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APPROVED

FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

11/06/2025 Minutes

Present: Committee Chair Chief Scott Ross, WVFR, Assistant Chief Jason Koglin, WVFR, Chief Butch Grimsley, RVFR, Chief Buddy Lane, MVFR, Co-chair Chief Billy Boylan, TPVFR, Chief Jeremy Moore, CVFR, AC Jonathan Moore, CVFR, Chief John Kane, NBVFR, Chief John Kerns, OVFR, Battalion Chief Frederic McEvelly, FCFR, Battalion Chief Gordon Mackison, FCFR, Asst. Communications Manager Allison Marshall, FCSO, Executive Assistant Lindsay Flippo

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was presented to the committee. Chief Kane made a motion to adopt the agenda, and AC Koglin seconded. It was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the October 2, 2025, meeting were presented to the committee. AC Koglin made the motion to approve the minutes. Chief Grimsley seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

IV. Guest/Citizen

- a. None Present

V. Communications Report

Assistant Communications Manager Allison Marshall was on hand to talk about the emergency communications center. Radio installs are going forward, but it is slow. AC Koglin inquired about a few issues regarding in-service staffing at public educations and being dispatched, and Allison said she would clarify with her dispatchers and let them know when they can dispatch.

VI. Volunteer Coordinator Report

Volunteer Coordinator Bobby Tarr was on hand to talk about volunteer membership. There are three upcoming Christmas parades in December, Warrenton, Marshall, and Remington. The total number of ABC members is 511, with 47 new members year to date, and 22 applicants currently in the process. Physical cards will soon be mailed by HR to those members whose birthdays fall between October and December. That will bring the total number of cards mailed to volunteer system members to 233. Chairperson Ross then inquired about physicals through Marathon, as Warrenton is set to begin requiring members to get yearly physicals. Bobby said he would get with DC Kidwell and Chief Smith for more information.

VII. Uniform Rank Oversight Group

A form went out last month, but a few did not receive it. Lindsay will get it numbered and resent to the Fire Ops Committee so everyone can utilize it for their stations.

VIII. Apparatus Committee

On October 22nd, the committee met to discuss the rescue engine list, which will be presented to the Fire Ops committee at the next meeting. All Rescue Engine stations provided the committee with a list of what equipment they have, and there was discussion regarding what should be included. As soon as there is a draft, Lindsay will send out to the Fire Ops committee for review. Each company is aware of equipment that is missing, so they can order or obtain for their apparatus. The next list should be Engine list, with a minimum requirement for those stations who may struggle with obtaining any new equipment.

IX. Special Operations Committee

Chairperson Ross informed the committee on the water rescue program updates. The workgroup is waiting for updates for the north end passenger vehicle and rope classes for training purposes, along with the special operations trailer to be fully equipped. Chief Kane inquired about some equipment that is already available for water rescues, as there is an issue with space on the New Baltimore's Engine. Right now, the workgroup is just discussing and there has been no purchasing yet, but Chairperson Ross said they will include it at the next meeting.

X. Support Services Updates

Battalion Chief Frederic McEvelly updated the committee regarding support services. The SCBA project phases I and II are complete, and all the new Scott X3 Pro units, RIT packs, and cylinders have been received, assembled, and verified. Train-the-trainer is underway this week, with system-wide training beginning later this month. Full deployment and replacement of legacy equipment are scheduled for completion by December 2025. The new Motorola radios are currently being programmed and installed in staff vehicles. DC Kidwell will be reaching out to volunteer chiefs to coordinate scheduling for station installations. Training on portable and mobile radio operations will be held at each station between November and February, starting Nov. 18th at Warrenton Col. 1. Please refer to IB 25.089 - Motorola Operations User Training, for details and times for each department.

XI. System Updates

Battalion Chief Frederic McEvelly updated the committee with a system brief. The next recruit school is set to begin on December 8th, with 20 new personnel. Offers are going out now, and this class will fill the existing vacancies. Recruitment for the SAFER positions has slowed due to the federal government's shutdown. Our hiring timeline may be pushed back, but we still plan to bring on an additional 24 personnel through the SAFER grant once the process resumes. All students in the Laurel Ridge paramedic program are performing well. Special recognition goes out to Captain Sam Miller, who was named Fauquier County's Employee of the Month for his leadership in launching the program. We recently promoted three new lieutenants. Congratulations to Kerri O'Brien, Rachel Yost, and Michael Carpenter on their well-earned promotions.

XII. Old Business

- a. Rescue Engine List – Chief Kane and Battalion Chief Mackison were on hand to discuss the Rescue Engine List as discussed during the Apparatus Committee brief. The committee should have it ready for distribution to the Fire Ops committee by next meeting for discussion.
- b. OP 218 Review – BC McEvelly inquired if there were questions or concerns regarding the OP. With no questions or comments, Chief Kane made a motion to adopt the updated OP 218. AC Koglin seconded, and the motion passed. It will now go to the Executive Committee for final approval before implementation.

- c. Water Supply – still waiting for WSA.
- d. DMV Records – The Executive Committee discussed this and decided that since there is already a driving policy in place, the system would utilize that policy and see if the Fire Ops committee would like to review and update it. Lindsay will send out the policy to the Fire Ops committee for review and discussion at a later date.

XIII. New Business

- a. Vol. Coordinator Bobby Tarr inquired about the possibility of doing a monthly new member orientation, informing new and perspective members about affiliations, physicals, benefits, HIPPA and HR trainings, station locations and training opportunities. AC Koglin suggested that this should be on the front-side to show these people what they might expect and will be expected to do when joining. Chief Kane informed the committee that New Baltimore hosts a meet and greet, and Chairperson Ross agreed they also do something similar at Warrenton. Bobby and DC Kidwell will discuss and flush out the details, then present it to the committee at a later date.
- b. Helicopters for air transport vs. ground transport – AC Koglin asked if there is a policy in place regarding calling for air transport versus using an ambulance to ground transport. BC Mackison said it all depends on the EMS Supervisor, Command officer, or Medic to make the determination, and it can depend greatly on the current resources available and patient care during the incident. BC McEvilly also spoke about how AirCare dispatch will now shop around for you if you request to find an available chopper if they are flying.
- c. Special Operations Checklists – BC McEvilly asked if there were any questions regarding the checklists, and if it would be ok to move forward with distribution. Chairperson Ross agreed they were useful and should be placed in units. AC Koglin made a motion to move forward with the checklists, Chief Grimsley seconded, and the motion passed. BC McEvilly will get them updated and laminated for apparatus.

XIV. Company 1 Brief/Discussion

Chief Ross – Wagon 1 is in the warehouse, and they are looking at December in-service date. Hope to dedicate it in January with a push-in at the station.

XV. Company 2 Briefs/Discussion

Chief Grimsley – Remington Car Show is this weekend.

XVI. Company 3 Briefs/Discussion

Chief Lane – Rescue 3 paint.

XVII. Company 4 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XVIII. Company 7 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XIX. Company 8 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XX. Company 10 Briefs/Discussion

Chief Kane – He wanted to remind everyone and for each Chief to remind their people when responding to the Warrenton Training Center for mutual aid, watch your cell phones. Leave them on the rig, or you will lose them to the federal government.

XXI. Company 11 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XXII. Company 13 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XXIII. Good Intent Roundtable

- a. BC McEvilly – The Communication workgroup has met a few times along with ECC personnel and they are still discussing and reviewing procedures and topics.
- b. Toys for Tots – Stuff the Ambulance is from 0900-1200 hours this Saturday at Walmart, please spread the word.
- c. Insurance – please let Lindsay know when you get or sell something so we can keep insurance as up to date as possible.
- d. The Administrative Committee has decided to continue operating, and it was decided that the committee would focus on a project each quarter for the committee to work on, which DC Kidwell says he will help assign.

XXIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 1946 hours by Chief Kane. The motion was seconded by AC Koglin, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 4th, 2025, at 1900 hours at the Warren Green Building, 2nd Floor.