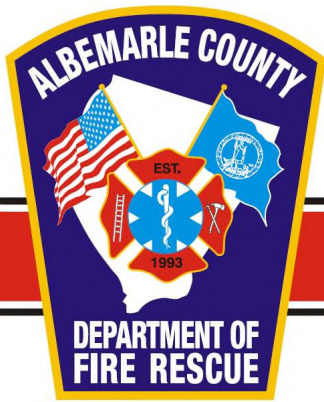
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