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APPROVED

FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

12/04/2025 Minutes

Present: Committee Chair Chief Scott Ross, WVFR, Chief Butch Grimsley, RVFR, Chief Buddy Lane, MVFR, Chief Jonathan Moore, CVFR, Chief John Kane, NBVFR, Chief John Kerns, OVFR, Chief Bo Weeks, LVFC, Battalion Chief Frederic McEvelly, FCFR, Communications Manager Joell Kight, 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 Chief Kerns seconded. It was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the November 6, 2025, meeting were presented to the committee. Chief Kane made the motion to approve the minutes. Chief Grimsley seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

IV. Guest/Citizen

- a. Jackson Horton and Alivia Markham from the Virginia Department of Forestry were on hand to introduce themselves to the committee. Mr. Horton informed the committee about dozer transport and response to wildfires. Ms. Markham handles part timers, so if you are looking for someone to assist, please reach out to her.

V. Communications Report

Communications manager Joell Kight was on hand, however, did not have any new updates for the committee.

VI. Volunteer Coordinator Report

Volunteer Coordinator Bobby Tarr was unable to make it, however, he did pass along the following information. The coordinator truck will be all three of the Christmas parades in December: Warrenton, Marshall, and Remington. As for volunteer memberships, the total number of ABC members is 514, with 56 new members year to date, and 13 applicants currently in the process. Physical cards have been mailed by HR to volunteer members, bringing the total number of cards mailed to volunteer system members to 233.

VII. Uniform Rank Oversight Group

No updates to report.

VIII. Apparatus Committee

The committee has put together the Rescue Engine Equipment lists, which will be discussed in new business.

IX. Special Operations Committee

Captain Woodward will be ordering the ropes, working with Dale and Trish. Chairperson Ross inquired about the costs and Deputy Chief Kidwell informed the committee that he will send it out to committee members for review. Chief Lane inquired about rope complements for both Rescue 3 and Rescue Engine 3, but unfortunately, there is only one set currently being ordered for Marshall at this time due to the budget constraints.

X. Support Services Updates

Deputy Chief Kidwell updated the committee that the radios are currently being installed and programed at Warrenton, to be followed by Remington shortly. The SCBA/airpack training is happening now, with Captain Latham teaching and delivering the new packs. Radio training is also going on currently, and if you have any issues, reach out to Taylor Huff or Chuck Kuhler for radios, Captain Latham or Lieutenant Nugent for SCBAs. Chairperson Ross asked if the radio and SCBA training were being taught together, which Deputy Chief Kidwell answered yes and no, because it all depends on how fast the radio installs are moving. However, you will be able to get both done soon. Chairperson Ross also asked if there was a timeline for completion of the radio installs at Warrenton? Deputy Chief Kidwell is unsure, as each piece of apparatus is different and has unique issues. Chief Kane then inquired about SCBA cylinders and packs, were regulators and masks a part of the order and will they be received or will members have to wait until their next fit tests. Deputy Chief Kidwell said there will be no personal regulators, as each pack has one, however, the face pieces will be issued during next your fit tests, but the current face masks you have now will work with the new SCBA packs. During implementation, they will also be taking the old face masks as extras for trainings, etc. January 30th is SCBA deadline, and they are working to get everyone updated and done by the beginning of January.

The next EMT class starts Jan. 10th, currently there are 2 volunteers from Catlett and 3 out of the county. Please ask people to sign up. Chief Lane said there is a new member at Marshall who wants to sign up, and they are working her through the process, which Bobby is aware. Chairperson Ross said Warrenton is trying to get their new members to take it after a little bit of time in the company first, so they are not rushing into anything, but he will check with his recruiting team. There was discussion on the number of students and volunteers over the past few classes, and the number of who stayed and who left. Deputy Chief Kidwell will send the numbers to the committee to see if there is a pattern with those who failed vs. passed. Chief Moore also brought up that maybe the EMT providers number has dwindled because they do not run EMS, just fire incidents. Deputy Chief Kidwell thought maybe volunteers could work towards staffing volunteer ambulances in other parts of the county, but Chief Moore said he believes the release process for new EMTs is too stringent, not allowing volunteers to obtain released provider status. His suggestion would be to have different paths to allow for easier releases for volunteers. Chief Kane will bring it up to the EMS Ops committee for discussion and will send documentation to the committee to review the information regarding releases. There will be more discussion at the next Fire Ops meeting.

XI. System Updates

Deputy Chief Kidwell updated the committee with a system brief. The chiefs as well as Dana Park and Trish Jackson, met with the County administrator for an overview of the system budget. There was nothing significant to report in that regard. Recruit school 25.22 will be starting this Monday, December 8th with 15 students, one of who is a lateral who will start in the field in two weeks. Also, former retired Lieutenant Terry Graham will return as Lieutenant, starting Tuesday at Station 3.

XII. Old Business

a. Rescue Engine List – Chief Kane was on hand to present the rescue engine list and equipment update lists. Thanks to Stanley Stribling from Co. 13 and the apparatus committee for their hard work. All of the stations with rescue engines were present and approved the lists. They are also

aware of what they need in terms of the minimum equipment. Chief Kane made a motion to approve the list and move it to the next Executive meeting for final approval and implementation. Battalion Chief McEvelly seconded. There was a question asked about the rope complement and boat complements, but they are up for discussion in another committee, so they are putting together that list to send to the apparatus committee. With no other discussion, the motion passed. Chief Kane then asked the committee what they believe the apparatus committee should focus on next. It was decided that the Engine and Tanker lists are the next to be worked on starting in January. Chief Kane will take this back to the apparatus committee.

- b. Water Supply – still have not heard anything from WSA. The Town of Warrenton has met with Chairperson Ross to discuss town hydrants, informed the committee that all hydrants flow about 1500 gpm sustained with high water, but you need to let them know during a working incident. Chairperson Ross then ask that the committee reach out to WSA for a list of the hydrants to get a sense of what the system is are working with within subdivisions. Chief Grimsley informed the committee that Remington only has 32,000 gallons unless you tell the Town of Remington to turn on the second pump. The hydrants in Remington flow about 1000 -1100 gpm. Chairperson Ross then suggested maybe the working fire page could go out to the town and WSA for notification. He also asked if the committee members should draft a letter to ask for requests of records from WSA, in order to plan for better responses. Deputy Chief Kidwell thought it would be better to ask first to see what they will provide. He also said that Captain Baker with the Fire Marshal's office has been persistent in address this issue, and WSA has not been helpful. Chairperson Ross believes that why the committee members should try something, such as a letter, coming from the representatives of the Fire Ops committee. Deputy Chief Kidwell said he will work with Chief Kane to inquire about getting some information first before we proceed with other routes at a later date, in case there is no information WSA provides. Chief Lane inquired about how first due updates with hydrant information. Deputy Chief Kidwell informed the members that as of right now, it is through GIS, while Joell Kight informed the committee that is has been about three to four years since the information has been updated. Currently, the county's GIS department has been contracted to a third-party private business in Roanoke, and their immediate concern has been with county addressing and 9-1-1 needs as priorities, not hydrant updates. Once there are remedies in place, there should be regular updates to First Due.
- c. Forcible Entry OP updates – AC Koglin was unable to make it to the meeting, and therefore unable to update. The committee will address this at the next meeting.

XIII. New Business

- a. There was no new business.

XIV. Company 1 Brief/Discussion

Chief Ross – Wagon 1 is in and currently getting the radio installed, and then they will begin moving equipment over. Currently the plan is to have Wagon 1 and Wagon 1 Bravo responding for a few until the new Wagon 1 is ready for service. Warrenton will also be hosting two new classes, Fire Officer II and Fire Instructor II in the spring. If you have people who want to take it, reach out to Chief Ross.

XV. Company 2 Briefs/Discussion

Chief Grimsley – Currently Engine 2 is out of service. Remington has their parade on Saturday night, breakfast with Santa Sun. morning, and then the Santa run on Sun. night.

XVI. Company 3 Briefs/Discussion

Chief Lane – Rescue 3 is getting outfitted with equipment now. Marshall will have their parade, breakfast, and Santa run on Saturday.

XVII. Company 4 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XVIII. Company 7 Briefs/Discussion

Chief Moore – Catlett’s officer rank list will be sent after January to reflect the newly appointed operational officers.

XIX. Company 8 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XX. Company 10 Briefs/Discussion

Chief Kane – new Wagon 10 coming in June 2026.

XXI. Company 11 Briefs/Discussion

Nothing.

XXII. Company 13 Briefs/Discussion

New station is going well.

XXIII. Good Intent Roundtable

- a. Battalion Chief McEvilly passed out the newly approved special ops check sheets, which have been laminated to those present. For those not in attendance, he will send them through the courier on Monday.
- b. Chief Moore did have a question regarding the driver DMV records request email from Bobby, as there are a few members on the list that are not going to be driving rigs. Deputy Chief Kidwell informed the committee that this was a Membership list that would be turned in to the county and is also used to obtain driver records. The state is now requiring driver’s license numbers in lieu of social security numbers for membership lists, so Bobby was just asking permission to remove them from the driving records reports while updating the lists. Also, if there are names of people who could be drivers, we just need to update the information on file. There is also a mention on the forms for a policy and Chief Moore asked for clarification on which policy that would be to review. Lindsay will send out the correct driving policy to the group.
- c. The next meeting is scheduled for January 1st. Does the committee want to have it on that date or reschedule/cancel? It was decided by the committee to have Lindsay look for an alternative date to reschedule, as there are matters to discuss next meeting.

XXIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 2003 hours by Chief Kane. The motion was seconded by Chief Grimsley, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for TBA, at 1900 hours at the Warren Green Building, 2nd Floor.