

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERLY MEETING**

January 15, 2008

Attendees: Tom Quillin, LCEMS; Robert Robertson, CCVFD; Dennis Horton, MVFR; Dennis Vickers, TFD; Andrea Jones, TFD; Karl Hook, BVFRD; Richard Meuth, WVFD; Brian McEckron, LJVFD; Hank Kight, LIVFD; Joe Parks, CCVFD; Ashleigh Jacobs, LJVFD; Steve Marks, TFD; Bob Obernier, TFD.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Chief Quillin welcomed everyone to the meeting. A sign-in sheet was passed out for everyone to sign.

**Status of Audits**

Chief Quillin asked each chief to submit a brief email status report on their audits.

**City/County FSA Negotiations**

Fire Service Negotiations are ongoing. The next meeting is January 30<sup>th</sup>. The contract will expire in June, 2009.

**New Radio System**

Robert Robertson, CCVFD, wanted to know if the radio system would be changed to digital. Chief Quillin said that the new digital radio system may be implemented within 12 - 15 months. Some existing analog radios can be changed to digital. Information regarding the new digital radios was given to each of the VFD Chiefs. Tallahassee Fire Department has budgeted replacement of portable radios. The 800 MHZ analog radios will not work on the new system. A list should be made of pagers that are not working. Non-working pagers will be replaced by the radio shop.

**Joint TFD/VFD Fire Safety Week Event**

Discussion was generated on whether to participate with TFD or to participate separately. The possibility of having separate VFD events that would not conflict with TFD or other VFD events was also discussed. It was felt that recognition of the volunteers should be honored, along with educating the public in regards to how the VFD helps the community.

**6. Interior Attack Status**

Andrea Jones, TFD, sent out an email to all VFD regarding Interior Attack policy. She has ordered dome stickers for the helmets. Brian McEckron, LJVFD, asked if a new volunteer that had previous minimum standard training would have to go through new training. TFD would require a physical and fit test, but new training would not be required. Andrea will also have SOPs burned to a CD for all VFDs.

7. Miccosukee VFD Engine Status

The Tallahassee Fleet Division is determining a fair market price for the engine for Miccosukee VFD.

8. ISO Update and Inspection

ISO Inspection will occur the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>. ISO rated engines and equipment may be inspected. It will be important to have inventory up to date. Chief Quillin will need a name and contact number of someone who will be available during the daytime at each VFD station. This will insure easier access to stations and training records, etc. VFD Chiefs were encouraged to be available to meet Mr. Roberts from ISO.

9. Bradfordville VFD Station

Six sites along County Road 12 have been evaluated for possible Bradfordville VFD locations. Karl Hook was given a matrix of these locations and their possibilities. A federal grant may be available to help with funding.

10. Woodville VFD Expansion

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners has approved expansion of the Woodville VFD area. Spring Hill Road has been included in the territory.

11. VFD Response Area Map Review

A joint city/county GIS map has been formulated with each VFD response area. VFD 11, 12, 13, and 15 has verified their response area as indicated on the map. VFD 10 and 14 will review their area to make sure that it is correct. A copy of the VFD Response Area Map will be sent to everyone.

12. Helicopter Landing Zones/Coordination

VFDs may contact EMS dispatch with helicopter alerts and notifications when VFDs are first on the scene or have orders to contact dispatch. LCEMS Dispatch should be contacted at 921-0900. Josh Peebles of LCEMS coordinates landing zones and should be contacted for any questions in regards to landing zones.

13. Other Business

Dennis Horton, MCVFD, was contacted by Thomas County Emergency Management regarding transporting of water to Thomas County. It was discussed that if VFDs are outside their respective areas, they may not be covered by worker's comp. If they are dispatched by TFD to go to another area, however, they are covered.

Robert Robertson, CCVFD, has been contacted by VFIS for a review. Other VFDs may be reviewed. Records should be made available to them.

Chief Quillin reminded everyone to check their emails.

The next meeting will be on April 1 at 5:30 PM at LCEMS.

After the meeting Lake Jackson VFD Chief, Brian McEckron met with Chief Quillin regarding the expansion of the Lake Jackson VFD territory. Chief Quillin will have a map prepared and will process an Agenda Item to the BOCC for their approval.

Lake Talquin VFD is also requesting an expansion of territory and they will provide specific boundaries to Chief Quillin in the near future. When specific boundaries are provided Chief Quillin will provide a map to the BOCC for their approval