



**Newberry County Board of Rescue Squads
Regular Meeting
August 24, 2022
7:00 pm**

Attendance: Members: Waites - Sta 13 Johnson - Sta14 Andrews - Sta 16
Crouch - Sta 17 Bishop - Sta19

Others: Long - EM1 Richardson - Sta 13 Kitchens - EMS
Amy Slivers - Public Safety Answering Point
(PSAP)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved with addition of:

- DHEC Regulation 61-7
- Public Safety Fee

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of the May 2022 Regular Meeting were approved as presented. Meetings for June and July 2022 were canceled.

Personal Appearances:

Greg Kitchens - NCEMS Director. Meg Davis was scheduled but did not attend.

Public Comments:

None

Business Items:

Old Business

- Insurance Billing -
 - Postponed in future meeting Process is pending

New Business

- Concerns with EMS & Dispatch

- EMS is to inform Dispatch when a truck will be taken out of service. The notification is to be sent to the EMS_Status ActiveAlert group.
- Request for mutual aid from another county is to simultaneously dispatch EMS and Squads following established protocols.
- Use of “Ops” talk groups was discussed. Mr. Long was to check with Chief Boland. Until a change is made, Squad vehicles will go enroute to the incident and immediately switch to the “Ops” talk group.
- The dispatch of a secondary squad was discussed. Dispatch protocol exists and is to be followed.

- Drug Policy

- Drug Policy was discussed. Mr Long and Mr Andrews will produce a draft change. Concerns were: notification of effected organizations, notifications of system wide suspensions, random testing procedures.

- Vehicle Return to Service

- When Vehicle Services has completed a repair, the Chief is to be notified to allow equipment to be replaced before the unit is returned to service.

- Incident Command System

- Mr. Richardson requested the Incident Command procedure be modified regarding when command is passed. Mr. Long was asked to schedule a meeting of the concerned parties to begin this process.

- Systemwide Training

- The need for system wide training was discussed. Topics include ImageTrend, Search, Palmetto EOC, ActiveAlert

- Rescue Capacity Needs Assessment

- Mr Richardson presented information from the North Carolina Rescue Association and asked each squad to conduct the inventory as part of a needs assessment. Squads were to complete by October 1, 2022

- Integration of Fire Departments

- The integration of Fire Departments into the role of the Board of Rescue Squads was discussed.

- Special Event Planning

- Board and Squads need to be involved earlier in the process.

- Budget 2022-2023

- Ultra Sound devices
- Planning for next cycle
- Proviso

- DHEC Regulations

- ALS Certification
- Tiered Response

- Gun Policy

- An existing policy restricts weapons in county buildings or in vehicles. Mr Andrews asked Mr Long to start the procedure to modify that policy.

Discussion from Members

Station 14:

- May need help in event coverage.

Executive Session - If Needed

None needed

Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn passed.

Future Meetings:

Regular Meeting - September 28, 2022, 7:00 pm at EOC