

NCAR&EMS 55th ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes for September 15-17, 2011

Opening:

NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc.

September 16-17, 2011

The Showplace, High Point NC

Commander Tommy McNeill called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Carnie Hedgepeth.

Welcome was given by Commander Tommy McNeill

The Auxiliary was excused for their meeting.

Adoption of order of business; Motion Bill Henderson; second Vince Stone; motion carried.

Roll call of voting delegates; Jerry Bradshaw called the names of 31 voting delegates.

Guests were recognized; Regina Godette-Crawford Chief OEMS and staff, Rhonda Stevens Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Coordinator, Steve Sloan NC OSFM, and Fred Bone of Bone & Associates.

Old Business:

None.

Agency Reports:

OSFM:

NCEM:

No Report

OEMS:

State Treasurers' Office:

Rhonda Stevens, Coordinator NC Fire / Rescue Pension Fund. (1) We are still working on the pension fund computer system. The individuals can look at their own account but the departments are not able to view TAD on line. (2) Please get your members to sign up. (3) Debbie Poe is the newest pension board member.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports:

Certification Board:

Terry Foxx; (1)The Certification Board met at Pinecroft Sedgefield FD on September 7, 2011. (2) The minutes of the previous meeting and agenda were approved. (3)Committee reports were read and approved. (4)Chairman Hanline welcomed three new members to the Board representing NCAREMS. They are Tim Pennell, Ron Watt and Joel Faircloth. (5)Chairman Hanline also appointed Terry Foxx to serve as the Interim Vice Chair of the Certification Board pending an upcoming election at the next meeting. (6)Several investigations have taken place and actions taken accordingly.(7)The Board will hold a retreat on January 10, 2012 to discuss several process

and procedural items among other things. (7)The next meeting will be held at Pinecroft Sedgefield FD on December 7, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

Rescue Committee:

EMS Advisory Committee:

Robert Poe; EMS Advisory Council meeting 5/10/11. (1)Lead the Wave Grant. Equipment is being purchased and should be distributed by June 30. Follow up data will be obtained on 12 Lead and Capnography. Approximately 150 units will receive equipment. (2)NC OEMS and Medtronics is wanting to increase cardiac arrest survival by 50%. (3)There is an online training program being developed for pediatrics, to be used by dispatchers and EMS. (4)The chemical dependency program started April 1. As of May 10 no one has applied. (5)Dr Mears was recognized for 13 years of dedicated service to North Carolina EMS agencies as State Medical Director.

EMS Advisory Council Meeting 8-9-2011. (1)The Lead the Wave grant is in negotiations for equipment. Hopefully equipment will be in the field by September 30. (2) Final recommendations of the Education Task Force was presented. (3)A brochure for the chemical Dependency Program is being developed. (4)It was brought up to educate all technicians that when there is an infant death or there is suspicion of a child or infant being abused they must report this to the Dept of Social Services as well as the ED.

Fire & Rescue Commission:

Robert Poe; Fire and Rescue Commission meeting 4/12/11. (1) Chief 101 Course; Administrative Rule makes it mandatory for rating a fire Department. It was requested that this be a stand alone certification. This passed. (2)It was requested that the Rapid Intervention Course be a certification. All three modules (a) NFA Mayday; (b) Self Survival; (c) Rapid Intervention Team must be taken and passed. This passed. (3) Certification Board requested that the passing percentage for exams for instructors qualifying be raised from 70% to 80%. This passed. (4) 94% of fire departments are reporting to OSFM. Last year only 70% were reporting. (5) ISFAC visit in November went well. 44 Courses were evaluated and submitted to final board for approval. NC is second only to the Dept of Defense in the # of courses. (6) TR Water is to be added to the Community College Master Course List.

Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting 7/12/11. (1) There are approximately 1265 departments that should be reporting run activity to OSFM. Currently there are 1050 that do send in information. (2)There was 1 Line of Duty Death. (3) Three NC Association of Rescue Representatives were replaced on the Certification Board due to not meeting attendance requirements. The new members are Joel Faircloth, Tim Pennell, and Ron Watt. (4) Members discussed allowing the Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Board authority to perform duties as they see fit and to continue to provide a quarterly report to the Commission. (5) A survey is being sent out to Chief 101 instructors to see what, if anything needs to be changed. There were several good comments on the course. (6) The NC Legislature changed the fee waiver for fire, rescue and EMS personnel on July 1, 2011. Any non volunteers will now have to pay tuition. (7) Officer elections were held. Chief Harley Cook was reelected to Chair and Ken Brisco was elected to Vice-Chair

VSWCF:

Gordon Joyner; (1) The fund is sound. (2) 2 claims last year in excess of 1 million dollars. (3) The state still needs to fund as they had agreed when it was started.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Board:

Debbie Poe; (1) Have not had a meeting since last meeting. (2) Actuary was approved for the fund by the board.

Stroke Advisory Council:

No Report

911 Board:

No Report

Committee reports were given as follows:

Advisory Committee:

Robert Poe; Nothing to Report.

Finance Committee:

Henry Sermons / Gordon Joyner Reporting; (1) Budget presented for information only. (2) Budget approved at the March Board of Directors Meeting.

Legislative Committee:

Eddie Haddock / Fred Bone; Gave a slide presentation with hard copy on file with the minutes in the Association office.

Membership Committee:

Robert Poe; (1) New squads since last annual meeting - 27. (2) Squads Closed - 11. (3) Squads Dropped - 8. (4) Squads Merged - 2. (5) Squads in the Association - 539. (6) Total paid membership - 24,555. (7) Departments in the Brotherhood - 217. (8) BH Members - 5662. (14) Individual BH Members - 690. (15) Total Brotherhood Membership - 6352.

Credentials Committee:

Jerry Bradshaw; (1) There are 31 voting delegates. (2) The committee has verified the resumes and votes, for the areas that had to vote, for Director Elections. (3) The Elected Directors are as follows: Area 1 Randy Skinner, Area 2 Glen Cowan, Area 3 Jerry Bradshaw, Area 4 Ronnie Warrick, Area 5 Joe Mancos, Area 7 Ken Hogue, Area 8 Bill Henderson, Area 9 Scott McCaskill, Area 10 Vince Stone. (4) Election for Commander. One resumes submitted from Robert Poe. Floor open for nominations for 1 minute. No further nominations. Motion to close nomination and accept by acclamation Bill Henderson, Second by Bob Twomey. (5) Election for Vice Commander, 2 Resumes have been submitted Terry Foxx and David Stamey. Floor Open for nominations for 1 minute. No further nomination from the floor and closed. Voting by Secret Ballot. Terry Foxx elected by majority vote.

Constitution Committee:

Glenn Cowan; Proposed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws; Motion from the Gary Whitman to accept proposed changes with a correction of error; second Bill Henderson, motion carried. Changes were approved with one correction and a copy will be attached to the hard copy of minutes on file in the office. Claremont Rescue Squad and Catawba were opposed to these changes.

Rescue Competition:

Terry Foxx; (1)Competitions will be held this weekend. (2) Judges School was held August 6, 2011 in Asheboro for all teams. (3) Four teams have entered the Technical Rescue Competition, four teams in the Individual competition and three teams in The Craig Helms Memorial Challenge.

BLS Competition:

Robert Poe / Allen Johnson; (1) Competition to be held Saturday Morning at 8 AM. (2)All teams be on time and adhere to schedule. (3) Equipment should be brought to the back of the Convention Center to the loading dock.

Training And Standards Committee:

Terry Foxx; (1)The training and standards committee has not met since our training class held in Asheboro but have discussed several equipment and procedural issues via phone or email. (2)We have many inspections to be completed by the end of the year. (3)Your Area Director should be in contact with you regarding your upcoming re-inspection.(4)If you were certified prior to 2006 and have not been contacted by your Area Director to arrange a time for inspection please contact the office to advise them. They will ensure you are on the list and arrange for a contact to be made.

Annual Meeting 2011:

Jeff Patton; (1) Hope everyone enjoys this year and has a good time.

Annual Meeting 2012:

Jeff Patton; (1)The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in High Point, NC September 13-15, 2012. (2) They welcome any comments on this year to make next year better.

New Business:

STATE of the ASSOCIATION
Commander Tommy McNeill.

Last year our concern was over the economy. As we start to finish 2011 we have not seen much change in the economy. We have seen some major responses this year from hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding. We have even seen our own set back from weather related issues with the new building.

We continue to partner with OSFM, OEMS, and NCEM in our daily activities. Bone and associates continues to help represent us and keep us in the loop of business at the state level that may affect us.

We have seen change and will continue to see change due to the economy. These changes have included department mergers and department closures, but on the light side we have also seen slight increase with the association membership.

I ask that you continue to support the association and promote its membership. I also ask that you also help to promote the brotherhood. I have seen the brotherhood pay off twice this year in my own squad. It does help make a difference with families.

You are very vital to your communities and do make a difference.

The Association is in good standing financially but we must remain vigilant in watching for changes that may affect us in the future. As you heard earlier the funds that we are involved in are in good shape.

As we head into 2012 I charge you with staying the course and continue to operate how we have gotten to where we are now. Be true to God, yourself, your family, your squad and the Association and in turn the Association will be there for you.

The meeting was recessed until the Awards Presentations.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Welcome was given by Tommy McNeill.

High Point Fire Department Honor Guard presented and retired the colors.

Chaplin Carnie Hedgepeth and Executive Director Gordon A. Joyner conducted the Memorial Service.

Sir Robert Bell (Bagpiper played Amazing Grace.

Commander Tommy McNeill introduced the head table and guests.

N. C. Association of Rescue & EMS Auxiliary Awards

Outstanding Auxiliary of the Year:

Tabor City Rescue Auxiliary

Outstanding Auxiliary Director Award:

Amy Radford - Princeton Rescue Auxiliary

Outstanding Auxiliary Member Award:

Eddie Rose - Tabor City Rescue Auxiliary

Auxiliary Scrapbook Awards:

1st Place - Tabor City Auxiliary

2nd Place - Fremont Rescue & EMS Auxiliary

Installation of NCAREMS Officers: Bill Henderson

Robert Poe, Commander

Terry Foxx, Vice Commander

N. C. Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc Awards

NCAREMS Emeritus Membership:

Drexdall Pratt

NCAREMS Lifetime Membership:

Gary Whitman

Chad M. Smith Memorial Spirit Award:

Claremont Rescue Squad

Steve Richey Memorial Award:

Jamie Dodge - Yadkin County Rescue Squad

William F. Osborne Outstanding Chief Memorial Award:

Phyllis Mozingo - Mount Olive Emergency Services

Hiram Brinson Memorial Award:

Lorrie Lancaster - Tabor City Emergency Services

Debbie Hennessee - Mount Olive Emergency Services

Rescue of the Year Award:

1st Place - Transylvania County Rescue Squad / Brevard Unit

Director of the Year Award:

William Terry Foxx, Area IX

Gordon A. Joyner Secretary of the Year Award:

Lorrie Lancaster

Technical Rescue Competition:

1st Place - Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS

2nd Place - Claremont Rescue Squad

3rd Place - North Mecklenburg Volunteer Rescue

4th Place - Gates County Rescue & EMS

Craig A. Helms Memorial Technical Rescue Challenge:

1st Place - North Mecklenburg Volunteer Rescue

2nd Place - Claremont Rescue Squad

3rd Place - Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS

Technical Individual Challenge:

- 1st Place - Henry Cook, North Mecklenburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
- 2nd Place - James Austin, Claremont Rescue Squad
- 3rd Place - John Stroup III, North Mecklenburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
- 4th Place - Ryan Smith, Claremont Rescue Squad

Jr BLS Competition:

- 1st Place - Tabor City Emergency Services
- 2nd Place - Gates County Rescue & EMS Jr Team 1
- 3rd Place - Gates County Rescue & EMS Jr Team 2

Sr BLS Competition:

- 1st Place - Piedmont Triad Ambulance & Rescue Team 1
- 2nd Place - Fremont EMS
- 3rd Place - Four Oaks EMS Team 1
- 4th Place - Ashe County Rescue
- 5th Place - Claremont Rescue Squad

Benediction by Chaplain Carnie Hedgepeth.

Closing:

There being no further business the convention was adjourned.

Author/Etc.:

Gordon A. Joyner/Executive Director

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