

# North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS

## Board of Directors Meeting

Goldsboro NC

Minutes for

January 16, 2016

### **Call to Order:**

Welcome: Commander Terry Foxx

Invocation: Bill Henderson

Adoption Order of Business: Motion by Bill Henderson, second by Vince Stone, to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Minutes: Motion by Ronnie Warrick, second by Bill Henderson to approve Directors and Annual Meeting minutes from 28-29 August 2015 as presented

Recognition of Guest: Mike Edwards; OSFM, Todd Brown; NCEM, Allen Johnson; NCOEMS, Tom Mitchell, Assistant Chief, NCOEMS; Fred Bone, Bone and Associates

Roll Call: 17 Directors, 2 Past Commanders, Vice Commander, Executive Director, Executive Director Emeritus, Parliamentarian

### **Old Business:**

#### **Agency Reports:**

OEMS Report - Tom Mitchell, Assistant Chief:

As I am sure all of you are aware, Regina retired effective 11/30 as Chief of OEMS and has been missed tremendously. The position has been advertised, and interviews completed. The Division has not yet announced her replacement. As soon as that occurs, we will make sure that each of our stakeholders are notified.

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, we also lost Drexdal Pratt, who was Division Director for DHSR when he retired after 41+ years. That position has been filled by Mark Payne, who was previously in the Secretary's Office under Secretary Wos. Mark is a lawyer, and will be overseeing DHSR and Office of Internal Audit.

There are a couple of issues that I wanted to update you on that are happening within OEMS.

- As you may be aware, the General Assembly in the budget process allocated \$350,000 to funding a pilot project looking at potential savings with Community Paramedicine. Our office was tasked with that project, and providing an update to the General Assembly in June and November '16. In the budget bill, \$210,000 of those monies was allocated to go to New Hanover Regional EMS, with the other going to 2 programs giving preference to agencies currently doing Community Paramedicine. We published an application process, with 11 applications being received. Notifications were distributed yesterday with McDowell County EMS, Wake County EMS and New Hanover Regional EMS selected as grant recipients. The goal of this pilot is to look at improving health, providing a better experience, and reducing healthcare cost. This will hopefully carry us to begin the change of reimbursement for EMS statewide. We will provide you additional information at your conference, as we work with these pilot programs.
- In November '15, the OEMS obtained the National Mobile Disaster Hospital for our Hospital Preparedness Program. You may recall this asset has been housed in NC approx. 8 years under an Memorandum of Understanding between NC and FEMA. FEMA decided that they were no longer interested in maintaining the asset, and put it out for purchase through the GSA process. It was initially requested by another federal agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. After realizing that they would have to pay the relocation fee, they withdrew their interest, which opened the door for NC to acquire the asset. Our intent is make the asset more scalable for deployment, as we have determined multiple uses for pieces of the asset, rather than trying to keep it deployable as a package (30+ Tractor Trailers). We are going to working closely with Emergency Management to determine how to best utilize this asset in addressing medical surge and sheltering during events.
- Our "Call for Presentations" for EM Today '16 was opened in December '15 and will remain open until February 28, '16. The dates for EM Today '16 are October 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>.
- One of the Division's goals has been to reduce the footprint that DHSR occupies in physical structures across the state. This being that the majority of staff are providing surveys, inspections, and investigations across the state and don't occupy office space on a daily basis. Therefore, the interest is to home-base a lot of that staff in various sections within the division. OEMS is looking at reducing our footprint in the Eastern Regional Office in Greenville. We are looking a co-locating in a facility with Emergency Management in Kinston. Emergency Management is looking at relocating within its existing building in the Global Transpark in Kinston. DPS will be going before the Council of State in March for approval to do this. We will again make sure you are notified of this move, when it happens.
- OEMS is still working to update NC Administrative Code, or our Rules, as we refer to them. These were delayed because included in these rules is the change in the titles of

our levels of credential (EMR, EMT-Basic, Advanced EMT and Paramedic). The old levels were listed in General Statute, and therefore we had to change General Statute before we were allowed to change “rule”. This was inserted into another bill that was introduced in the last Legislative Session, but the bill stalled and did not make it through, as planned. Therefore, we had to get it introduced at the last minute to get it through in the last Legislative Session. That has been done, and now the EMS Advisory Council will hopefully give us approval to continue rule-making at their upcoming meeting in February.

- As many of you may be aware, the KKK Ambulance Standards are being phased out. The NFPA has published a standard for review (NFPA 1917), as well as CAAS will be publishing a GVS standard that will be out for draft around June '16. NC has never officially adopted a standard, as all ambulances were built to KKK standard. With multiple standards being developed, we are looking at and will be soliciting input as to whether NC should adopt an ambulance standard. The concern is that currently some ambulance manufacturers are asking agencies to sign a waiver that they are requesting to have an ambulance that isn't built to standard, and the liability that might be associated with that. There will be more information to come, as we review these standards.
- OEMS is also looking at developing a course that prepares Chiefs/Directors for what their jobs, similar to the Chief 101 Class that is currently done on the Fire side. As we progress, Chiefs/Directors are being faced with more and more requirements, and most instances with no training to prepare them for it. This is a concern that has been expressed to us by the EMS Administrator's Association, so we are looking into ways to overcome this. We have had some preliminary conversations with Joel, and looking at including the Rescue component into the course, as well. We will share more as we move forward.

That is an update from the Office, and I will be glad to entertain questions or will be around to speak afterwards, if needed. Thanks again for the opportunity to share an update.

OSFM - Mike Edwards:

- Staff (2015) has assisted 10 departments and/or squads with a possible LODD.
- Class audits - There has been several cases where a NCFRC Qualified Instructor was found to have violated the Policy for Testing. Please make sure if you are a qualified instructor or any instructors that may come to your department/squad to teach and test a certification class follows the testing policy.
- Vincent Marks retired in November and Bruce Hodges from Concord F.D. has been hired as his replacement.

- TIMS – FIP 7000 is now a course required for TR, FF, and D/O certifications. Note, it is not a standalone certification, only a course. Course management details are:
  - ✓ Course must be run through an approved delivery agency to receive credit.
  - ✓ No prior credit will be accepted
  - ✓ Is a requirement for certification for TR, FF, or D/O effective 01/01/2016
  - ✓ Any TR, FF, or D/O qualified instructor are allowed to teach this course
  - ✓ Course content is available via OSFM website
  - ✓ TIMS will not be delivered via on-line or hybrid delivery
- Revisions for Instructor II. The previous requirement of being certified for 5 years has been change to 3 years. For the following levels of qualifications, Haz-mat Responder I, Firefighter, TR Chapters 5 & 6, TR Vehicle Chapter 10, Driver Operator or FLSE, the requirement of having to be a qualified instructor for 2 years will be dropped until July 01, 2016. A required instructor indoctrination course will have to be taken prior to becoming qualified at a regional qualification school
- All other areas of qualification remains the same, must be certified for a minimum of 5 years. LFB, LPG, TR Ropes, Confined Space, Trench, Structural Collapse, Water Rescue, Wilderness, Haz-mat Tech, Fire Officer I – IV. Instructor I & II Qualification is 10 years.

NCEM - Todd Brown:

- NC Safer schools program are working to get access to school plans and layouts for other emergency service personnel in the event of an incident at the school. Information on how this can be accessed will be forwarded through the association to the departments.

NC Treasurer Office - No Report:

**Boards & Commission Reports:**

911 Board - Jimmy Stewart

- 1. Statewide Mapping Project/Partnership with the NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NC CGIA) The continuing Statewide Orthoimagery Project was approved for funding by the 911 Board for a new 4 year cycle for 2016-2019. 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. The second cycle is now complete and now the third cycle will begin with the Coastal area being acquired this year. All maps can be viewed at [www.nconemap.com](http://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. 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. If you want to see the acquisition schedule as it applies to your area, please see the February 27, 2015 meeting book on our website, items 6a-6c

- 2. PSAP Grants. 3 grants totaling \$11,025,000.00 were approved for FY 2015-16: Graham County \$3,392,000 Relocation and Technology RefreshHyde County \$1,300,000 PSAP Consolidation w/Dare and Tyrrell Counties Richmond County \$6,333,000 PSAP Consolidation/Backup Center with Scotland Co
- 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 to become effective in 2017. These are always on the website if you are interested.
- 4. The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov) The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the US Department of Commerce. The Act directs FirstNet to establish a single nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. FirstNet has been obligated by Congress to take all actions necessary to ensure the building, deployment and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network. This will become more important with Next Generation 911 and for use with VoIP interfaces with base radios to increase range and to be able to use radios from cellular telephones. If you would like to see where North Carolina is in the process, please go to the NC FirstNet site at <https://firstnet.nc.gov>.
- 5. Next Generation 911-NG911 I am sure you have heard the term-Next Generation 911. NG911 is the effort to update the 911 infrastructure in the US and is a culmination of many things, such as texting to 911, receipt and distribution of photos and movie images from the public to field responders (ESInet), routing of calls based on GPS data (lat. and log.) and not street address. This routes the call to the right PSAP. IP based networks and Automatic Collision Notification Systems (which we now have and in the future we will receive data directly from) are also part of NG 911. It is an evolving work in progress. The 911 Board last year awarded a consultant contract Federal Engineering to assist in the NG 911 ESInet and in December the Board voted to release a Concept of Operations document and a Request for Information (RFI) for the NC NG911 Project. It is our goal to bring the first PSAP onto the new system in August of 2017. If you are interested in the complete workings of this undertaking please see the agenda book section for Thursday December 3, 2015, Tab 2.
- 6. Interim Text to 911 Solutions As of January 15, 63 counties in NC have text-to-911 capabilities. To see if your Center is providing Text to 911, Go to our webpage and at the very bottom is a map showing the Centers that are providing the service and a link to a Status document. Text to 911 has become very important for 2 reasons: The first is that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community use texting as their primary source of non-face to face. In December 2012 an agreement between NENA, APCO and the "Big 4" wireless carriers (Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile), text-to-9-1-1 capabilities are in place. Another carrier, US Cellular has just agreed to provide this service communications. They no longer use TTY or TDD devices. Second, it is an alternate means of communication to 911 in case a victim

cannot talk as they are hidden in a house being broken into and they do not want to divulge their presence or are attempting to communicate from the trunk of a car after being kidnapped. Both of these are situations that have occurred and have been resolved favorably with text-to-911.

- 7. 911 System Outages The 911 Board tracks 911 system outages and those reports are in the agenda books on the website.
- 8. Just as a note, Communications Centers in NC answered 7,714,610 911 calls in 2015 compared to 7,295,651 911 calls in 2014. This does not count administrative lines or any other line. Just 911. 74.3% were wireless, 18.5% were wireline and 7.2% were VoIP. This compares to 70% of those calls (over 5 mil.) were wireless calls. 23.8 % (1.7 mil) were wireline and the remaining 6.4% were VOIP calls in 2014. The trend is definitely toward wireless and VoIP and away from landline telephones.
- 9. As part of its education and outreach initiatives for this year, the Board created the PSAP Managers group that is a networking group of only PSAP Directors and Asst. Directors. The second annual PSAP Managers meeting was held in Raleigh and was well attended with 79 out of 100 counties and over 100 PSAP's represented. Frank and open discussions were had concerning issues. The top issues were recruitment and retention of Telecommunicators. Training, meeting the backup PSAP requirement which is approaching and text to 911 were other topics of concern.
- 10. Website As always we invite everyone to visit the 911 Board website. Board Meetings (agendas and agenda books), Committee/Subcommittee meeting minutes and schedules are always posted. Please attend meetings if you would like as all meetings including committee meetings are open to the public and all are available via teleconference if you are not able to be there in person.

There are so many things that we do that it is impossible to mention them all here. I would like to encourage you to go to the website, peruse the agenda books and see what is going on.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to present this information to the Association and again, as always, I am grateful for the opportunity and the honor of representing this great Association and the people and organizations it represents on the North Carolina 911 Board.

#### Fire & Rescue Commission - Robert Poe

- October 13 2015 Meeting
  - Freddie Johnson reappointed to the commission.
  - Joel Faircloth reappointed to the VSWCF Board.
  - Kevin Gordon gave reports from Certification Board meeting.
  - Rescue Officer, TR 1 and TR 2, and dive course development is completed. Course deliver set to begin January 01, 2016. Ag rescue is set to begin July 01, 2016.
  - TIMS, Traffic Incident Management System is a 4 hour class that has been added to certain fire and rescue classes.
  - Total LODD are 9 at the Octobe
  - 58 Fire departments have been placed on probation for failing their 9s inspections.
  - Election for Chair and Vice Chair were held with Harley Cook re-elected as Chair and Ken Briscoe elected Vice Chair.

- January 12, 2016 Meeting
  - McDowell HS students and staff presented information on their FF and EMT courses offered at the high school. Currently 34 HS have FF and/or EMT programs.
  - Jeff Key was approved for appointment to the NC Association of Arson Investigators.
  - Fayetteville Technical Community College appealed a decision by the Certification Board to suspend them. They have been approved to continue delivering programs until the April commission meeting.
  - Rescue grant 2015 awarded \$1.8 million.
  - Fire and Rescue department rosters are due by January 15, 2016.
  - 10 LODD for the year.
  - VSWCF Chairman Cloyce Anders gave an update that the fund was doing better financially due to state funding and fewer claims.

#### Fire & Rescue Commission Certification Board - Terry Foxx:

- The Certification Board has met twice since our last directors meeting, September & December 08, 2015.
- The Certification Board Policy and Procedures Manual has been revised to fall in line with the Fire/Rescue Commission policies.
- Currently the TR Rewrites are complete and the revised program, Technical Rescuer goes into effect January 1, 2016.
- The writing of the Dive Standard is almost complete and the first pilot program took place in Charlotte in late September. The program will go into effect January 1, 2016.
- The Rescue Officer program is complete and will also go live January 1, 2016 as well.
- The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury.

#### EMS Advisory Council - Robert Poe:

- EMS Advisory Council Meeting 11-11-2015
- Carolinas Medical Center-Northeast Level III Trauma Center designation be renewed effective through November 30, 2019
- Mr. Pervier and Drexdal Pratt, Division Director, presented a letter from President Barack Obama to Mr. Bob Bailey commending and thanking him for his years of service to the state of North Carolina.
- The Agency completed 1,179 national criminal background reviews. This is 198 less than previous year. OEMS received 88 formal complaints through media and telephone This number represents a decrease of 22 complaints received than in the previous year.
- The Agency issued 756 credentials through legal recognition process. This reflects an increase of 21 applications since last year.
- The 42nd Annual Emergency Medicine Today conference was held on October 3-7, 2015. There were a total of 1077 attendees. Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Air Care won the 25th Annual Paramedic Competition.
- Dr. Kanof asked about the EMS program in the high schools and Todd Messer gave some very good information about this, ie. How it started, etc.

- National Mobile Disaster Hospital: After serving as custodian of this since 2009, the asset has officially been released by the Department of Homeland Security. The MDH has been awarded to the State of North Carolina and we have accepted it as the outright owner.
- Questions about House Bill 327 were brought up. House Bill 327 is the use of tasers/handguns on ambulances. This was turned in to a study bill and will be brought back up at a later date.
- New RSI and backboard protocols will be coming soon
- Review pediatric intubations; for the whole year, there were 175 pediatric intubations for the entire state, ground EMS only, critical care transport was not included. Data was presented at EM Today and some systems are looking at possibly making some modifications to how they implement that skill in their system based on the data presented.
- Dr Winslow is pursuing to establish a statewide standardized training for RSI to help improve the safety of the procedure.
- Drexall Pratt, former OEMS Chief and now Division Director and current OEMS Chief Regina Crawford announced their retirement.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Advisory - Debbie Poe:

- Information on new location of the Treasurers office and Fire & Rescue Pension contact information has been emailed out by the association office along with the Fire & Rescue Pension newsletter.

Stroke Advisory Council - Tom Mitchell, Asst. Chief OEMS:

- They have an upcoming meeting in February and hopes to have something to report at the next meeting.

Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Fund-Joel Faircloth:

- Funding has stabilized coming from the state.
- Claims are down. Please remind folks about safety.
- Renewals starting July 2016 will be at current rates.

**Association Committee Reports:**

Advisory Committee - Terry Foxx (for Bob Twomey):

- Committee Report -
  - EMS Road Docs has sent an email about having a fundraiser in our name and put the funds raised toward our benevolent fund. The committee recommends to gather more information about this group, such as corporate information and non-profit status, and what they are looking to do to include the possibility of putting the money raised towards the memorial fund.
  - The committee approved the convention guest list as presented.
    - Guest List for convention 8-10 September 2016
    - Chief of OEMS & guest
    - Deputy of OSFM Fire & Rescue Training & guest
    - Director of EM and guest
    - Director of Pension Fund & guest



Legal Advisor & guest

Medical Advisor & guest

Chaplain & guest

Parliamentarian & guest

NCAR&EMS Staff & guests

The Officers have the authority to authorize the payment of registration for the representatives of OSFM, OEMS, and NCEM.

- Motion from the committee to approve, motion passed.

BLS Competition Committee - William Mauney / Allen Johnson:

- Comments / Questions / Suggestions taken on competition 2015.
- Revised competition equipment list. Motion to approve the list as presented by David Stamey, second Tim Pennell, motion passed.

**NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE & EMS, INC.**

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT COMPETITION**

**REQUIRED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT /SUPPLIES LIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Portable Aspirator, hand-operated or battery, and suction instrument
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Bag-mask, adult and child sizes, oxygen hookup, and supply tube
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Complete airway kit, PED and adult sizes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Complete nasal airway PED and adult sizes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. One (1) full O2 Cylinder, flow and content gauge regulator, adult and child, disposable, transparent O2 masks and nasal cannula with delivery tube and headband
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Extrication collars PED and adult
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rigid short backboard (stripped) or stabilization device with straps
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Rigid long backboard (stripped) with straps
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Upper and lower extremity immobilization device
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Child and adult-size lower extremity traction splint with appropriate attachments
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Towel rolls or commercial-type head immobilizer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. 4"x 4" individually packaged sterile gauze pads
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. 5"x 9" individually packaged sterile absorbent dressings
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Roller gauze
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Adhesive tape
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Sterile non-adhering, nonporous dressing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Triangular bandages
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Bandage shears
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Burn sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Sterile irrigating solution
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. OB kit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Stethoscope
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Pulse oximeter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Glucometer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Sharpe's container
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Infection control kit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Aneroid BP cuffs: Infant/Child/Adult

- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Length/weight-based pediatric tape
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Folding cot or portable stretcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Clean sheets
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Nonporous pillow
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Pillow cases
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Blankets
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. PEDI immobilization device
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. Gloves (latex, latex free, or rubber)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. Tourniquet (trauma)

### **MEDICATIONS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT**

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| _____ 37. Blind insertion airway device<br>with syringe | _____ 41. Beta-agonists (Albuterol, etc.) |
| _____ 38. Nebulizer                                     | _____ 42. Nitroglycerin                   |
| _____ 39. Aspirin                                       | _____ 43. Naloxone                        |
| _____ 40. Epinephrine plus administration<br>device     | _____ 44. Nasal administration device     |

### **ITEM LISTED BELOW WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE NC OFFICE OF EMS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 45. Defibrillator

*Quantities are at the discretion of the competition team.*

- Once a problem is devised it is run through Dr. Kornegay Jr. to ensure it is medically sound.

#### Constitution Committee - Glen Cowan:

- Nothing to report.

#### Credentials Committee - Jerry Bradshaw:

- Committee Report-
  - This is the year to elect even year directors. Information to apply for those position will be emailed by the office with a deadline so the committee can review and have those for presentation at the May 2016 meeting.
- Motion from the committee to approve report, second Bill Henderson, motion passed.

#### Finance Committee - Gary Whitman:

- Committee Report-
  - Financial statements, Audit, Tax Return for 2014-2015 were presented and approved by the committee.
- Motion from the committee to approve their report of approval of financial statements, audit, and tax returns for 2014-2015, second, Robert Ivey, Motion passed.

#### Personnel Committee - Terry Foxx (for Jeff Hinshaw:

- Committee report-
  - Discussed resumes that have been received thus far.

- Motion from the committee to send letter to applicants and will look to reconsider the position and look to review the job description and re-advertise in the coming months. Second by Bill Henderson, motion passed.

#### Rescue Competition Committee - Tim Pennell:

- Questions / Comments / Suggestions taken reference last year convention.
- Judges school for Rescue Competition will be coming up in 2017 as all judges will have to re-qualify.
- There has been some suggestions and discussion around having a junior rescue competition. There could have to be changes made to the rules if high school programs were included. Current department members may not require a rule change. This will be further reviewed.

#### Standards & Training Committee - Terry Foxx:

- Committee Report-
  - The current Association membership is 27, 734 members. We all need to work toward getting more to enroll into the Brotherhood.
  - The training and standards committee met and will meet again soon to continue to bring our standards in compliance and make minor changes as they relate to the new Technical Rescuer program that will be implemented in January 2016. In addition to the above all of the standards will be reviewed for clarity, consistency, additions and deletions and these revisions will become effective on January 1, 2016. It should be noted that no additions that will cause purchasing of additional equipment are expected. The committee will have a progress report on the updates at the May 2016 Board Meeting.
  - There will also be another inspections class held in the future for those that do association equipment inspections.
  - Membership reports as follows:

#### **Roster Statistics**

**Date: 2016-01-15**

Count of members on a single roster - 23047

Count of members on more than a single roster - 4269

Total distinct members on rosters - 27316

Total roster entries - 33734

Average number of rosters/individual - 1.235

Number of squads with rosters on file - 646

Average number of individuals/squad roster - 52.22

BH Departments - 185

Individual BH members - 684

#### **Squad/Department Joined**

**08/01/2015 - 01/15/2016**

2015-08-21 OXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT [X0767](#) OXFORD

2015-08-21 THOMASVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT [X0766](#) THOMASVILLE

2015-08-21 STEM COMMUNITY FIRE and EMS DEPARTMENT INC [X0764](#) STEM

2015-10-17 TOWN OF KINGSTOWN FIRE & RESCUE X0769 KINGSTOWN  
 2015-10-21 THE HUDSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. X0770 HUDSON  
 2015-11-24 MORRISVILLE FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT X0768 MORRISVILLE  
 2015-12-31 DEEP BRANCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. X0772 PEMBROKE  
 2016-01-06 MULBERRY-FAIRPLAINS FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT X0771  
 NORTH WILKESBORO

### **Departments Closed**

**08/01/2015 - 01/15/2016**

2015-09-10 Closed PLAIN VIEW EMS, INC. C0488 DUNN

There are 2-3 pending closings.

- Motion from committee to approve report, second Scott McCaskill, motion passed.

### Memorial Committee - Bill Henderson:

- Working to update drawings and establishing the memorial.

### Relief Fund Board - Terry Foxx:

- Board members will meet following this meeting.
- Scholarship Applications are available on-line and must be submitted by March 31, 2016.

### Convention Committee - Terry Foxx:

- The 2015 Convention went well and the committee has been working on the 2016 convention to be held in Hickory on September 8-10. The committee continues to look at ways to improve the convention. Questions that have been raised and will be answered include:
  - Why send my members to convention?
  - Can we get more vendors?
  - Can we have a keynote speaker?
  - Can we have more classes with CEUs offered?
  - While we do a good job of disseminating information, can we do better?
- The Committee will continue working and moving forward and make recommendations for some more changes at the May Directors meeting. Some additional marketing ideas have been discussed:
  - A booth for marketing our Association was set up at EM Today in 2015 and it was mentioned could we have a reception there for our members to include roundtable discussion about NCAREMS.
  - Continue the “postcard” and distributed those to alert members to save the date.
  - Continue Twitter, Facebook & Instagram page to showcase our event and use for advertisement.
  - Made weekly then daily post about the convention and events that would take place as we started into the last month and weeks.
  - Have a vendor or day pass for those who just want to visit that or the competitions.

- The committee has reviewed the cost of the 2015 convention revenues/expenditures and is currently taking steps to further suppliant our revenues for the event with additional sponsors, etc.

**New Business:**

Rescue Report Committee- Terry Foxx / Robert Poe

- New committee formed by the commander to look into developing a rescue report for use by the departments and the association to gather certain non private information for information on rescue incidents across the state. Robert Poe is the chair and is still in the forming process.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- May 14, 2016 out west towards Asheville.

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Bill Henderson to adjourn, second Scott McCaskill, motion passed.

**Author:**

Joel Faircloth  
Executive Director

*Not official until approved by the Board of Directors.*