

West Dover Fire Department  
Officer's Meeting  
April 22, 2013

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Gary Carruthers, Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Mike Hescok  
Also Present: recording secretary: Jeannette Eckert; firefighters: Mike Tanguay, Teresa Snow, Ben Pike, Rob Joslin & Dale and Joe from Keene Fire Mutual Aid

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm

**Equipment:**

Viewed presentation by Dale and Joe from Keene Fire Mutual Aid from 5-7pm

- Overview of Radio functions
- Portables—how they work; on site use
- Simulcast
- Stubbs Tower—hope to correct communication problems—testing the site
- Propagation
- Directional Antennas
- Texting---need phone number and carrier name; Rich will work on getting this accomplished
  - AT&T charges to receive text messages--possible to reduce them?
- Vehicle Repeater—will verify that it is working
  
- Switch out radio from Engine 1 and swap it with another radio and see if the problem is with the radio or the wiring inside
- Repeater frequency is off; reprogram portables with regular frequency

**Reviewed sample Gear:**

First Choice Fire and Safety, LLC out of Georgia

- Lowest bidder for gear
- Officers reviewed gear sent—coat and pants
- Overall, not up to desired specs

**Training:**

Training request from Division of Fire Safety/ VT Fire Academy—Fall 2013

- Request for training forms are now being accepted; interest in hosting a training program: Firefighter one, two and combination program

**SOG's:**

Vehicle Operations Policy was reviewed and posted on April 22, 2013

Speed Limit—insurance company does not recommend

Title 23 section 1013 will be referenced

Postpone RIT—until we have more trained people

## **Other Business:**

Association meeting:

- Bylaws—clarified membership and procedures
- Proposal form only—never adopted

Discussions regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event will not take place at officers meetings anymore

- Meeting on April 25th at 6pm with Joe Kruszewski, Linda Anelli & Jim Dassatti to work out the details

Miscellaneous:

- Video available on fire prevention and youth arson setting issues: “Sean’s Story”
- Division of Fire Safety Annual Report is available for review
- Grant for dry hydrant-
  - Officers reviewed potential sites
  - Gary will review the sites and prepare the grant
- Duffy—Act 250 Permit
- Tues April 30 meeting at 7pm with Wilmington
  - Regarding Airport Act 250 Permit
  - Discuss Drill May 18 & 19 with Wilmington
- Discussed potential consequences for missing drills
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Drill—Chief Hazmat Officer for the State of Vermont--Steve Herrick
  - Change ropes drill with Drew Hazleton to June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed Officer’s concerns

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm

**Next meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert