



# Fauquier County Fire Rescue System

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**APPROVED**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**8/21/2025**

Committee members present: Chairperson Chief John Kane, Co-chair Deputy Chief Co-chair Lorenzen, Deputy Chief Dale Kidwell, President Jim Kudla

Others present: System Chief Kalvyn Smith, Chief Scott Ross, WVFC, President Pat Koglin, WVFC, Dale Koglin, WVFC, Vice President Eddie Payne, MVFR, Executive Assistant Lindsay Flippo

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Kane called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **II. Adoption of the Agenda**

Dale Kidwell made a motion to adopt the agenda. Co-chair Lorenzen seconded the motion, and it was approved.

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

Dale Kidwell made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17, 2025. Co-chair Lorenzen seconded the motion, and it was approved.

### **IV. Agenda Items**

**A. Guest/Citizen** -there were none present.

#### **B. Committee Discussions**

- 1. Budget Finance** – the last meeting was postponed until 10/8. The committee hopes to have the volunteer organization budget books completed soon.
- 2. EMS Operations** – Chairperson Kane informed the committee that after a few issues popped up regarding the system's current glucometers, Captain Matthew Smith launched a demonstration to see if there may be something else for system members to use. After a trial and survey, it was recommended to the EMS to replace our glucometers with a new one. The committee voted to replace with Assure Prisms, which rated highest during the demo. Currently there is a October is the rollout date, with training forthcoming. These new glucometers will be easier and more reliable. Dale Kidwell also mentioned EMT class has started with 16 students, most of whom are from Warrenton.
- 3. Fire Operations** – Chairperson Kane and Dale Kidwell both addressed the main topic of discussion at the last meeting was the system's swift water preparedness, along with involvement from the Special Operations committee. The focus right now is planning, holding trainings, re-evaluating

supply inventory, and an informational bulletin release for interested participants. A water rescue workgroup has also been created, who met for their first meeting. They hope to have something to Special Ops and then Fire Ops after approval. There was discussion on uniform rank and helmet identifiers, as well as communication concerns with dispatch. If you have any problems with communications, please relay them to Joell. There is also a communications work group with paid and volunteer system members to discuss updating procedures, along with our new system radios and the upcoming CAD upgrade. Rescue Engine concerns were also addressed, and there is work on expectations of Rescue Engines and what roles and capabilities they have when responding to incidents.

#### 4. Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Special Ops – by next meeting there will be a working plan for Fire Ops and them to move forward with a swift water program.
- b. Health and Safety – a question was raised about how to update the committee on station issues that can potentially lead to concerns. As of right now, issues will be addressed when they come through as a complaint. There is no official process, but the committee is working on it.
- c. Apparatus – no one showed up to the last meeting, but there has been a RE list generated. It does need to be vetted at the Fire Ops level. It does specify that there are certain standards that must be met, but brands aren't as important. However, there have been incidents where these pieces did not have the right equipment when they showed up to the scene.

#### C. System Updates

1. Insurance renewal – VFIS has increased our deductible to \$3000. A VFIS rep will be coming out to the Fire Ops meeting to discuss programs and reduce claims.
2. Recruit graduation at Kettle Run on 9/10, there are 15. We have started the hiring process now for 15 more. SAFER should be releasing their disbursements soon, so we know something about that soon. There is a transfers general order coming out, and you will see new faces at stations. There is also additional upcoming training with FCFR, so please reach out to your members for volunteer participation, as all are welcome.
3. Paramedic program starting at Laurel Ridge next week.
4. Radios – all ordered radios should be delivered today. There will be a meeting and train-the-trainer class to help with the upcoming rollout.
5. Airpacks – Scott has received everything and ready for delivery. We are working with them to have them delivered by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Our current recruit school will be finished, and we will have the space at EMS 1 for inventory and distribution.
6. EzPass – due to clerical errors, there are a few unpaid toll bills. Dale Kidwell is working on updates to our accounts and working towards exemptions.

#### D. Old Business

1. New President Selection – at the July 24<sup>th</sup> Administrative Committee, they voted to appoint Orlean Vol. Fire Rescue President Jim Kudla to the seat vacated by Remington Vol. Fire Rescue’s Chief Butch Grimsley. The Executive Committee accepted the nomination and approved the change. The committee then welcomed Jim Kudla.

#### **E. New Business**

1. Precepting Manual Updates – DC Lorenzen presented the committee with the updates to the precepting manual that had been previously voted and approved by the EMS Ops Committee. The biggest difference came with distinctions between BLS and ALS providers, where 500 calls must be completed for release as an ALS provider. Dale Kidwell did point out EMS Supervisor requirements do not apply to volunteers, so there will be an addition to include “highest ranking EMS officer” for volunteer providers. Natahsa Lorenzen made a motion to accept the new updated manual to include the volunteer provider change. Dale Kidwell second and the motion passed.
2. Mission and Vision Statement – Co-chair Lorenzen presented the committee with updated mission and vision statements for the system to use as we move forward. Jim Kudla pointed out a way to simplify the first line so it would read a bit better. Chairperson Kane asked if it should it be sent out to system members for 30 days before approval, but the rest of the committee did not see the need. Dale Kidwell made a motion for approving the statements to include the slight change from Jim Kudla, Co-chair Lorenzen seconded, and it was approved.

#### **F. Roundtable**

1. PPE Committee – with a joint effort from both paid and volunteer system members, and a demo/evaluation of 4 different vendors, the committee has selected Globe Athletix as the new turn-out gear. The committee will present this selection to the Fire Ops committee at the next meeting.
2. The CAD negotiation team is currently working out pricing so we can move towards the purchase and implementation of our new program.
3. Chief Ross – there are many training classes coming up at Warrenton. Instructor and Officer I, will soon be open to county personnel. If you know someone, please sign up! Also, Chief Ross had questions regarding BLS pathway for providers. He will touch base with Battalion Chief Cluff for clarification.

#### **V. Adjournment**

A motion for adjourn was made by Dale Kidwell at 6:38 PM. Co-chair Lorenzen seconded, and it unanimously passed.