

# **Newberry County Board of Rescue Squads Regular Meeting** January 25, 2023 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Members: Waites - Sta 13

Johnson - Sta14

Russell - Sta 15

Andrews - Sta 16

Crouch - Sta 17

Birochak - Sta 18

Others:

Long - EM1

Richardson - Sta 13

Cassada - Sta 17

Wicker - EM2

Silvers - Coms

## 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 September 2022 Regular Meeting were approved. Meetings for October and November 2022 were canceled. Meeting for December was rescheduled and had no quorum.

# Personal Appearances:

None.

### **Public Comments:**

None

### **Business Items:**

#### **Old Business**

- · Insurance Billing -
  - · Postponed draft was distributed. Discussion was tabled until members review the draft documents

#### **New Business**

### · Direct Payment of Utilities

· The proposal of direct payment of station utilities was discussed.

### Communications With Board and Emergency Services

 Board members requester Mr. Long provide more timely updates regarding matters pertinent to the Board. Members expressed concerns regarding becoming aware of issues after decisions were made. Members were reminded to respond to communications and requests for information in a timely manner.

### FY 23-24 budget

- The budget request for the Board for the upcoming FY was discussed.
- Request Adjustments were recommended.
- · The Following line items added or adjusted.
  - · PPE
  - Grant match
  - Increase AVL
  - Contracted Maintenance
  - · increased non capital

#### FY 22-23 Budget

- The Board suggested that funds allocated in the current budget for rescue tools be used to purchase ultrasound units for the ambulances.
- Squads are asked to submit rescue tool needs and to have Mr. Long make a recommendation and rank needs.

### Dispatch Policy

 Members and Ms Silvers discussed several communication items including the use of TAC talk-group and procedure for dispatch of calls.

#### EMS Status

- Issues with knowing what the current status of EMS was discussed. The Board asked the Chair and Mr Log to communicate with the management of the hospital the following concerns:
  - Status of EMS regarding number of units assigned.
  - Crew level for EMS units.
  - · Zero level notifications,
  - · When a unit is not assigned but not at the usual location,
  - · Use of Ops Talk-groups,
  - · Units reporting and dispatch repeating from where the EMS unit is responding..

#### Discussion from Members

#### Station 13:

In mutual aid requests, rescue should be toned as prescribed regardless of EMS availability.

## Station 14:

• Station has a member who has completed EVOC Instructor Certification.

### Station 16:

· Asked for interest is exploring a technical rescue training group.

## **Elections**

- Mr Long opened the floor for nominations.
  - · A motion was made to keep the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary the same.
  - · Motion passed unanimously.
    - · Chair Johnson
    - · Vice-chair Waites
    - · Secretary Andrews

### **Executive Session**

None needed

# Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn passed.

# **Future Meetings:**

Regular Meeting - February 22, 2023, 7:00 pm at EOC