



**Fauquier County  
Fire Rescue System**

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*Ret. Chief Eddie Payne, Chair  
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**APPROVED**

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**01/17/2024 Minutes**

Committee members present: Committee Chair Eddie Payne, Captain Rodney Woodward

Staff members present: Executive Assistant Lindsay Flippo

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was presented to the committee. Chair Payne made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Capt. Woodward and unanimously approved.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the November 15, 2023, meeting were presented. Chair Payne made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Capt. Woodward and unanimously approved.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Gas Meters will need to be replaced and will be ordered in FY25. Capt. Woodward will be reaching out vendors to have them present at future meetings with demonstrations, and will have a quote by the end of May, 2024.
- b. CO Meters will also need to be replaced, Capt. Woodward will reach out to vendors for these quotes as well.
- c. Ropes will be given to Rescue Engine 13, and replacement ropes need to be ordered. Committee will contact VFR Accounts Manager Trish Jackson to see about purchasing budget for this order.
- d. No need to purchase any foam at this time, will be utilizing current inventory. Will need to discuss further steps once foam has been depleted.

**V. New Business**

- a. Chair Payne is planning to attend the Fire Chief's Conference in Virginia Beach next month. Capt. Woodward will reach out to Trish Jackson to see if he may also be able to attend.
- b. Rescue Engine 4 will need to be outfitted with special ops equipment once it comes in. There was discussion on standardization of all rescues and rescue engines in the county. Everyone agreed that there needs to be consistency in equipment across all rescues and rescue engines within the county, to include the same ropes, tools and cribbing, among others. Remind companies that there is money in Special Ops budget for this type of specialized equipment, all they need to do is present to the committee for consideration and approval.

- c. Capt. Brian Latham from FCFR and AC John Jeniec from Orlean Vol. Fire Rescue are planning to hold a swiftwater class/drill this summer, will touch base in the next few months.
- d. The committee was tasked with preparing a list of what the committee hopes to accomplish in 2024. Some items discussed included creating manuals for rescue ops, standardizing equipment for rescues and rescue engines, and swiftwater assets and possible relocation of said assets.

**VI. Action Items**

- a. Capt. Woodward will reach out to vendors for scheduling demos to be held at the next few meetings, in order to have quotes for meter purchases by the end of May.
- b. Committee Chair Payne and Capt. Woodward will meet later to discuss what the committee hopes to accomplish in the next year.
- c. Committee Chair Payne will reach out to Trish Jackson for the Special Operations budget for the new fiscal year.

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Chair Payne at 1949 hours. Capt. Woodward seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 1900 hours at EMS Station 1, 210 Hospital Drive, Warrenton, VA 20186.