**Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 24, 2021**

Welcome by Chief Conley in Mike Casey’s absence. 15 volunteers attended and the Chief was pleased to see the great turnout.

**Unfinished Business:**

Water shed project-Chief has a sander and paint; need volunteers to sand, repair and paint as well as do the bench and box too. He said to just show up and let’s get rolling on it.

Funding request for Marine Rescue boat upholstery and rescue gear-Chief ask for a $2000 limit to repair upholstery, and buy new ropes, lines, life jackets. Average of 4-6 rescues a month. A vote for the above was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Continue Snack Machine purchase approval-Vendor sold our vending machine we had voted on, so he is looking for another new one for us at the same price.

**Financial Report:**

Tommy Sandel reported that our February statement was fair but by the end of May, it was very healthy.

Donation letters-Chief said there is much more success sending out the donation letters towards the end of the year and would like to keep that schedule going forward.

**Chief’s Report:**

Hurricane Plan-please sign up to help with hurricane recovery, chainsaw and debris removal and long days.

Met Life Dental Plan-let Chief know if you want to be enrolled and your spouse too.

ID Cards: Asst. Chief is in charge; once the new machine is set up, Chief will send out a schedule. Volunteers will pick badge numbers 1456 and up. Officers will be assigned #’s 1451-1455.

Phone discount with Patriot-it is half the price of AT&T. Chief highly recommends it.

All the Chief’s staff is new except for Robert Griffin. Please come by the fire station and meet them. They will be happy to help with any training you need.

Other questions by volunteers answered:

How is the new truck? It should be here the last week of June. Squad truck is up for sale.

Jay offered to give shingle shots and other vaccinations at the July/August meetings

New T-shirts are in. The famous Seadog is back; the shirts need sorting by size.

More shorts are in.

Safety Gear: The locker is full of gear from vests to jackets to gloves, etc.; Wear it. Be sure you wear your ID and if you need anything, like a second bag for your other car, tell the chief. Don’t wear flip flops or shorts! Wear long pants, closed toed shoes; look like you belong on the scene and use common sense.

**Training: by Marion Whaley**

What to do on a crime scene when the coroner is needed:

1. Wait for directions from the I.C.
2. Tell the family member to call 911 if they haven’t, then you call 911
3. Don’t get confrontational with any family member; do your best to console, uplift; observe their mannerisms; we don’t know them or know what they can do
4. Don’t touch anything at all.
5. Crime Scene/Suicide/Homicide-STAY BACK. Let EMS, Police, Fire handle it. Marion, as Coroner will be there to conduct a joint investigation
6. You may hang around but wait outside. If you go inside, then you are part of the crime scene and most likely will be subpoenaed.
7. If there is an auto accident/drowning/accident involving injuries/death; you need to shield the body from the public, do not cover it up.
8. Observe
9. Don’t contaminate the scene-it puts you in the courtroom.
10. USE COMMON SENSE

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Kellett