

Minutes: Community Advisory Committee, September 9, 2019

Executive Assistant Search: the North Mason Regional Fire Authority is in the process of re-defining and filling our executive assistant positions. The Executive Assistant for Finance, HR and Records, Angie McCormick, is currently in place. We have reviewed applications for the second position, Executive Assistant for Policy and Programs, and hope to report on filling that position at our next meeting.

Ground Breaking at Tahuya: we had a great ceremony to break ground for the new station in Tahuya. There were approximately 60 people present. We have the construction permit in hand; the design person may be able to come to the site next Monday and we're expecting a 60-90 day completion schedule.

Emergency Management Campus: we have made many appearances at community meetings and events to talk about the bond measure and are on schedule to complete a door-to-door information campaign, handing out literature and answering questions.

50th Annual Tahuya Salmon Bake: this milestone salmon bake may have been the very best ever. There were lots of people having fun, it was great food and we had lots of excellent help (including Captain Jeromy Hicks' cooking). It was a great celebration.

Jeromy Hicks Farewell: at 2 Margaritas in Allyn, we had a nice send-off to Jeromy Hicks, thanking him for 20 years of dedicated service and wishing him all the best in the future.

Educational Advancement: We have one individual beginning Fire Academy and one individual beginning EMT classes.

Regional AFG Grant: Captain Carl Ehresman took the lead in writing a \$360,000 grant, which we received, for lift assisting (power) gurneys. These devices will help our personnel, as well as Grapeview and Union district personnel, to avoid injury to patients as they are lifted into an aid car and to avoid injury to firefighters with repeated heavy lifting of patients. This is a fantastic grant to receive and it will make a big difference in patient care and patient and firefighter safety.

Mason County Fire Marshal: Jeromy Hicks did this job one day a week for Masson County while he was employed with NMRFA. A number of qualified individuals, from different fire districts and county offices, will continue to fulfill the functions of this role for the County, including, among other tasks, fire plan reviews, fire inspections and annual inspections for schools. The Fire Chiefs Association are advisors for the process of fulfilling this role.

Next Meeting: CAC members decided there would not be a meeting in November and the next meeting will therefore be Monday January 13, 2020 at Collins Lake Station.