

North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes for
March 01, 2015

Opening:

Call to Order & Welcome: Commander Robert Poe

Invocation: Bill Henderson

Adoption Order of Business: Motion by Gary Whitman, second by Bill Henderson, to amend the order of business to have the Advisory Committee report to follow the Constitution Committee. Motion passed.

Recognition of Guest: Mike Edwards; OSFM, Todd Brown; NCEM, Allen Johnson; NCOEMS, Regina Godette-Crawford, Chief, NCOEMS

Roll Call: 16 Directors, 2 Past Commanders, Vice Commander, Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director

Minutes:

-Motion by Bill Henderson, Second Scott McCaskill, to approve August 28, 2015 Directors Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

-Motion by Bill Henderson, Second Ronnie Warrick, to approve August 27-29, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

-Motion by Scott McCaskill, Second Bill Henderson, to approve Directors Meeting December 08, 2015, Motion passed.

Old Business:

Agency Reports:

OEMS Report - Regina Godette-Crawford, Chief:

- Rules update: OEMS had hoped to go before the Medical Care Commission (MCC) in February, but due to the MCC heavy agenda we were unable to do so. We are scheduled for the May meeting to ask for permission to enter into the rule making process. Upon their approval, our rules will be out for public view for 60 days and a public hearing will be held around the first of July.

- 14L Stroke Rules - Stroke Center Designation effective February 1, 2015. Amy Douglas, Trauma Manager will be sending letters to all hospitals to put them on notice that the rules are in effect. We are also encouraging all hospitals holding the following certifications to provide us feedback:

1. Comprehensive Stroke
2. Primary
3. Acute Stroke Ready Hospital

Department DHHS will designate and track centers in NC. This information will be updated annually.

LME/OEMS Grant Collaboration – 7 EMS Systems will receive seed monies to implement contracts/agreements with their local LME's to transport mental health patients/mobile crisis intervention. EMS Systems receiving funding include: Durham, Forsyth, McDowell, Rockingham, Brunswick, Guilford, and Halifax.

- AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS TO CRISIS CENTERS SECTION 12H.32. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall study the practice of reimbursing for ambulance transports that divert individuals in mental health crisis from hospital emergency departments to alternative appropriate locations for care. The Department shall study existing pilot programs in North Carolina, as well as other states, and shall specifically study expansion of the Wake County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advanced Practice Paramedics pilot program. The study shall do the following:
 - (1) Propose necessary Medicaid and mental health policy changes.
 - (2) Identify funding needs.
 - (3) Identify available funding sources.
 - (4) Identify any other actions that would be necessary to facilitate implementation.
 The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2015.

OSFM - Mike Edwards:

- AC Daniels has retired and Davie Summey has been promoted to his position.
- Rescue Officer at McDowell CC was January 30- February 1, 2015 was full and all went well there.
- Instructor 3 pilots are starting in late March or early April.
- May 27-30, 2015 Fire Rescue Instructor Conference will be in Wilmington.
- Rewrites completed and new FF 1&2 & Haz Mat and those programs are out.
- TR and Driver Operator are in re-write.
- Staff assisting with several LODD. Bonnie McNeil LODD is being paid by Federal PSOB.

- Field training are doing in class audits.
- Chief 101-2015 is the upgrade for those who already have it.
- Qualification Schools have started with 80% pass rate for written and 2 practicals plus 100% for proper administration of practical testing.
- Regional Testing is being done for certification for FO 1 & 2, Instructor 1&2, and FLSE 1-3 classes through end of last year. Those exams are now being administered by the community college.
- Angie Greg has some alarm grants still available.
- NC Fire Grants were due March 01, 2015.
- On-Line request forms for alarms for deaf and hard of hearing are available.
- 2015 Child Safety seat classes are on the NC Buckleup website.
- Fire & Life Safety Conference just completed in Concord in February.

NCEM - Todd Brown:

- Finally winding down Ebola response planning, we appreciate everyones support to their local health departments and emergency management to figure out what we'd do if we had an at risk patient begin to exhibit symptoms.
- Conducted another set of the Winter/Alpine SAR training in January and February. Finished the train the trainer series with about a dozen NC instructors. The last class in February was taught by NC staff. So we look to hold a few more each year including offering the course for non-alpine wilderness environments. We really appreciate the association's support and assistance, especially Commander Robert Poe and Vice Commander Terry Foxx.
- Still working to roll out a Land Search Field Team member curriculum that will fill the gap between the OSFM Wilderness Rescuer and NASAR FUNSAR. Looking like we'll be running the pilot courses this fall. Will continue to work with the association to ensure the training and credentialing meets the needs of our rescue squads, volunteer SAR teams, and law enforcement partners.
- Recently finished up the cost study associated with the Session Law that formalized the State USAR program. The cost study recommended \$4.6 million in funding with a local 50% cost share. This funding will ensure annual appropriations for a sustained all-hazards search and rescue program supporting all aspects of SAR across the State. No indication of what funding we might get.
- Moved out 4 Humvee ambulances to Edenton from Goldsboro last week. They are not state certified ambulances but are medically equipped and can help get patients from their door to a street that is passable to a waiting certified ambulance. We have in the past not been able to use those assets so we are glad to figure out a work around to be able to support local EMS.
- Upcoming events:
Search at Biltmore March 26-28

State Hurricane Exercise March 10
Central Branch Comms Exercise April 8-9

Boards & Commission Reports:

911 Board - Jimmy Stewart:

The NC 911 Board this past year has been involved with several ongoing and new projects that will enhance 911 services to the citizens of NC and to the field user such as our EMS and Rescue Services as well as Fire and Law Enforcement.

www.nc911.nc.gov

Updates on ongoing projects.

1. Statewide Mapping Project/Partnership with the NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NC CGIA)

The continuing Statewide Orthoimagery Project completes its first 4 year cycle this year with the Southern Piedmont and Mountains area being flown beginning in February of this year and will be delivered by April 2016. After Project closeout in June 2016, this will complete this 4 year cycle. As a reminder the initial project was completed in 2012 and to keep on a schedule, one of four sections of the State were photographed each year so that no County will have maps over 4 years old. All maps can be viewed at www.nconemap.com. The website is also a complete map resource for NC and is a very valuable resource. The site has road view maps, ortho maps and topo maps. I am happy to report that in the Board meeting this past Friday (2/27) the Board voted to fund this project for another 4 years. The Board is proud of this project as it has created a statewide ortho map, is available on a website for easy access, has become a model for other states and has saved an estimated \$80 million versus the piecemeal way it was formally done.

2. PSAP Grants
8 grants totaling \$11.5 million were approved for FY 2014-15:

Caldwell County	\$1,022,399	Individual PSAP Enhancement/Replacement
Dare County	\$7,002,795	PSAP Consolidation w/Tyrrell County
Haywood County	\$2,694,827	PSAP Consolidation w/Haywood Co Sheriff
Swain County	\$ 859,681	Regional Initiative Enhancement/Replacement

3. Operating Standards

We are awaiting the Operating Standards to go through codification and rules process. The Standards continue to be revised during this process and are expected to be completed this year.

Certification Board - Terry Foxx/Kevin Gordon/Joel Faircloth:

- Meeting next Tuesday, previously met September 2014, and December 2015
- TR has been going through rewrites and upgrades for instructors should start soon. Ropes, General and VMR may be later. Intent is to get all instructors re-qualified by the end of the year and the updated program to roll out the first of 2016. TR will be combining General and Ropes which will help as one moves through other TR programs. Machinery and AG will be combined to more closely follow the standard as Vehicle has been separated from Machinery which will keep from having to seek alternative standard just for AG.
- Dive Program is moving along slowly. Working to get the program to the pilot process.
- Rescue Officer have held 2 pilots one in Randolph and the other at McDowell. The third will be in April 17-19, 2015 at Lenoir Community College.

EMS Advisory Council - Robert Poe:

- Met twice since the last meeting.
- Oct 4-8, 2104 EM Today Conference was held in Greensboro. Rowan County EMS Team won Paramedic competition.
- 9 CoAEMSP accredited institutions across the state.
- OEMS working with NCCC Systems to finalize guidelines for NC EMS classes.
- OEMS working with stakeholders to develop community paramedicine programs and integrated healthcare guidelines.
- EBOLA guidelines are on OEMS website for emergency services.
- Rules review process has been slowed due other coming through.
- OEMS received 98 formal complaints for 2014. 33 went to case review panel.
- NARCAN training available on OEMS website.

Fire & Rescue Commission - Robert Poe

- Met on October 14, 2014
- NC High School FF program completed its 4th year. Textbooks and equipment are main cost. 38 Public Safety academies, 3 are just EMT and 5 are both FF and EMT.
- Met January 13, 2015
- Always have a good report from the certification board.
- Kevin chaired a committee to rewrite the Fire Rescue Commission By-Laws and they have been completed.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Advisory - Debbie Poe/Gary Whitman/Kevin Gordon:

- ARC was \$600,000 less than what was appropriated. The Local Government Retirement Board vote to ask the GA to keep that money to help continue resolve data and IT issues with Fire and Rescue Pension. It is funded at 89%.

Stroke Advisory Council - Regina Godette-Crawford (for Dr. Brent Myers):

- Application for study funding for statewide post stroke treatment has been approved \$14 million over the next 5 years to help improve post acute stroke care and quality of life.

Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Fund-Gordon Joyner:

- Funding has stabilized coming from the state.
- Please remind folks about safety.
- Next meeting March 16, 2015

Association Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Gary Whitman:

- Motion from committee to approve audit, motion passed. (Copy Available in Office)
- Motion from committee to accept financial statements for the Association and Brotherhood period ending January 2015, motion passed. (Copies attached to office copy)
- Motion from committee to approved proposed budget Association and Brotherhood for FY 15-16, notes included building financing, modest employee pay increases, combining convention expense line items to one, motion passed. (Copies attached to office copy)
- Relief Fund Budgets and Financial Statements presented for information. (Copies attached to office copy)

Personnel Committee - Debbie Poe:

- Motion from committee to promote Joel Faircloth to Executive Director and Gordon Joyner will continue employed at least until his contract expires in August 2016 and begin actively looking a Deputy Executive Director, second by Billy Sparks, motion passed.
- A new Executive Director contract will be issued to Joel Faircloth for 4 years.
- Motion from Scott McCaskill to name Gordon Joyner, as Executive Director Emeritus from this date forward and for the duration of his lifetime membership of this organization, second Bill Henderson, motion passed.
- More meetings to come in the future.

Credentials Committee - Jerry Bradshaw:

- Proposal to name David Sullivan Area 14 Director, motion to accept Jerry Bradshaw, second Bill Henderson, motion passed.
- Terms have been staggered as per the vote at the 2014 annual meeting. The senior director will have their term extended, so there will be even and odd year directors. (Copies attached to office copy)
- This is election year for Commander and Vice Commander.

Constitution Committee - Glen Cowan:

Motion from the committee to change constitution as presented below, motion passed.

Bond for Officers

Advisory & Constitution

2.2.3.2 Subsection B: Treasurer

In addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer found in the Association's Constitution and By-Laws, the Treasurer shall also perform the following functions. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Association funds; shall receive all monies due the Association and deposit it in the name of the Association in a bank whose deposits are insured and which is approved by the Board of Directors; shall keep a complete record of the dues received and when next due; shall make all disbursements upon receipt of warrants signed by the proper officers and authorized by this Constitution and By-Laws, the Finance Committee or Board of Directors to be paid; shall keep a detailed and accurate record of all funds received and disbursed by him/her; and, shall prepare and present at the Convention and Annual Meeting, and at such other times as the Board of directors may require, a complete report of the financial condition of the Association. This position shall be bonded for an amount equal to the total involvement of the Association for the previous year plus 10%. All checks issued against Association funds shall ~~be signed by the Commander, Vice-Commander or Treasurer.~~ require two signatures signed by the Executive Officers or Administrative Staff as approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer may be reimbursed for services or work performed on behalf of the Association as authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep the Commander informed of all aspects of his office and shall perform such other duties as the Commander and/or Board of Directors may require of his/her office.

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Proposed 03-01-2015

- Motion to put Convention back in to the Constitution and By-Laws. It should come before anywhere there is Annual Meeting by Tim Pennell, second by Ronnie Warrick, motion passed.

Advisory Committee - Terry Foxx:

- Motion from the committee to promote Armed Forces Benefit Association that provides a life insurance benefit for emergency services personnel. They do have other insurance available for purchase as well, second by Bill Henderson, motion passed.
- Motion from committee to approve the guest list for convention, second Bill Henderson, Motion by Gary Whitman to amend the motion to include NCEM representatives in the last sentence of the guest list, second by Jerry Cornelison, motion to amend passed. The amended original motion back before the body, motion passed.

Motion to suspend the rules and review per diem policy by Bill Henderson, second Scott McCaskill, motion passed. Motion by Ken Hogue to amend the per diem policy as follows, second by Gary Whitman.

NCAR&EMS PER DIEM POLICY

DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' THAT ARE REQUIRED TO MEET ON FRIDAY OR COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUIRED TO MEET ON SATURDAY MORNING WILL BE PAID TWO DAYS PER DIEM, WITH MOTEL RECEIPT.

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT REQUIRE OVER NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS, WILL BE PAID 1 DAY PER DIEM, WITH MOTEL RECEIPT.

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ATTEND MEETINGS AND LIVE LESS THAT 50 MILES FROM MEETING SITE, WILL BE PAID MILEAGE ONLY.

MOTEL PAYMENTS WILL BE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE, BUT NO MORE THAT THE RATES QUOTED FOR THE HOST HOTEL.

ANNUAL MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS WHO ATTEND THE DIRECTORS' MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE PAID TWO DAYS PER DIEM WITH MOTEL RECEIPTS.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' THAT ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE REPORTS, WILL BE PAID TWO DAYS PER DIEM, WITH MOTEL RECEIPTS.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO MEET, WILL BE PAID TWO DAYS PER DIEM, WITH MOTEL RECEIPTS.

BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOTWITHSTANDING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OR OTHER ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO ATTEND MEETINGS AND LIVE LESS THAN 50 MILES FROM THE MEETING SITE WILL BE PAID MILEAGE ONLY.

MOTEL PAYMENTS WILL BE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE, BUT NO MORE THAT THE RATES QUOTED FOR THE HOST HOTEL.

- Motion from the committee to approve a corporate resolution with the bank that allows Becky Strickland and Lynette Bryan as administrative staff, Joel Faircloth and Gordon Joyner as Executive Officers, and Robert Poe, Commander and Terry Foxx Vice Commander as authorized signers on checks, second Gary Whitman, Call for question and passed with 2/3 majority, motion before the body passed.

Rescue Competition Committee - Tim Pennell:

- Judges school will be available for anyone who may want to be qualified and be on 5 year cycles. In 2 years the current judges will come up for review.
- The problem has not been decided upon but will depending on location of convention. Please forward any suggestions and ideas.

BLS Competition Committee - Terry Foxx:

- Motion from the committee to approve the BLS equipment list to add Pulse Ox, Glucometer, Sharps container, PPE Universal precaution kit, second Chris Mauney, motion passed.
- Motion from the committee to ask OEMS staff to be the judges for the BLS competition and use existing approved judges to back fill past OEMS assignments and OEMS is agreed to this, second Bill Henderson, motion passed.

Standards & Training Committee - Terry Foxx:

- Alpine and Mountaineering Standard is on the website and available for recognition. Class have been held through NCEM
- Standards will be reviewed for revisions in the upcoming year.
- Membership reports as follows:

Squad/Department Listing by Entry Date

closed_date	reason_descr	date_squad_entry	Squad Name	Squad#	City
2014-09-10	AHJ	1970-01-09	SOUTH POINT LIFESAVING	C0251	CRAMERTON
2014-09-11	Merged	1987-09-14	CHEROKEE EMERGENCY RESPONSE	C0346	CHEROKEE
2014-10-01	Merged	2003-11-17	WILDWOOD FIRE & RESCUE	C0432	MOREHEAD CITY
2014-10-31	Other	2007-11-03	RHEASVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	NN596	ROANOKE RAPIDS
2014-12-01	AHJ	1979-11-15	MOORESVILLE RESCUE SQUAD	C0178	MOORESVILLE
2014-12-29	AHJ	1977-10-04	JACKSON RESCUE SQUAD	C0138	JACKSON
2015-01-01	AHJ	1975-08-12	CASTORIA EMS	C0043	SNOW HILL
2015-01-01	Closed	1995-09-05	NC HIGH LEVEL EXTRACTION RESCUE	C0464	CEDAR MOUNTAIN
2015-01-15	Closed	1961-02-23	GROVER RESCUE SQUAD	C0114	SHELBY
2015-01-15	Other	2003-09-26	CONNESTEE FIRE RESCUE INC	NN527	BREVARD

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Squad/Department Listing by Entry Date

date_squad_entry	Squad Name	Squad#	City
2014-09-04	WADE COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC	X0747	WADE
2014-09-09	SWAIN COUNTY EMS	X0749	BRYSON CITY
2014-09-15	HOKE EMS / RAEFORD	X0750	RAEFORD
2014-09-28	ARARAT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCORPORATED	X0753	ARARAT
2014-09-30	TOWN OF WILKESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT	X0748	WILKESBORO
2014-10-06	UNION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	X0752	VALE
2014-10-08	LOVELADY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INCORPORATED	X0754	RUTHERFORD COLLEGE
2014-10-10	MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE DEPARTMENT	X0751	MOUNT PLEASANT
2014-12-04	TOWN OF COLUMBUS FIRE DEPT	X0756	COLUMBUS
2015-01-27	GREEN CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC	X0757	COLUMBUS
2015-02-03	MILLERS CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT	X0758	MILLERS CREEK

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Roster Statistics

Date: 2015-02-27

Count of members on a single roster	22724
Count of members on more than a single roster	4175
Total distinct members on rosters	26899
Total roster entries	33183
Average number of rosters/individual	1.234
Number of squads with rosters on file	633
Average number of individuals/squad roster	52.42

Memorial Committee - Robert Poe:

- They have been meeting and working on a final design and location. Possibly a report forthcoming at the next meeting.

Relief Fund Board - Robert Poe:

- Paying on 6 LODD. There are 13 that are pending final paperwork and decision.
- Scholarship amounts are increasing this year.

Convention Committee - Terry Foxx:

- Motion from the committee to have Convention 2015 August 27-29 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory NC, second by Scott McCaskill, motion passed. We will need help work the convention.
- Convention 2016 will continue to be worked on by the committee to get proposals.

New Business: None

Adjourn:

Motion by Ronnie Warrick to adjourn, second Scott McCaskill, motion passed.

Author:

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Executive Director

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