

FAAB MEETING – DELAWARE FIRE SCHOOL – NEW CASTLE – JANUARY 19, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Mike Shaw, Representative, District #1
Eric Haley, Representative, District #2 N/A
Brian Reeder, Representative, District #3
Robert Weber, Representative-Elect, District #4
Dennis Godek, Vice-chairman, Representative, District #5
Fran Williams, Representative, District #6
Dave Majewski, Sr., Representative, District #7 N/A
Chief Jeffrey P. Miller, NCC/ESC N/A
AsstChief William F. Streets, NCC/ESC N/A
AsstChief Donald W. Holden, NCC/ESC N/A

Chief Mark Logemann, NCC/EMS
Kenneth Phibbs, President NCCFCA N/A
Ken Dunn, County Executive's Office N/A
Councilman William Bell N/A
Karen Barlow, Councilman Bell's Office N/A
Stephanie Mohr, County Executive's Office
Chief Mike Harris, Claymont Fire Company
Chief Kevin Cowperthwait, Christiana Fire Company

1900 HOURS: Vice-chairman Godek called the FAAB meeting to order; there were no corrections/additions/deletions to the minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting; **MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW; MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS: Assistant Chief Holden: N/A

Personnel/Staffing: 800 MHz: Discussions.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: Chief Mark Logemann:

Paramedic Academy: Doing well in field training; training portion at Good Fellowship mid-February; psychomotor completed for National Registry mid-February; scheduled for written portion of National Registry end of January; totally complete Good Fellowship mid-February. Next academy begins mid-March consisting of 22 applicants (some begin next Monday; few in February; balance in early March). **New Protocol – Buprenorphine:** Part of new State protocol for Paramedics - Buprenorphine will be offered to patients that have been resuscitated with Narcan to assist them in bridging the gap between the Narcan administration and seeking treatment. This medication will dull the symptoms of withdrawal to assist the individual not to use opiates and seek the offered treatment avenues. This is an Advanced Life Support only drug. Discussions centered on the use of Narcan vs. Buprenorphine and its benefits (minimizes withdrawal symptoms); areas offering assistance with opioid abuse will be West Side Health (Wilmington and Bear; Brandywine Counseling). Discussions continued on notifications to Fire Service/BLS.

NCCFCA:

NCCVFA: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Vice-chairman Godek:

Fireboard Sub-committee: Met with AsstChief Holden and QAC Snyder; making significant progress; will meet again on January 20; reference was made to the article by County Executive Meyer in the News Journal citing that, *for the second year, Emergency Communications answers calls 90% of the time within ten seconds*; our interests are how long it takes to answer the call and dispatch it. Discussions continued on capability of CAD to do this; etc.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice-chairman Godek:

Letter from Claymont Fire Company; CARES Act Funding: Vice-chairman Godek reported that, *although this is not within our authority to influence this issue, we can send a letter of support to the fire company chiefs*; Representative Shaw mentioned that there was County Association support to adhere to this issue; discussions. **MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE REEDER TO SEND A LETTER TO EACH FIRE COMPANY AND THE NCCFCA AND NCCVFA TO SUPPORT; SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAW; MOTION PASSED** (letter sent via email January 24, 2023).

IMPACT FEE REQUESTS: Impact Fee Chairman Haley; Co-chairman Majewski: no requests. Again, Vice-chairman Godek mentioned the request to have Matt Rogers from Land Use attend a NCCFCA meeting to give a tutorial on the impact fee process.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT: Executive Assistant III Stephanie Mohr:

PPE – COVID Distribution Report; copies made for each representatives' fire company. Ms. Mohr reported that the letter of request from **District #3 additional funding for the sub-stations** (#9, #12, and #21) was received by the County Executive and the CAO; it is presently under review and they will respond shortly. Vice-chairman Godek requested someone explain/instruct **open meeting requirements**.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District #1: Representative Shaw; nothing from districts; questions on an impact fee request/procedures and what items can be requested; Vice-chairman Godek instructed him to discuss this with the current Impact Fee chairpersons; discussions centered on changes to Impact Fee Requests and the need for Fire Service involvement; etc.

District #2: Impact Fee Chairman/Representative Haley: N/A

District #3: Representative Reeder; mentioned the Fire Service Funding Committee being invited to attend the meeting tonight; Dan Seador, who heads the committee, was contacted; possibly next month.

District #4: Representative-Elect Weber; introductions to the board.

District #5: Vice-chairman Godek; nothing from districts. Vice-chairman Godek mentioned the passing of career firefighter Jerry Gordon. Also, the non-attendance of Emergency Communications staff (past three meetings); attendance is expected of a staff-level officer; the board would like to be notified. **MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE REEDER TO SEND A LETTER TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF MILLER, NCCFCA, NCCVFA, AND EACH FIRE CHIEF REQUESTING PRESENCE FROM FIREBOARD AT THE FAAB MEETINGS AND TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY IF UNABLE TO ATTEND; SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS; MOTION CARRIED** (letter sent via email January 24, 2023).

FAAB Presentation of Fire Service Budget: Last month there were discussions of the board presenting the budget this year; discussions on steps for presentation and opportunity to review Emergency Communications and EMS budgets prior to submission to the County/Finance Department (in the ordinance). Discussions continued on *assisting* Communications and EMS in obtaining budget items needed; impacts on the fire budget; etc. **MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS TO ELECT THE FAAB VICE-CHAIRMAN AS LIASON TO GET TOGETHER WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO WORK OUT THE BEST WAY TO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY OF REVIEWING THE BUDGETS; SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE REEDER; MOTION CARRIED** (letter sent via email January 24, 2023).

ACTIVE SHOOTER SEMINAR – PETER BLAIR: Discussions centered on integration training/incident command system; planning to have an all-day seminar on March 28, 2023 in Dover possibly at DSU which the FAAB will be invited; need to push for fire chiefs and staff participation; funding assistance; etc.

AT THIS TIME, MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE REEDER AND SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS TO RETURN TO NEW BUSINESS; MOTION WAS PASSED.
(To complete motions listed above.)

District #6: Representative Williams; nothing to report.

District #7: Impact Fee Co-chairman/Representative Majewski; N/A

REPORTS FROM GUESTS:

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FAAB MEETING WILL START AT 1900 HOURS**