

Minutes: Community Advisory Committee, January 10, 2022 (via Zoom)

Minutes: The minutes from July, 2021 and from this January, 2022 meeting will be offered for approval at the April, 2022 CAC meeting.

Four-Platoon Implementation: The new staffing model of 4 shifts, instead of 3, with 5 personnel on shift duty, including 2 paramedics, is working well and the changes have gone smoothly. Captain Cleveland does a lot of the scheduling work and the new configuration encourages personnel to plan ahead and schedule vacation time as well as working shifts.

Call Volume: There were 2,787 calls in 2021, showing an increase partly due to the fact that law enforcement was not doing welfare checks like they used to and we picked up some of those calls. It's an increase of 20% from 2020. We continue to work closely with law enforcement to determine how best to work together going forward.

Heart Monitors: Hospital District 2 has purchased, for the RFA, a state-of-the art heart monitor to be used in a medic unit, that can send key, life-saving cardiac data to doctors about a patient's condition prior to the patient's arrival at the hospital.

Assistance to Firefighter Grant: We are hoping to gain several improvements in the grant. One is to acquire a ladder truck with pump, in order to be better prepared to address structure fires in tall apartment buildings, such as the new apt. construction on the hill behind McDonalds; a second grant request is for an auto pulse, an automated device that can do the CPR chest compressions; and a third request is regional grant for SCBA compressors.

Emergency Prevention Specialist (EPS) Hiring: Abe Gardner, from the Department of Health and the Sheriff's Office, has been hired as the new EPS, beginning February. He will be helping, among other things, with non-emergency calls, and coordinating the RAP—Resource Access Program, which is a form of health resource navigation, connecting non-emergency patients to the resources they need in the larger community (the Resource Access Program).

Resource Access Program (RAP): A new team is being formed with Abe Gardner the new Emergency Prevention Specialist and some of the Authority's CRT members who will be trained to be active in the Resource Access Program—helping non-emergency patients connect with the resources they need, in the hope that this will allow proactive interventions and resource navigation for North Mason community members that are struggling with complex physical and/or social difficulties as well as reduce 911 calls that are not emergencies.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC): We welcome new members who wish to be part of the CAC, which provides a vehicle of communication between community members and the Fire Authority. We meet quarterly on the second Monday of the month at 5:00 pm, location TBA and on Zoom as well. If you are interested, please contact Commissioner Brooke Quigley for more information. bquigley@northmasonrfa.com

Next CAC Meeting: April 11, 2022, 5:00 pm, physical location TBA and also on Zoom.