

Fire Advisory Meeting of July 10, 2012
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Cindy Spaulding (Liaison), Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Chris Woodruff (BFD), Tut Doane (Braintree), Ken Preston and Rob Wheatly (RCFD), Kevan Taylor and Scott Hannon (ERFD).

1. Called to order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order at 1903 hours.

2. Minutes

On motion by RCFD Assistant Chief Wheatly, seconded by ERFD Assistant Chief Taylor approve minutes of June 12, 2012 as amended. Unanimously approved.

3. Update on VCOM Grant Application

The committee was informed that VCOMM had approved a portion of the grant application in the amount of \$54,565. VCOMM approved 33 portables, 11 mobiles, and funding to reprogram all other equipment to FCC narrowband. Discussion ensued concerning: the type of equipment approved, testing the output of all radios for better quality of communications and a reprogramming schedule.

4. Update on Hazmat Incident of May 29

The committee was informed that a response invoice had been sent to FEDEX for \$4,672.92 and that VLCT is requested documentation that the contaminated turnout gear was disposed of properly.

5. Protocol for Hazmat incidents

The committee discussed protocol for hazmat incidents and the appropriate personal protective gear to handle hazmat spills such as the May 29 without contaminating turnout gear. The committee reviewed catalogs to order 50 hooded protective coveralls with boots of various sizes (to be split between departments) and 3 bags/100 15" x 17" sorbent pads.

6. Auxiliary Apparatus

Randolph Center reported that the department still needs new vehicle.

7. Other Business

Discussion:

- Notification of Road Closures
- Dual Saw as an alternative tool instead of the jaws of life
- Propose to hold two personnel slots on RCFD for VTC fire science students

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- Propose to change RCFD personnel roster from 20 to 22 (needs to go before the Selectboard)
- Issues with Fire Warden not announcing on vacation
- Proper tagging of probationary firefighters
- Offer of attending Fire Science Classes at VTC at no cost

8. Adjournment

At 2037 hours, on motion by RCFD Assistant Chief Wheatley, seconded by ERFD Assistant Chief Taylor, the committee voted to adjourn until the next scheduled meeting of August 14, 2012 at 1900 hours in Town Hall Conference Room A. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Liaison to Fire Advisory