

Oxford Volunteer Fire Company  
 Trappe Volunteer Fire Company  
 St Michaels Volunteer Fire Department

Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue  
 Association

Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.  
 Easton Volunteer Fire Company  
 Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company  
 Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

**ROLL CALL**

**Date: 1/11/2023**

20	Mark Ledford	60	Tim Knotts
30	Drew Dickerson	70	Absent
40	Holley Guschke	80	Dennis Starkey, Corkey Starkey
50	Jimmy Eason	DES	Brian LeCates
Association	Bill Keswick, Steve Mroczek, Dan Tarrant and Holley Guschke	Chief's Committee	Sonny Jones
Guests	N/A	R&R	Absent

President Keswick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge

President Keswick asked for the minutes from the December meeting to be read. Tim Knotts made a motion for minutes to be accepted.

President Keswick advised due to taking an acting role as a Fire Line Lieutenant, he will not be seeking re-election as President for the June elections.

Secretary Holley Guschke read an email from Mr. Richard Smith thanking everyone for the fruit basket, and giving a brief update in regards to his health at this time. Thoughts and prayers continue to go out to Mr. Smith at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

R&R	\$19,700.00
Career Tech	\$ 4,496.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$ 9,270.21
Admin	\$ 2,000.00
Checking:	\$11,293.33
CD	\$15, 253.70

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Tarrant will also not be seeking re-election as Treasurer at the June elections

Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>/ Passed to renew the Quicken Account for \$90.00

**Brian LeCates- TCDES**

- Mary's Court is moving forward and will be eventually going out to bid for the TCSD and TCDES
- Working on the budget process for the entire Department
- CISM resources are available MD wide as well as County wide. If any of your people need resources they are available. Reach out to Matt Watkins- he is the coordinator or contact Brian LeCates
- EM Division held it's first CERT Class since COVID; next class will be in March
- Emergency Operations Plan is being worked on// outside agency University MD Homeland Security
- EMS Division- Security cameras and new ID cards have been issued
- Ultrasounds are in place throughout the County// still also having training
- Waiting on soil samples and applied for an MDE
- 2 new ambulances now in service
- Winterfest EMS in February- fill out your information and sign up
- 911- Several open positions
- NG 911 testing// cut live date on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- Mission Critical Partners reviewed and just recommended CAD replacement

## **COMMITTEES**

### ***Chief Committee –***

Sonny Jones, Station 60

- The new Chief's Committee Chairperson will be Graham Norbury from Station 20 and Co-Chairperson will be Evan Roe from Station 30
- Finished the disposal of foam and the inventory is now being kept in Operative IQ with the County; TCDES will be keeping track on a monthly basis
- Finished County Wide Hose Testing; Next year will try and find a new company
- County Council will be signing the MOU for Calvert County at the January meeting
- Working with TCDES changing Hazmat and Gas Leaks response

### ***R&R –***

Danielle Starkey

- There will be an R&R meeting on February 1, 2023 at 1800 hours at Talbot Center. Would like to see a representative from each station attend.
- Any member completing certified training for classes can get gift cards. Submit to Danielle.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Data request for the TCFRA Budget is still needed from numerous fire departments/ have only received 2 companies information at this time
- Most of the graph is showing a large number of fundraising and public service hours compared to calls for service

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Would like for the R&R committee to research and try to figure out how to retain the age group of 20–30-year-old// Also went into detail in regard to the housing program that Queen Anne County uses, and maybe the committee could look into how that works. Mirror the program like Queen Anne County// gave volunteers \$50,000 towards purchase of home// must live there for 5 years// don't pay back unless they sell the house//

- Discussion was held on the future of the TCFRA and how it should function. Tim Knotts stated he believes the County should focus on Advocating for Members/Departments, Trainings, and the Budget for Departments.
- At the next meeting two members of the County Council will be present starting at 6PM/ Make sure you have a representative who can talk about Capital projects etc.
- There are still smoke detectors available if any department needs more; go to State Fire Marshal's office to obtain them.
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### **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 20- New Ambulance 20 should be available after Valentines Day/ Once it comes back it will need some detailing done and hopefully the reveal will take place on Oxford Day in April/ There was a challenge made to the community to raise \$300K and they met the challenge  
Rummage Sale at the end of January  
Valentines Day Breakfast will be held 2/12
- 30- Station 30 has put together a committee for a new fire engine  
1/21 and 1/16 Soup Sale  
Banquet will be held on 1/21
- 40- Banquet will be held 2/18  
E45 is a work in progress/ Production Pictures available online
- 50- Soup Sale 1/12  
Bobby Messick had successful surgery/ asking to keep him in your prayers
- 60- Banquet 2/4  
Winter Stews and Brews 2/18  
All new engines are moving forward  
Ford has issues a work number on the Chassis for the Brush Truck
- 70- Banquet 3/4
- 80- Gun Raffle Tickets still available  
Banquet 2/11

The next meeting is a regular meeting will be February 8, 2023, at Easton Volunteer Fire Department

Tim Knotts motioned to adjourn; Mark Ledford seconded; meeting adjourned 8:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holley Guschke*

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Secretary, TCVFRA