

**West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
August 24, 2015**

Officers Present: Richard Werner, John Snow, Mike Hescocock, Mickey Kersten, Gary Carruthers
Also present: Recording Secretary Jeannette Eckert, Tim Dolan

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:11pm

Equipment:

- Rope Rescue drills—Drew Hazelton was supposed to attend tonight
- Consider having a bag of rigging materials all ready to go—full time firefighters do this
 - Take a photo of rigging when complete for future reference—laminate it
 - Reminder book with a list of items
- Yellow rope is fine—Drew checked it when he was here
- New ball valve is in for Engine Two
- Gas meter from Scott is on the way out
 - John was able to reset it once—think about replacing it
- Ordered more strapping—2 rolls of 300 foot lengths
- New truck inventory sheets
 - Fit these in at next drill
 - Utility truck—have not done yet
 - Officers agreed that the new tray is handy
- Engine One brakes—Rich will make appointment for service
- Tanker was taken to Stratton for coverage—used to fly up hills—doesn't have the power it used to have
- Need accurate count of hose lengths

Training/ Drills:

- Bill Shea—drills on the first Weds of Sept., Oct., & Nov.
 - Work on getting us air pack ready; gear
 - Practice with the hose—try to simulate an actual fire
 - Fire alarm class
- Fire alarm call from Greensprings—workman broke a wire
- Snow Creek fire alarm call—able to use Knox box key for the first time
 - Alarm is still going off—hasn't been re-set yet
- Seven false alarms and two lift assists in recent days

Mt Snow:

- Tim Dolan requested a fireworks permit for Mt Snow
 - Special group at the hotel – Grand Summit, Sat Nov 14 at 6pm
 - Shoot fireworks down in lower lot—across the street from the pump house
 - Hard metal fencing around the area
 - Security will be there as a second set of eyes
 - Shut down the road? Not a problem
- One WDFD concern/condition—fireworks usually occur in the winter when snow is on the hill
 - If it is dry-we would request a firetruck or couple pick-ups with water—check in with fire dept. on weather conditions the week prior to event
 - If one firecracker should go astray, follow up on it and go look where it landed

- Tim can be there for this event
- Recent fire magazine article about fireworks
 - Article stated that the person with the fireworks has the final say; is the person in charge
 - In China incident, water was put on the chemicals and started an explosion
 - How is this type of burn treated?
- Could Vinnie or another person from Atlas fireworks come to a drill and show how a typical set up is done? How we would respond to a call?
- Tim will work on getting someone to come to a drill—third Wednesday in Sept??

Tough Mudder event:

- Public Assembly permits—supposed to apply to an event with 5000 people or more who are paying admission
- Never had to do them before; is it a safety issue or a money making issue?
- Mt Snow had difficulty filling out the extensive paperwork—contact names & numbers not up to date
- Laura Sibilia is bringing it up on the State level to hopefully get a bill introduced that will make the process smoother
- Tough Mudder folks contracted with Golden Cross ambulance service rather than Deerfield Valley Rescue which caused concern; unfortunately it is within their rights to contract with whomever they want
- Doctors and nurses weren't certified in Vermont; fatalities have occurred at these events

Facebook page:

- Tim gets an update every week
- Recent photo posts have been popular

Recruitment:

- Human resources questionnaire at Mt Snow—seasonal employee people—inquire if any are certified in firefighter one or better?
- Suggest a deal where employee can live at firehouse and respond to fire calls in exchange for room—any interest in this?
- Tim will inquire

Pipeline:

- Pipeline project is moving along; hoping to have it wrapped up by 2nd week of November

Blueberry Festival:

- Rec'd a letter from Jim Dassatti regarding the Fire Dept.'s participation in the parade
 - Suggestions to increase attendance for open house
 - Possibly reroute the parade—starting from the Silo and heading south to Dover Forge
 - Suggests moving the 'touch a truck' to the grounds of Dover Forge and setting up BBQ there
 - Pass out flyers and will include in general advertising
 - Jim will look into getting the appropriate approvals
- Officers to consider doing something big every five years after the anniversary date, rather than every year, so next one would be in 2018

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

❖ **Next meeting on September 16 at 5pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary

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