

WEST DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS MEETING
Minutes
Monday- November 23, 2015

Officers Present: Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Gary Carruthers, Mike Hescocock, Rich Werner
Also present: Jeannette Eckert & William Shea

Call to order at 5:05 PM

I. New Business- Staffing of firehouse

- When discussing the budget with SB, suggested staffing overnight and paying a stipend
- Usually Christmas is slow period, perhaps a 7pm to 7am shift
- Also respond to first aid calls and first responder calls
- Try to get 2 people at \$100/night
- Would a quicker response result if someone was here at FH?
- Propose to give it a try and see if it works
- Have recliners to sleep in or cots—perhaps purchase a sleeper sofa
- Christmas weekend & New Year's Eve night
- Mutual aid can set up a separate station monitor—just toned out on these people only
- Rich, Mike, Mickey and Gary have at times done calls alone
- Still alarms and assists to rescue
- Have staffed overnight during Irene and Sandy storms
- Take a pickup for a rescue call, but perhaps take an engine if a fire call comes in while on a rescue call
- Only *assisting* with rescue—trying to help rescue, not doing medical
- 6 or 8 firefighters took the EMR course--Basic first aid, CPR
- Could have quicker response time in the middle of the night
- Have not worked all the bugs out yet
- Perhaps provide for a couple people that work at the mountain
- Suggest trying on Dec 26-27 for the initial attempt from 9pm to 5am
- Will ask at next drill for interested people

Officers' comments:

- Don't have a problem with it
- Don't think they should ride in ambulance
- Taking an engine, with one person?
- Can we legally do that if not rescue certified?
- Open it up to EDFD?
- Is there a way for Mt Snow or DVR to do the same thing? Assisting with fire calls
- If they learn the pumps, could split the coverage with DVR
- May discourage some of the firefighters
- When members show up at firehouse--don't cancel the call—let them go through the motions as if on a drill
- Should give it a try on a trial basis

II. Fire alarm database

- New website that will hopefully make things easier to track

- \$25.00 fee charged every two years

III. Meeting with Chief Phil from Southwestern New Hampshire Mutual Aid Dispatch –
deferred until next meeting in December

- Dispatching
- Contact with radios still seem to be sketchy
- Radio in office not working—possible power surge—need to be unplugged and reset
- Electrical problem in pick up?

IV. Meeting with William Shea from Fire Service Educators-

- 2016 Training Proposals
- Rich would like to get away from rescue stuff
- Actual bread and butter of fire attack
- Schedule weekend drill in the spring—will determine at later date
- Get out and about—prefer hands on experiences
- Current ISO rating—all over the map

Medical forms—set up physicals at Deerfield Valley Health Center

- Bill Shea brought some samples—taken from NFPA guidelines
- Doctor signs off on whether individual is able to perform the basic functions
- New Hampshire Dept. of Safety & Fire Academy-use in conjunction with NFPA
- Officers to look over all examples and discuss at next meeting—Mickey will prepare a sample

Drill Schedule 2016

- January--carbon monoxide meter and thermal imager—scavenging hunt maze
- February--SCBA
- March-- friction loss and pump review—go through each of the trucks
- April— stand pipe evolutions
 - find a place to draft in a pond—possibly behind Sawmill
- May— drafting versus hydrants
- June— multi line operations
- July--live car fires at the dump—stage an accident first
- August—hazmat
- September—ladders, chimney fires
- October—incorporate joint drill with hazmat
- November—fire alarm systems
- December--none

Keep first two December 2015 drills, cancel the third

V. Officers Concerns—none

VI. Equipment/Staff

- Personal masks—batteries need to be changed out—AAA's
- Cascade system—firm price and trade in value—Mickey
- Toilet filter changes—once a month

- Two Keurig machines are in—coffee, tea and hot chocolate
 - Paper products are organized
- Larry—pump test
- Get some \$\$ numbers on a lighted sign
- Public Assembly permits—applicants will come to officers meeting from now on to obtain approval
- File cabinets reorganized in Rich's office
 - Grants, projects, air pack bids, etc.
 - Act 250 permits
- Gas meters—Scott still works
 - Still need a four gas meter
- Need to get a handle on burning—brush only—Rick Fletcher
- Firehouse magazine article on tactics—20 tactics—very good, everyone should read it
- Fire Rescue magazine article
- 5 gallon pails with sand—keep one on each truck

Inventory:

- Ordered more small flashlights—these are not to be taken home!
- 4" storz cap
- Replaced suction hose—done
- Two extra sets of irons
- Amount of hose on each truck?

VII. Budget:

Capital plans--dates can be rearranged as to when trucks need to be replaced

- Engine 2 and ladder truck are in good shape
- Tanker does not have the power it used to have
- More money in repairs
- Using Twin State for repairs to vehicles
- Rescue Inc. Training schedules--???

❖ **Reminder—Christmas party on Dec 11th at 6pm—Let Rich know if you are coming!**

Next Officers Meeting on December 14th at 5pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

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