

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: 3/8/2023

20	Mark Ledford	60	Tim Knotts
30	Nick Newnam	70	Debby Sweet, Rhonda Janda
40	Holley Guschke	80	Doreen Riggs
50	Jimmy Eason	DES	Brian LeCates
Association	Bill Keswick, Steve Mroczek, Dan Tarrant and Holley Guschke	Chief's Committee	None
Guests	None	R&R	Absent

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-

President Keswick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of the Allegiance, and prayer.

President Keswick asked for the minutes from the February meeting to be read. Jimmy Eason made a motion for minutes to be accepted. Secretary noted corrections had already been corrected with the correct delegate from Station 80. President Keswick did ask for a couple grammar corrections be made.

Secretary read two letters from Talbot County in regard to Mr. Terry Satchell, and Ms. Ruth Sullivan being appointed to the EMS Advisory Board for a 3-year term.

TREASURER'S REPORT

R&R	\$19,646.05
Career Tech	\$ 4,496.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$ 9,270.21
Admin	\$ 1,916.12
Checking:	\$11,873.51
CD	\$15,260.17

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report.

Purchased one gift card for R&R for a member of Station 30. Gift Card was given to Station 30 delegate. Treasurer Tarrant announced once again, he will not be seeking re-election for Treasurer, and the County Association will need to find a new Treasurer moving forward.

Brian LeCates- TCDES

- Mary's Court is moving forward and going out to bid. Construction to start in Summer 2024
- FYI 24 Budget submitted to the County Council on Tuesday. In the proposed budget TCDES is seeking a CAD replacement, Radio upgrade, Career ladder enhancement for EMS and 911 Divisions, money for the move to Mary's Court. Also, seeking EMS billing increases to align with State and Federal entities. Also, has asked for a 911 fee increase on cellular lines.
- Still seeking a solution with the North County EMS Station; having some issues with the soil testing, and at this point the County may have to look at purchasing new properties in the area.
- EMS Lieutenant promotional process is in the process and should be completed in the next two weeks
- EMS has been asked to participate in Ground Data Collection; more info will follow in the following months.
- EMS is completing renovations projects in various stations which involve new carpeting, kitchen upgrades etc.
- Recently found out the new ambulance which was expected to arrive in 2023; will now not arrive until June 2024.
- 911 Division has been working with Chief's Committee and is no longer announcing Hospital Alerts statuses as they come in, and giving the information as EMS responds to calls. Also, no longer announcing School Delays, and Closures. Also, in the future will have some terminology changes, and working closely to change some radio channels in the future.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee –

Graham Norbury, Station 20

- Not Present

R&R –

Danielle Starkey

- Not present
- President Keswick has called for an R&R meeting to be held on Wednesday April 5, 2023, at Talbot Center at 1900 hours.
- If you have taken an approved training class, which was at least 20 hours, members are eligible to receive a gift card from R&R. There is official paperwork which needs to be filled out, and a copy of a transcript needs to be attached for documentation and quality assurance purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

- ESO update- Agreement was signed with TCDES for the CAD project. Haven't heard anything from the company since the agreement was signed.
- TCFRA presented their FY2024 budget to the County Council on Wednesday evening.

NEW BUSINESS

- VP Mroczek gave an update in regard to the EMS Advisory Board. The EMS Advisory Board recently sent a letter to the County Manager, Mr. Clay Stamp, giving support for the TCDES Budget and supporting the Career Ladder in the Department in order to keep qualified employees. Also supporting radio/tower upgrades, and the hiring of SRO's in the School system.
- Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be accepted at the April meeting. The election will occur in June. President Keswick and Treasurer Tarrant are NOT seeking re-election for next cycle.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- Sunday Breakfast 3/12 ; Oxford Day 4/22- New Ambulance may present for that day; Boat will come in the spring; Fire Department Banquet 3/31.
Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Officers and Member of Station 20 with the recent death of Mr. Richard Smith. The Department truly appreciates all the support they were given.
- 30- Station 30 has moved forward with the new Engine Committee and they have applied for Grant funding. Also they are moving forward with building a new Station. They will be working with legislation, and others to help with possible federal/state funding and grants for a new Station.
Prize Bingo will be held on Saturday March 18th
Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday March 26th
Soup Sale will be held on 2/20
- 40- Flea Market will be held on 4/1
E45 is a work in progress/ Production Pictures available online. Engine should be in Maryland by the end of March.
- 50- Keep Past President Tom Diem in your thoughts and prayers
- 60- 5K/ 10K/ 1 Mile Walk will be held on 4/15; Registration online
- 70- Bingo is being held the 2nd Friday of each month; next one will be 3/10
Chicken BBQ will be held on March 11th; Pre-Sale Orders being accepted.
- 80- Annual Country Ham & Chicken Dinner will be held on 4/16- Dine In and Carry Out available

The next meeting is a regular meeting will be **April 12, 2023, at Tilghman Fire Department at 7PM.**

Tim Knotts motioned to adjourn; Jimmy Eason seconded; meeting adjourned 7:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Holley Guschke

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Secretary, TCVFRA