



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, February 17, 2010 at Concord Volunteer Fire Department.

Members present:

Bill Bigham, Fire Commissioner
Claude Owen, Vice Commissioner
Christin Elliott, Secretary
John Tucker, Altavista VFD
Lee Neal, Altavista VFD
Dean Guthrie, Brookneal VFD
Michael Colbert, Brookneal VFD
Mike Mays, Brookville-Timberlake VFD
Gerald Mays, Brookville-Timberlake VFD
Kenny Kirby, Concord VFD
Stephen Spraker, Concord VFD
Kirk Pugh, Concord VFD/ B&W
Alan Maddox, Evington VFD
Scott Horseman, Gladys VFD
Chick Carwile, Gladys VFD
Mike Watson, Lyn-Dan Heights VFD
Chanan Markham, Lyn-Dan Heights VFD
Ed Fletcher, Rustburg VFD
Jim Jarvis, VDOF
Adam Smith, VDOF

Others present:

Bill Gillespie, Public Safety
Ricky Mays, Brookville-Timberlake VFD

Commissioner Bigham called the meeting to order with prayer and pledge of allegiance at 7:50 p.m.

New Business:

- There is \$7,098 remaining in the ATL funding. Brookville-Timberlake VFD requested \$2,500 for two sets of turnout gear and Gladys VFD requested up to \$3,000 for the purchase of a rescue saw and relief valve for 5" line.

Kenny Kirby motioned for Brookville-Timberlake VFD to receive up to, but not exceed \$2,500 toward the purchase of two sets of turnout gear and for Gladys VFD to receive but not exceed \$3,000 toward the purchase of a rescue saw and relief valve.

The vote was: Aye- Tucker, Guthrie, Mays, Kirby, Maddox, Horseman, Watson and Fletcher.

Nay- None.

- Ed Fletcher discussed the call at Areva and the fact that County departments do not have radiation detection equipment. Kenny Kirby is working with B&W as well as Areva on this incident and will have more information forthcoming. Chief Kirby did state that both companies have adequate detection equipment and volunteer agencies will not be put in harms way.
- Commissioner Bigham received an email from Tracy Fairchild regarding the use of text messaging for dispatched calls. She stated she had not received much feedback from the departments.

John Tucker motioned for Public Safety to go forward with the text messaging of dispatched calls. Kenny Kirby seconded the motion.

The vote was: Aye- Tucker, Guthrie, Mays, Kirby, Maddox, Horseman, Watson and Fletcher.

Nay- None.

- Commissioner Bigham advised there would be a propane gas industry conference sponsored by the Virginia Propane Gas Association on May 11-12 in Virginia Beach. For more information, contact Commissioner Bigham or check out the VDEM website.
- Bill Gillespie advised the Board of Supervisors approved the Communications Technician Position and it should be filled by July 1, 2010. They also approved a Training Officer position for dispatch and that position should be filled within sixty days. The County awarded a contract to Star City for radio reprogramming and a schedule will be implemented for programming. The Fire Marshal position was also approved by the Board and should be filled within 30-45 days.

- Mr. Gillespie thanked the Commission for their hard work on the CIP budget and noted it had been submitted.

Committee Reports:

- Claude Owen distributed a guideline on the CIP plan. He stated it was rushed due to the time constraint. He also advised it would be wise to look at the plan yearly to make sure the plan meshed with what departments needed. Vice Commissioner Owen also felt the 2012 budgeted funding would be appropriate.
- John Tucker advised Public Safety had notified the Communications Committee of changes to the committee. The last meeting was cancelled and scheduled for the week of February 22. Chief Tucker stressed the importance of notifying Tracy Fairchild regarding complaints and copying a member of the Communications Committee (Mike Mays, Ed Fletcher or John Tucker).
- Regarding communications, Chief Fletcher asked that a TAC channel not be given to the first person on scene, but when a line officer or equipment arrives on scene. He also requested dispatch advise what type of structure is on fire, i.e. barn, shed, house, etc.
- Chief Tucker asked dispatch please wait a full two minutes between tones.

Old Business:

- Alan Maddox stated Evington VFD has heard nothing new on the grant for a new station. Commissioner Bigham advised the County submitted a grant on behalf of Evington VFD for stimulus money that could be used toward the construction of a new fire station.
- Dean Guthrie questioned how much foam each department should receive from the pickup locations. Commissioner Bigham will discuss with Randall Johnson and discuss further at the March meeting.
- A discussion was held regarding testing of air bottles based on the budgeted funds. One-third of department's bottles can be tested, if they need testing.
- Vice Commissioner Owen asked Brookville-Timberlake VFD for a letter of justification on their requested CIP apparatus.

Department Reports:

Altavista- They have had the busiest start of the year in their history. Thanked Evington for their help on several calls.

Brookneal- They have been quiet.

Brookville-Timberlake- Things have been extremely quiet except for a chimney fire. They will have a bike ride on June 6. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a logo for their t-shirts, they are \$100. They also have a gun raffle going at this time.

Concord – Thanked Rustburg for their help on several calls. There will be a fundraiser for Steve Wade at Calvary Baptist Church on March 6 from 6-8 p.m. They also have a gun raffle going at this time and the Carnival will be the first Saturday in May.

Evington – Things have been quiet except mutual aid with Altavista.

Gladys - They have been very busy and thanked Altavista for their assistance.

Lyn-Dan Heights – Their call volume has been average since last month. They will have a poker run from their station on April 10 along with their annual raffle that same day.

Rustburg – Their call volume has been normal.

Airport – Absent.

B&W – Things have been quiet.

Forestry – The Forestry Grant packages were distributed and need to be submitted on line. They also submitted the dry hydrant grant packages. If any departments have an interest in brush fire training please let Adam or Jim know. The 4 p.m. burn ban is in effect.

Other Business:

* Bill Gillespie thanked the Commission for working with him over the past months while he served as interim Public Safety director. He stated the Commission's efforts were not unseen and the hard work was appreciated. He stated he enjoyed working with Commissioner Bigham and the Commission. The new Public Safety director should be on board by March 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2010 at Evington VFD, 7:30 p.m.