

West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
August 26, 2013

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Mickey Kersten, Gary Carruthers, Mike Hescocock, John Snow
Also present: recording secretary Jeannette Eckert
The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

Gear:

- New smoke machine—already ordered
- Torque specs—John is following up

- Ropes: have they been ordered?
Rich & John will order together

- Accepting new bids on gear—to be received by Oct 14th
 - Sample gear must be sent in with the bid or it will not be accepted
 - Rich reviewed gear details
 - Officers prefer khaki jacket and pants

- Automatic nozzles:
 - 190psi for 1 ¾ inch pre connects
 - 150psi for 2 ½ inch pre connects

- Foam:
 - .1-- brush, grass, trash, rubbish
 - .3—car pipe
 - 1.0—ladder pipe, vapor exposure control

50th anniversary:

- Reimbursement checks for mileage sent out
- Raffle for banner—winner: Mark Montgomery, one of the judges from NY Fire Dept.

Drills:

Sept 4th—State Hazmat

- Hoping to get Police and Hwy guys involved

Sept 11th --Gary—Ladders, Dry hydrant
Sept 18th—Billy Shea—More steep ropes and knots
Oct 2nd—Mickey—Airpack review; Billy Shea cannot make it
Oct 9th—Mickey—Airpack review with obstacle course
Oct 16th—SCBA—Billy Shea
Oct 21st—Joint drill with DVR and East Dover

Fire Prevention Week in October:

Mickey will be in charge for this:

- Spoke to John Abel & school principal Bill Anton
- Like to work up a program that can be used year after year
- Take two grades at a time

- Rich would like to see a different program for each grade
- Don't have time & man power to do each grade on its own
- Review the previous year and add something new
- Primary and Intermediate levels
 - 3 year program—A, B, C
- Handouts for each grade—looking thru catalog; also DVD's can be ordered
- Smoke room; Stop, Drop and Roll
- E Dover bring a truck up; W Dover bring the ladder truck
- Coloring contest for lower grades
 - Figure out age groupings and order supplies accordingly
- Mickey will meet with John on Wednesday to discuss
- Spoke with WW about possible donation of smoke detectors

Firefighter One class in September

- Rob Joslin and Chris Pease are signed up—start date is Sept 4th

New Applicants:

- On a motion by Gary, seconded by Mickey, the Officers unanimously voted to accept Scott Cole as a probationary member of the WDFD
- On a motion by Gary, seconded by Mickey, the Officers unanimously voted to accept Larry Desrochers as a probationary member of the WDFD

SOG review:

- Rich passed out SOG on Social Media for Officers to review
- Violations will be handled on an individual basis
- Will discuss again in September after allowing time to digest
- Repercussions for violations of SOG's?
- John will look into Two in Two out SOG and whether Back Out procedure was included
- SOG on Bunker gear? Discuss at next meeting
- Sign off sheets
 - February—SOG and pizza night
 - Packets will be handed out and signed when received and understood

Other Business:

- Vermont State Police—new search and rescue legislation in the State of Vermont
- Classes available:
 - Fireground Leadership seminar—Oct 19th Colchester, VT at St. Michael's College
 - Fireground death & injury class-- Oct 19th Green Mountain High School in Chester, VT
 - Advanced Fire Behavior Flashover at Brattleboro Fire House Oct 3rd and 5th
 - Must have current Firefighter One classification
- Rich reviewed ending budget figures with officers

- Keene parade on Oct 6th
- Weston having a fire safety open house on Sept 14th
- Jim Walker handed in his resignation

Officer's updates:

- Mike: suggest an Airport drill to familiarize with the area--November
 - Search & Rescue review
- John: Brattleboro is redoing their alarm assignments
 - Possibility of Friday & Saturday night duty crews—John will discuss at next meeting
 - Officers on call
- Keep after people about soda bottles left in trucks
- Officers & members—go through mail boxes and clean them out

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Next meeting September 9th at 5pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary