

Fire & EMS Operational Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 9, 2019

Present: Canaan VFD Chief Raymond Stephen, Rykers Ridge VFD Chief Art Peters, Brett Roberts Kent VFD, Kent VFD Fire Chief Lee Mahoney, Hanover VFD Chief Phillip Meredith Sr, Madison Twp VFD, Chief Robert Black, Rodney Black, City Fire Kenny Washer, Deputy VFD Chief Dupont VFD Chief George Canfield, Director Susie Lawrence and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Shelton.

Business

Chief Robert Black called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The first order of business was to elect a Chairman for the Fire & EMS Operational Committee, Chief Raymond Stephen nominated Robert Black and Rodney Black seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chief Robert Black started the discussion on the S.O.P's by asking if everyone had a chance to look over all of them so that they could vote on them. Many there stated that they had not received the S.O.P's. Rodney Black stated that he had talked to all 3 Law Enforcement agencies and that they were all on board. Still much talk about fire training for dispatchers. Chief Robert Black stated that the center should adopt the NFPA 1061 and that this would help with the ISO ratings and would be a good training tool for the dispatchers. Kenny Washer who was in the audience stated that the State ISO has not adopted the NFPA standards and that they are just guidelines for the different fire departments and dispatch to use. Director Lawrence stated that the S.O.P's were what the agency was going to follow until which time the State 911 mandated the agency to change. A few S.O.P's have been put on hold such as Active Shooter/Bomb Threat until a group of Law, Fire, dispatch and EMS can get together to go over how each agency is to respond to these types of calls. Director Lawrence suggested that maybe someone from the City could put on some fire training for the dispatchers. Kenny Washer stated that he felt as though, He and City Fire Chief Bill Devries could put on that training. Chief Robert Black again urged those that were there to vote on the current S.O.P's. Director Lawrence stated that all verbiage is needs to be corrected from the last meeting and until that is done She will not vote. Chief Lee Mahoney of Kent VFD agreed with Director Lawrence that until all corrections are made and until all fire departments receive a copy of the S.O.P's to go over then no voting should be done. Chief Robert Black stated that he would make sure that each fire department had a current copy of the S.O.P's and also the Automatic Mutual Aid areas for each.

Rodney Black suggested that a Quality Assurance Audit be done every 3 months both for the Fire departments and the dispatch.

With nothing further Chief Lee Mahoney made a motion to adjourn and Chief Phillip Meredith seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55

The next meeting will be February 13th and then again on March 13th with the March 13th being the last every month meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm