



# Fauquier County Fire Rescue System

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**Approved**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**09/18/2025**

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

Others present: System Chief Kalvyn Smith, Chief Scott Ross, WVFC, President Pat Koglin, WVFC, Chief Butch Grimsley, RVFR, 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**

DC Kidwell made a motion to adopt the agenda. President Kudla seconded the motion, and it was approved.

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

DC Kidwell made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Chairperson Kane seconded the motion, and it was approved.

### **IV. Agenda Items**

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

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

- 1. EMS Operations – Pharmacy updates** - There has been a small uptick in compliance issues regarding tag colors and numbers as well as issues selecting the correct Kits and/or Bags, e.i., first in kits instead of CS kits. Please make sure you are updating PS Trax correctly so we can avoid these errors, as it creates more work for Petra. She also wanted to let all stations know that Fauquier County provides all EMS medication, so there should be NO individual station ordering their own medications. It ALL has to be tracked and documented in PS Trax, from manufacturer delivery to the patient. Please stop using the old batteries and test strips for the glucometers. ALL former glucometer equipment needs to come back to the pharmacy via courier. Also, no one is allowed to switch out of the orange bags for the Assure Prisms.
- 2. Fire Operations – VFIS insurance** and Jacob Hooghouse from our insurance broker Brown and Brown were on hand to share with the committee some information regarding our vehicle and property insurance in FCFRS. The communication workgroup met to discuss challenges within the ECC and Fire and Rescue. Chief Ross sent for an updated for the uniform rank oversight group and is awaiting response. The water rescue updates are in the works and will be presented to the

Special Ops committee at their next meeting. There was discussion regarding water supply issues as well as more communication between system members. Chairperson Kane had a question regarding purchasing gear and the costs associated, as the committee did have discussion regarding the purchase of shields, and a few had issues affording it. Chief Ross said it will be a cost savings if we ride the contract, but it will still cost companies money. The two agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

3. Health & Safety – The peer support group had a counseling request from a neighboring jurisdiction, and our team stepped up. Chief Smith reminded everyone the UDS cancer screening will again be held, this time in November in the Basement of EMS 1.

#### 4. Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Special Ops – Chief Ross presented the committee with a water rescue status report and recommended equipment list that he and BC McEvilly devised and presented at Special Ops. The workgroup for water rescue has reached out to trained and interested people along with a list of the short- and long-term goals. Dale Kidwell inquired about the boats on Rescue 1 that had recently been purchased and suggested for situational awareness for the system as we continue through the process, we should send out updates periodically so everyone is in the loop. In terms of rescue ops and deployment, if the incident commander feels it is necessary, we can use trained techs or if people just want to use the boats as a walkout. Chief Ross will send out a GO next week with more information.
- b. Apparatus – the last meeting was cancelled due to the graduation. They have put together an equipment list for Rescue Engines. This will be discussed in New Business.
- c. PPE and Gear Committee – the committee presented their findings and evaluations to the Fire Ops group, along with recommendations for the future specifications for a system-wide gear set. It was reminded that each company was going to have to purchase this gear with their own money, it was the first big initiative shared by both paid and volunteer system members.

#### C. System Updates

1. There are 12 new graduates in the field this week. Paramedic class is still going strong. The radio project is still on track, and the company will be setting up at EMS 1 for programming portables the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The company is says it should be completed in 2-3 weeks for Fire and FCSO. Around October 14th, the company will start working on the 0mobile installs. The installing company did come out to see a few Warrenton units, just to get an idea for wiring and set-up. Chairperson Kane inquired about the antennas, to which Dale informed the committee that we will still use existing or there will be an “internal” mount per Chuck Kuhler. We are currently hiring for 15 more paid firefighters to start a December recruit school. We recently released a Lieutenant eligibility list and the candidates are now ride-up eligible. We hope to have an announcement in next two weeks for promotions. Also, hoping to hear something from the SAFER grant next week.

#### D. Old Business

1. There was no old business

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

1. Rescue Engine Discussion – since August of 2024 there has been a discussion and creation of a RE equipment list. There have been issues with committee participation, so it has taken a long time to get there. Chairperson Kane plans to send out the list to Fire Ops for discussion.

#### **F. Roundtable**

1. Airpacks – DC Kidwell says they are planned to be in by end of next week, early week after they will be assembled.
2. Finance – there is a new company system treasurer that needs some help with their budget book. DC Kidwell will be pushing this to the finance committee for answers and information to be discussed at the next meeting. Also, Chief Grimsley will bring up discussion of the administrative group.
3. Chief Ross – Warrenton's apparatus committee is currently in Wisconsin for the final inspection of Wagon 1. They hope to have it in service by the end of year. Chairperson Kane asked if it will run without roto-rays, and Chief Ross said yes for now.
4. President Kudla – Leroy Ryan, an Orlean Volunteer member, has passed away. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-5P at Orlean Vol. Fire Rescue and all are welcome.
5. Administrative Committee – Chief Grimsley said there are only about 2-3 members showing up. If there isn't more participation, it might be disbanded. Jim Kudla said that for informational purposes, it is a good idea to have these discussions regarding committees and policies at that committee's level, but we need participation.
6. OP 300.28 – Chairperson Kane will continue working with EMS Committee for clarifications.

#### **V. Adjournment**

A motion for adjourn was made by Deputy Chief Kidwell at 6:30 PM. Vice President Payne seconded, and it unanimously approved.