

## Minutes - Fluvanna Fire and Rescue Association February 12, 2024



The meeting was Called to Order at 19:30 hours

**In attendance:** Jeff Potter, Howard Lagomarsino, Richie Constantino, Jim True, Chris Aley, Chris Powell, Gary Morris, Dwayne Mayo, Josh Brent, John Lye

**Guests:** Peppy Winchel, Ben Powell

There was a motion to approve the minutes of 1/8/24 (Constantino, seconded by Morris) - passed

**Burn Building Update:** Ben Powell - The Board of Supervisors has approved a “not to exceed” funding amount of \$550,000 towards the burn building which should be sufficient for the structure, props, freight and training on the monitoring equipment for the burn building. The cost of the site work is still an unknown, this will partly depend on the Fire Services Board Structural group, and will need FSB approval. We will be meeting with FUSD to determine flow needs and the cost for the pipe to the site.

**Laptop SIM cards update:** The sim cards in the new laptops have been activated. You may need to make sure that the setting for “use the internal antenna” is checked, or they may try to use an external antenna (which we don’t have) while they are in the docking stations.

### Unit reports:

**Fork Union Fire:** We are mounting the laptops in the apparatus. Village Motorsports have the brush skid for the UTV, so we are expecting delivery in mid-March. On March 9, the truck committee will be going to Appleton, WI for pre-engineering on Engine 20. The FireFighter 1 class is going well.

**Kent’s Store Fire:** We are waiting on the brush skid for the UTV. On February 21, we will be making an additional funding request to the BoS for Car 30 and Car 1 to make up the difference in cost due to the delay in purchasing these units. The Tanker 30 design process is ongoing. Squad 30 still needs work; Dwayne suggested taking it to Atlantic for warranty repair work. Engine 31 has had random check engine lights coming on. We have purchased a domain name, and have set up email accounts for Kent’s Store volunteers in the format of [apullen@KSVFC.com](mailto:apullen@KSVFC.com)

**Lake Fire:** The Boots and Brent Seminar will be held on March 2nd. We have approximately 100 people signed up, so far. Chief Reilly will be presenting. The Firefighter 1 class progressing well. We still have 19 students participating. The Engine 52 replacement committee working to develop specifications, etc. and identify the manufacturer. The new Tower Ladder construction is to begin soon with delivery sometime later in the summer.

**Lake Rescue:** LMVRS ran 1708 calls in 2023. The A-EMT class has started with 5 from the Lake, and some from Fluvanna EMS. Tuesday is the lecture day, and Thursday are the labs. Car-5 (Response-5's replacement) should be done by the end of March.

**Palmyra Fire:** We had the final inspection on the Tanker last week. The inspection did not go well; they have lots to fix on that truck. There was also a discussion regarding Atlantic’s service facility in Charlottesville.

**Chief 1:** Dispatch will be programming radios. Kent’s Store will be first. There will be a joint training

with Orange regarding Williams pipeline. Sometime after Memorial Day, there will be a controlled burn in Pleasant Grove again. The fit testing machine is currently stored at Company 5, but some parts are missing or broken and it will cost approximately \$850 to repair it.

Water Rescue: LMWRT has purchased an AquaEye handheld sonar unit and will begin training with it.

**Dispatch:** Brian Deane is unable to attend, but wanted to remind everyone about the CAD outage tomorrow

**Emergency Services Supervisor Report:** The demo ambulance unit will be delivered on the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. Fluvanna EMS will be obtaining a pharmacy license. There is a PR group working on a “touch the truck” event. Last month, the FRA-EMS subcommittee was formed, and has been making progress. We have approved a Mission Statement, and have discussed issues with fire and rescue being cancelled prior to arrival on scene. We are discussing scene size-ups and information to be provided to incoming crews. We are working on BLS medication bags for the apparatus, and the requirements for securing them. There will be some sort of bag-for-bag exchange system set up. Our CE program is starting up. We have been told that it will cost \$1500 to add another administrator to ImageTrend. **There was a motion made (Constantino, seconded by Aley) to approve Jim True as a Systems Administrator for ImageTrend, which was approved unanimously.** This will need to be presented to Mr. Dahl for implementation. There was a discussion regarding transport to Richmond hospitals, and it was noted that there would be a minimum of an extra 20 minutes (from Kent’s Store area) transport time, which would be even worse the more west in the County that the transport started from. This will take crews out of the County for extended periods of time, and should be avoided unless there is a pressing need to go to VCU, for example, for an emergency burn patient. However, most of those would be flown rather than being ground transported. There was also a discussion about reassessing the response areas now that there are two County crews again, and also that ACFR may reduce or eliminate their response to the Scottsville area of the County. The FRA-Fire-Staffing subcommittee will be moving soon as well.

**Emergency Management Coordinator Report:** No report this month

**TJEMS:** The VaOEMS deficit may be as high as \$33 Million now; the investigation is ongoing. There was likely 4 - 5 years of funding mismanagement. Symposium may be coming back in some form. There will be an EMS Expo in March, as well as ones in March and May in Richmond. Peppy also reminded us that TJEMS is a resource for crew mental health issues, and is ready to assist whenever they are needed. There was also a quick discussion of the triage tag issue.

**Upcoming Events:**

UVA Rowing Invitational, 4/13/24, 4/14/24 - California, Oregon State, Stanford, Syracuse and Yale  
CalTri Triathlon, Lake Monticello - 4/28/24

**Other Business:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** (Potter, seconded by Constantino) 21:05 hours