

Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting Minutes for 6/27/19

Training: Fire Extinguishers; Module 2

Three fire extinguishers on our trucks:

1. ABC-used on paper/liquids/electrical (not grease!)
2. CO2-used on liquids/electrical (it freezes the fire)
3. Water-used on paper (or anything that makes ashes; not electrical!)

Scott Epps explained each one and demonstrated how to use-pull, aim, squeeze and sweep.

Module 2: Rolls and Responsibilities when responding to a call:

1. Go the speed limit!
2. Parking: park several houses away from fire or situation; leave room for squad/pumper/ ladder truck, ambulance Police, other First Responders-Do not Block emergency vehicles!
3. Upon arriving on scene-find Incident Commander or whoever is on duty; report in and ask what they need! Follow necessary protocols once you are assigned-don't get hurt
4. Wear appropriate safety gear on a call; have gear bags, ID badge; Do not give any information to the public about a call; tell them to see Incident Commander.
5. When leaving a scene, inform IC.
6. Replace expendables like rubber gloves, batteries for flashlight, etc.

Storm Duties:

1. You cannot come onto Edisto Beach until paged; must have proper ID and all modules covered
2. Be prepared: plan to stay up to 24 hours; have rubber boots, gear bag, insect spray, hat, snacks, water, ID card
3. Main goal: to clear roads/paths for emergency vehicles.

Unfinished Business:

Emergency pager/radio: Mike Casey stated they are great radios but very costly at \$650 each; who is going to coordinate using them; lots of problems. Do we really need them? Lots of less expensive radios/pagers out there for \$100-120 that will do just as good as the expensive ones; there was a motion to table and revisit these radios in the future; seconded; motion passed.

New member recruitment and mentorship ongoing.

ID's are being made by the Chief-if you do not have yours yet, see the Chief!

Update on selling unused fish fryer, cooker on flatbed, trailer: Bard Prochaska reported he has some low offers on them; Mike Casey asked if he could negotiate a price for a quick sell. Motion made for Mike to sell it; seconded, motion passed.

New Business and Event Participation:

Annual Donation Letter: So far, 291 donations received averaging ~\$25-\$50 to the EBVFD. Chief has Thank You notes coming; he wants us to address and send out; Tommy Sandel suggested we do a "writing" session instead of a training session on a Wednesday.

Event Planning/T-Shirt Sales: we need a T-shirt sales Coordinator; someone to organize, plan, find out about upcoming events, set up at events. We need someone to take charge! Mike asked to think about it and let him know if anyone is interested! Chief mentioned we can set up at the Bilo anytime to sell our T-Shirts.

Training:

See above on fire extinguishers and training plan Module 2

No Wednesday training the week of the 4th

NIMS and Target Solutions: TS is a great online training with a set of courses on basic firefighting; great refresher courses!

Financial Report

Tommy Sandel reported our funds are in good shape.

He also noted again that we have lots of donations coming in.

Chief's Report:

Physicals/flu shots-they are given in the early spring; they are free; sign up!

Update on station remodeling: In the works; they are down to a final decision on station upgrade; \$50,000 earmarked for remodeling project; it will go out to bid in 2-3 months

Gear Bags: Chief will issue them; come to his office to pick yours up

ID cards-Everyone needs to get their ID badges! See the Chief

Ladder Truck: Chief had pictures of the "rebuild" of our 1999 E-I built truck; truck is in great condition engine wise; it has a little bit of rust and other issues; it is being rebuilt for \$270,00 as opposed to a new truck at a cost of \$1,250,000!

Mike Casey reviewed main points in tonight's meeting:

Get involved in storm recovery; complete all modules; get ID badges and gear bags; Chief also stated Hurricane season is here.

Motion to adjourn; seconded, Bye.

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Kellett