

Wake County Firefighter's Association

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

August 13, 2002

Meeting opened at 6:35 with welcome by President David Price, prayer by Gene Moore.

Meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Swift Creek won the attendance award. The minutes were reviewed; only change was replacing encouragement with appreciation. A motion to approve was made, seconded and passed.

Reports

David gave the Treasurer's report for Bryant Woodall.

Public Safety

Fire Rescue Division - Ray, working on different studies. Dewey and Alvin are in the process of trying to schedule some field protection training.

Fire Commission – David stated contacts are nearing completion. They are also looking to at the budget process and how to improve it.

Fire Safety House - repairs have not been done as of yet but do have commitments to start once it can. Reminder to all departments to keep it looking good as it has a lot of life left.

Fallen Firefighters Foundation - Blazin Wheels success. Trip to FDNY planned, along with a fundraiser.

Program

Urban Search and Rescue by Mike Cooper a Raleigh Fire Captain. The closest team to us is VATF 1 and 2 out of Fayetteville and Virginia Beach. Within our FEMA region the closest is Metro Dade and Orlando. A recent House Bill gave 30 for USAR with 1.4 million for USAR response. If activated either local or state they will respond with 2 tractor-trailer units, acoustic devices, search devices etc. Raleigh (90 personnel), Cary (24 personnel), Durham (16 personnel), and Chapel Hill (24 personnel) would respond, 18 from Raleigh with about 24 chosen total. Access the team locally through WC1 and request their response. Expected to be in operation first of the year for response.

David Price gave a presentation on the Radio System. Discussed the proposed system in depth highlighting the talk groups, overview of paging, and CAD issues. Represented by EMS, Sheriff Rescue Squads, EM, Fire Rescue, and Communications. CAD is expected to be online in Spring 2003. The locution demo CD was also played.

Old Business

Fire Prevention Week interest; so far only one department has expressed a desire. Departments wishing to join can contact Jan Parker.

Tip the Bucket - no news is out right now.

Calendars were given to each department present and explained history.

Newsletter - next issue is getting started, please get news items to Sue-Lynn for publication.

Door Prizes were awarded.

Motion to close was made and seconded at 8:15.

Submitted by Chad Simon, Secretary WCFA