

# Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

January 9, 2019

## Initial Discussions

- Role as an Advisory Committee
- Turnout Gear
- Physicals
- Policies and Procedures
- Oakdale Station
- Training
- Equipment and apparatus purchases
- Equipment and apparatus placement
  
- Feedback and/or thoughts

Meeting 1 minutes:

Attending: Andy Merriman, Bill Shanahan, Tim Gordon, Tommy White, Oliver Dowdle, Carl Faulk, Amanda Foster

Initial meeting, mainly to discuss our role as an advisory committee: To have **discussions and make recommendations.**

- Andy Merriman informed the Committee that the County will be looking at assisting with building a station in Oakdale's district, but that many details needed to be researched/discussed. Tommy mentioned annexation from Rock Hill.
- Discussion of unused turnout gear around the county and how we could make better use of it: Tim Gordon mentioned having "York County" put on the back of all gear so that gear could be transferred to other departments as needed. Tommy White mentioned getting a Velcro patch on the back with the department's name. These options were discussed and decision is contingent upon pricing of each.
- I (Amanda Foster) briefly mentioned we need to look at old policies and procedures and update these. The old will be forwarded out this week for viewing.
- I (Amanda Foster) mentioned the various training props and training events for York County. I said I would take over training approvals over the \$80 limit, unless there are objections: no objections.
- General discussion about truck and equipment replacement and purchases as items to be thinking about and discussing in the future.
- Discussion on meeting times/locations: meetings to take the place of the fire board meeting times as a general time, but noted not every meeting was necessary.
- All to be looking at policies and procedures to make new recommendations/edits.

## **Fire Advisory Committee Meeting**

**February 13, 2019**

- Apparatus replacement plan (Engines only)
- Other discussion

Meeting 2 minutes:

Attending: Tim Gordon, Tommy White, Oliver Dowdle, Carl Faulk, Amanda Foster

- Discussion of current replacement plan: 17-20 year/ 75,000 miles.
- Tim Gordon mentioned “most” trucks could fall into a 20-25 year plan
- Oliver mentioned a two schedule system based on call volume
- Carl brought up to look at Flint Hill’s calls since they began medical calls. This runs up mileage on the apparatus (can they charge per call?)
- Tim Gordon stated we need to look at maintenance, mileage, and condition. I mentioned keeping the same order, but taking those things into consideration. All agreed replacements should be needs based. Oliver stated to look at the next “4 or 5” in the original list and make a recommendation based on need (consulting mechanics, mileage, condition, cost).
- Tim Gordon made the recommendation to look at using tankers coming offline, rather than retiring them. All agreed.
- Carl brought up ladder replacement and concern as to whether or not his truly needs replaced. (Discussion for another time)
- Carl mentioned the tag-on option, as well as purchasing demos. Discussion on the cost saving benefits of this. I informed the committee that I am working with purchasing.
- Turnout gear was discussed from previous meeting. I informed them it would be an additional \$90+ per set to do the Velcro and to be fiscally responsible, we would be putting “York County” on the back.
- Tim Gordon brought up an email that was sent out to purchase ALL departments’ extrication equipment. The Committee agreed we need to do a needs based assessment so that the purchases would be done more efficiently.

Discussion of items to be prepared to discuss next time:

- Levels of consistency and accountability
- Policies and Procedures
- Retirement

## Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

April 1, 2019

- Policies
  - EVDT
- Accountability Policy
  - Direct Assistance
  - Incentives

- Discussion on policies and revisions of current policies.
- Change damage to vehicle damage policy from 300 to 1000
- Accountability policy should be revised to enforce safety and financial concerns  
This includes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense: verbal and written reprimand
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: verbal and written reprimand
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: meeting with County staff
  - 4<sup>th</sup> offense and thereafter: \$1,000 held from direct assistance for 1 month
- EVDT: IF the firefighter does not plan on taking pump ops, etc, they may take the EVDT class offered by VFIS.
- Have incentive committee meet to discuss options
- Discussion of direct assistance- chiefs and fire board discussed amounts, why they are what they are and how they have to be this way to fund the smaller departments.
- Get clarification on class E license

## **Fire Advisory Committee Meeting**

**April 25, 2019**

- Policies verification

- Confirmation of accountability policy
- Restarts every fiscal year
- Divide at the end as an incentive for those following policies
- Discussion on social media policy which prohibits fire departments and their members from posting pictures from scenes, as this is disrespectful and inconsiderate of those who were involved or affected.

# **Fire Advisory Committee Meeting**

**May 15, 2019**

## **Agenda**

- Persons Wishing to Appear Before the Committee:  
Chief David Jennings
- Volunteer Incentive
- Replacement plans
- Policies
- Items not on the agenda