



Campbell County Fire Commission RUSTBURG, VA

Altavista
Brookneal
Brookville-
Timberlake
Concord
Evington
Gladys
Lyn-Dan Heights
Rustburg

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fire Commission was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at Lyn-Dan Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

Members present:

Bill Bigham, Fire Commissioner
Claude Owen, Vice Commissioner
Christin Elliott, Secretary
John Tucker, Altavista VFD
Dean Guthrie, Brookneal VFD
Michael Colbert, Brookneal VFD
Mike Mays, Brookville-Timberlake VFD
Ricky Mays, Brookville-Timberlake VFD
Kenny Kirby, Concord VFD
Jim Kershner, Concord VFD
Alan Maddox, Evington VFD
Scott Horseman, Gladys VFD
Chick Carwile, Gladys VFD
Mike Watson, Lyn-Dan Heights VFD
Ed Fletcher, Rustburg VFD
Jimmy Bowen, Lynchburg Airport

Others present:

Scott Hechler, Public Safety
Jerry Womack, Brookville-Timberlake VFD

Commissioner Bigham called the meeting to order with pledge of allegiance at 7:40 p.m.

New Business:

- A copy of the Respiratory Program SOG will be distributed for review before it is implemented.
- Chief Watson asked if Recruitment and Retention staff could have department information published in the County's newsletter. He felt this would be a good way to show County residents how emergency services work for them and keep them informed. Mr. Hechler already has the Recruitment & Retention Coordinator working on this and the first newsletter is scheduled to be distributed in July.

Old Business:

- The Communications Committee met May 25, 2010 and according to Chief Mays, the radio system was discussed at the meeting. Public Safety staff advised in the meeting they are working to get the OPS channels up and running. Public Safety staff also inquired what departments wanted to know when PAR count is requested. Mr. Hechler stated this should be put into writing so everyone will have it on paper.
- Mr. Hechler had a project meeting with Star City regarding the radio system. Star City had to reverse engineer and then troubleshoot the project since it had been completed in stages by several vendors. Other issues were discovered with signal strength. Star City is putting together a project plan with milestones and benchmarks. Project updates will be sent out from Public Safety to the Fire Commission along the way.
- Public Safety needs the phone numbers for members that would like to use the text message service for call information. Please get this to Commissioner Bigham as soon as possible.
- Vice Commissioner Owen gave a CIP apparatus update. The schedule will be reviewed annually. Once the specs are put together the Chiefs will need to review them and come to a cooperative agreement, which will then be presented to Public Safety. Please note that the process will required going out for bids. Vice Commissioner Owen did state the CIP funding for 2011-2012 is in the budget.
- Randall Johnson and Chief Watson are working to set up in house refresher dates for aerial (recert) training.
- Please get a list of tanker automatic dispatch locations to Commissioner Bigham. He stated these need to be identified so everyone knows who goes where, when and in what part of the County the facility is located.
- Commissioner Bigham asked all departments to have their line item budgets in to him by

February 1st. He also advised to make sure the budget shows what the \$35,000 County contribution is spent on and show additional needs.

- Mike Mays motioned to purchase jet siphons for Brookneal VFD and Gladys VFD due to each mentioned department needing one additional siphon. The siphons will be purchased with the remaining ATL money. Mike Watson seconded the motion.
The vote was: Aye- Tucker, Guthrie, Mays, Kirby, Maddox, Horseman, Watson and Fletcher.
Nay- None.
- Commissioner Bigham would like to hold a tabletop exercise with all departments focused on Foster Fuels. He will provide more information regarding the exercise as it becomes available.

Public Safety Items:

- Mr. Hechler would like to hold open forum meetings over the summer with Fire and EMS to discuss emergency services in the County.
- Randall Johnson will begin as the County's Fire Marshall on June 7. Public Safety is looking at creating a part-time Fire Marshal position. This position would be available to create pre-fire plans for individual departments. Mr. Hechler stated routine inspections will be done through the County's Building Official's office. Mr. Johnson has oversight authority, but would like ideas from the departments as to what they would like to see from the Fire Marshal's office. Please let Mr. Hechler or Commissioner Bigham know any ideas departments may have.
- The Radio Tech position should be filled by July 1st
- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 7 and the next Joint Fire/EMS Work Group will be held on June 10.
- Mr. Hechler will be going before the Board of Supervisors at the August meeting to give an update on Public Safety divisions.

Department Reports:

Altavista- Support 8 is available for any department that would like to take it over. The equipment is becoming expensive to maintain and they plan to turn it over to the County if no other department wants it. Chief Tucker stated their support staff would still provide support at scenes with a trailer they have equipped. The Fire Commission decided to turn Support 8 back into the County.

Brookneal- Things have been quiet.

Brookville-Timberlake- They received funds for a rehab trailer and are currently working on

equipping it as Rehab 12. Other than a vehicle fire, things have been quiet.

Concord – They have been quiet as well.

Evington – Things have been quiet.

Gladys - They have run several wrecks, but quiet otherwise.

Lyn-Dan Heights – They are about 10-15 calls above this time last year. Please note Mountain Lake Road behind the new hotel across from the airport is now open completely.

Rustburg – They will have a poker run July 31st. FFII graduation is June 24 at their station beginning at 7 p.m.

Airport – The simulator will be at the airport June 7-10. Each department has been notified of their training schedule. Open house for their new station will be June 14. Also, note the hydrant on the west end of the terminal is in service and is located on the west end of the new ARF station. There have been no changes to responses at the airport. Responding departments will still go to Gate 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The Fire Commission will not meet again until September, unless a special called meeting is requested.