

Emergency Services Meeting  
West Dover Firehouse  
June 10, 2015

Present: Jeannette Eckert, Heidi Taylor, Bob Maynard, Ken March, Bob Holland

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm. Rich Werner was called away to attend another meeting.

Ken March—Fire Chief for Wilmington:

- Median age is 47 for Wilmington fire dept.
- Firefighters are compensated for calls as is West Dover; East Dover does not
- Fire Chief exclusively—but also does fire inspections with Brian Johnson
- Wilmington is only staffed by Ken during the day
- WFD does not do rescue calls; No EMT on staff
- For medical calls—does not dispatch fire apparatus; Only if DVR requests a presence
- Best way of recruiting is word of mouth; has tried to recruit through school programs in the past with little response
- Lack of interest in younger generation to volunteer; expect instant gratification for work done; lack of commitment
- People are less inclined to come out at night to answer a call
  
- Previous dept. was in Boxboro, MA
- Worked per diem shifts for 25 years on a rotating schedule
- Recently approved for full time coverage round the clock
- All firefighters were also EMT certified
- Driving force back then was per diem work which was a stepping stone to a career
- Majority of the Highway dept. personnel were also volunteer firefighters
- Volunteer service versus career fire fighter
- Best fire service is one run by its membership when they all work together

Heidi Taylor & Bobby Maynard—Deerfield Valley Rescue:

- Regarding previous OEC (outdoor emergency care) discussion with Haystack and Mt Snow
  - State will let them test at EMR level
  - DVR will push for them to get EMT level
- SVMC—potential medical opportunities in the valley

For next meeting:

- Please give some thought to who might be a good person/topic to attend future meetings
- Will look into preparing agendas for future meetings

**Adjourned at 12:57pm**

❖ **Next meeting on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary

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