

**West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
June 8, 2015**

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:06pm

Blueberry Festival:

Saturday, August 1st
Gary will not be around

Inventory

Officers will go over inventory sheets
Will then go over with firefighters & inventory trucks
Should there be some stuff on the Pick Up too?

Equipment:

Truck is up at Dingee—hopefully back in a week or two

Antique truck—has to be taken apart, should we get the pump fixed while it's apart?
Association meeting to discuss?
Officers' consensus is not to get the pump fixed

Hydrant bags—Mickey listed what is currently in them, should go over it and see what is really needed
Rich needs a hose list to order by

Training/ Drills:

May payroll has been paid-- June 10th pay date
Officers' stipends: Need to make 60% of meetings, 40% of drills/trainings, 30% of calls
20 hours outside training—not really an issue anymore as Billy Shea comes to do training here

Need to get with Billy Shea and schedule drills for July; would like to have a yearly schedule
June 17th—lift evacuation training at Mt Snow; Rich hopes for 3 hour training if not, do some ropes training
June 20-21—Billy Shea RIT training, if a building can be found to cut holes in.
Is it possible to put up a structure at the Town garage that can be used for training??

Discussed recent ropes drill—did not go well at last drill; destroyed a 200ft rope in the process
Primary function is firefighting
Trucks are well organized now—thanks to Mickey
Procedures need to be repeated on a regular basis to keep up on them until its second nature
Designate one drill a month to ropes?
Really haven't had a call for it in the last 3 years—not something that happens that much

Take one officer to be proficient in one aspect of the dept. and be able to teach others to be proficient as well
Observe Rescue Inc.'s drills and pass on the information
Do a rescue drill once a month?

Perhaps if people know what to expect at a drill, more would come
List the drills back up on the board so people will know what's coming up
Are we doing too many a month?
Try to interest people in First Responder class

Prefer two officers rather than one officer leading a drill
Either all or nothing
Need to do it right—get a commitment from a group
Each Officer should specialize in something—i.e. air packs, ropes etc.
These are volunteer positions—everyone has their own life to attend to
Look at the fact that volunteerism is down

Think on it and discuss again at next meeting

Calls: May 2015

May 3- Mutual Aid to Deerfield Valley Rescue- lift assist- Dover Green Road

May 4- Mutual Aid to Deerfield Valley Rescue- lift assist- Country Club Road

May 6- Mutual Aid to Wilmington- Brush fire- Route 9

- Mutual Aid to Deerfield Valley Rescue- lift assist- Country Club Road

May 7- Mutual Aid to Deerfield Valley Rescue- lift assist- Country Club Road

May 8- Mutual Aid to Deerfield Valley Rescue- lift assist- Country Club Road

May 9- Car accident- Dorr Fitch Road

May 15- Smoke in house as person was burning refuse in house- Dover Hill Road

May 22- False fire alarm- Snow Lake Lodge

May 28- Mutual Aid to Wilmington- house fire- Village Area

- Mutual Aid to Deerfield Valley Rescue- ATV accident- Hermitage Road

May 30- Oil in the river- Route 100

- False fire alarm- Handle Road

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm—officers remained to go over inventory sheets

❖ Next meeting on June 22 at 5pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary

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