



**Newberry County Board of Rescue Squads**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 28, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** **Members:** Waites - Sta 13      Johnson - Sta 14      Russell - Sta 15  
   Andrews - Sta 16      Crouch - Sta 17  
**Others:** Long - EM1      Wicker - EM2      Richardson  
   Shacker - NC Administrator

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as published.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Minutes of the March 2023 Regular Meeting were approved as published.

**Personal Appearances:**

Mr Jeff Shacker, Newberry County Administrator met with the Board for introductions and discussed common interests and plans.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Business Items:**

**Old Business**

- Ultrasound Training
  - Training for the ultrasound units was discussed. Mr. Long was directed to explore other options if training could not be completed in the near future.

## **New Business**

- Mutual Aid
  - The Board discussed mutual aid requests. Mr. Long is to review our current agreements.
- Dispatch Policy
  - Station 14 asked to revert to the previous dispatch policy in which Station 14, for calls within the city of Newberry, would be dispatched only to high acuity calls and calls with no EMS availability or as requested.
- Rolling Stock Replacement Plan
  - Mr. Wicker presented a draft Rolling Stock Replacement Schedule. The plan was approved in concept with specifics to be presented to the Board in the future.
- Extrication Tool Evaluation
  - A concern regarding 5000 psi extrication tools being phased out. The Board agreed that evaluation sessions should be scheduled to evaluate options. Mr. Wicker was to begin scheduling these sessions.
- Review of Calls
  - EMS shortages were discussed.
  - Fire making decisions in regard to rescue calls were discussed.
  - Water rescue requested to be dispatched to all water incidents. The Board agreed that the Water Team was an asset that would be requested by the commander when and as needed.

## **Discussion from Members**

### Station 13:

- Requested update on the status of a county-wide accountability system.
- System is in development. Information is not fully collected.
- It was suggested that we proceed with the departments that have responded to the request for roster.

### Station 14:

- 141 remount inspection is scheduled by the end of the month.
- Spartan Race is scheduled November 18-19. Assistance is requested.

### Station 15:

- Concerns expressed regarding Medic 2 availability.

### Station 16:

- Inquired on reprogramming of 800 system radios to include neighboring systems. Mr Long was to request changes be scheduled.
- Inquired into the status of the firearms policy.
- Discussed memo from Sheriff regarding use of Ops Talkgroups for joint operations.

### **Executive Session**

- Board entered Executive Session at 10:02 pm to discuss a personnel issue.
- Board exited Executive Session at 10:26 pm.
- The Board took the issue as information and no action was taken.

### **Adjourn**

Motion made to adjourn passed.

### **Future Meetings:**

Regular Meeting - July 26, 2023, 7:00 pm at EOC.