

West Dover Fire Department  
OFFICERS MEETING  
Minutes  
Monday- February 29, 2016

Officers Present: Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Gary Carruthers, Mike Hescocock, Rick Fletcher, Rich Werner

Also present: Jeannette Eckert, Dave Moulton & Guy Lewis from Mt Snow

Called to order at 5:07 PM

**New Business-**

-Mt. Snow request from Dave Moulton & Guy Lewis to review/comment on new fire program

- In 2013, talked with the FD about putting dialers on all the buildings
- Needed a letter from the Town if we didn't want the first call to go to FD
- Continued with first call to FD but had issues with false alarms
- Dialers have been disconnected in the interim
- Designate 10 first responders who are able to cancel calls

**Mount Snow Fire Prevention Program** (Draft Appendix E to Fire Program—see attached)

- Purpose is to provide prompt response and assessment of fire alarms and system trouble indications by trained Fire Safety Responders. The West Dover Fire Dept. has given permission for Mount Snow to select and train up to 10 employees who may respond to and assess fire alarm incidents on resort property and are authorized to determine if Fire Dept. response is needed
- Identify a list of responders: security personnel, maintenance personnel, electrical personnel, overnight front desk staff
- Training for key people—3-hour training conducted; annunciator panels; scenarios on the alarm system; evacuating the building; evaluate the situation and give fire dept. information; what the responsibilities are, understanding the alarm system; smoke & heat detectors; resetting pull stations—all types
- Consider stipend or bonus for Mt Snow employees that agree to do this—mini fire brigade—get paid for fire calls as well
- Responsibility is critical for overnight guest quarters
- How do we identify the person calling Keene? *Need to establish this*
- Would be using employees that are already at the mountain on day shift or night shift
- Would start as a list of responders, then encourage those that are interested in joining the fire dept. to do so
- After 5pm when things start to close down, won't have 10 responders available but at least one security person, one front desk person, one hotel employee on night shift
- Full time, year round people—used to responding quickly
- Desire a more uniform way of responding
- Moving forward to make this a better program
- Train employees to respond and assist with a fire call

Fire Dept. comments:

- WDFD's insurance company states we must attend all alarm calls—if we get called, we have to respond

- Whatever we do, insurance carrier has to be comfortable with it
- Do not want to become an automatic dialer
- How will we know if we need to respond or not?
- Mt Snow could assign 10 people to assess and respond to fire alarm incidents and are authorized to determine if fire dept. response is needed
- Would still send someone from WDFD up to confirm either way
- Would like to attend one of Mt Snow's trainings and have Mt Snow come to FD training
- Work out something with Mt Snow regarding false alarms & participation with the FD—perhaps other businesses too—no charge for false alarms
- Would welcome the eight or ten responders to drills—to prepare these people for assisting at calls when they can
- Most false alarms happen during the day; not that many at night
- Appreciate Mt Snow's attention to this
- Come back 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May with an update

### Old Business-

-Questions on previous minutes- 02/08/16 Minutes--none

-Larry Feldstein—March 16<sup>th</sup> drill

-ANR- what can be burned- follow up by Richard-- spoke with Tim McNamara @ANR  
Town can require permits year round; there are 5 depts. at ANR whose policies contradict each other; a municipal ticket can be issued for illegal burning; no backyard trash burning—take pictures of any calls on this-work on getting a camera, document the incidents; Some towns outlaw *all* burning even brush

- Inventory of trucks- review program- last trucks

- Everything done except rescue equipment on Utility truck
- Will work on Pick up truck
- Air packs will be flow tested on April 7

-SCBA / Medical form, Rich will get it to Health Center

-Recruitment and Retention- held over from last meeting--defer

-Winch on Four Wheeler- Mike H--defer

-Carbide chains for chain saws- Mike H--defer

-Pike pole for Ladder 1- Mickey and John-- give Rich the item number to order

-Equipment labels- Richard

-Task Force Training- info on second desk in Chiefs Office

- Rich will select a few

-E-mail sheet to all firemen—most have been updated

-Compressor/ Booster—print out from Rich for review—may want to take another look at purchasing a booster after all

-Ladder repairs—stickers and heat sensor labels are in—booklet with instructions on proper placement

-Furnace proposal

- Sealed proposal from Guy Nido was opened at meeting
- Estimate to replace existing boiler and 80-gallon domestic water tank --\$26,500
- Will need to get three bids

-New Recording Secretary—Jeannette will be stepping aside as recording secretary in order to devote more time to other aspects of her job. Becky Stone has been hired to take minutes for Select board, DRB and Fire Dept. Officers meetings. Her first FD meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup>.

-Training- Windham County- Firefighter 1

- Will take place on May 12, 2016
- See if **Tim Dolan** or anyone else is interested

-Training- Southern Vermont Regional Fire School- North Clarendon, Vermont

- Mickey & John—interested in attending trainings
- See if others are interested in attending
- Share with the group what you've learned after attending

- 2006 Letter to Andy at Greensprings

- Fire hydrants hook ups
- Forwarded to John Densmore—awaiting his response
- Consider keeping files on each of the condo developments in file cabinet—reorganize!

-Tier II reports:

- Stubbs Tower

- Suburban Propane

- “Jurisdictional installation” applies to where tanks are serving multiple units
- Jeannette will send letter to Suburban Propane regarding their request for a site visit—FD is available on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

- 7-11

- Max. occupancy set at 35 on tier two report for 7-11—**Rich needs to check on this**

-Compasses/ GPS

- Purchase 1 dozen compasses? *Yes*
- Not ready to buy a bunch of GPS but should have at least one on hand? —*not yet*

Alcohol wipes—Rich will order

Beginning of drills—early arrivals; Try to stay on schedule and keep on time

Leonard Hall—Assistant fire warden needs to be reappointed

- Would like to continue in the position. Expires June 30, 2016

### **Training-**

-Firehouse Magazine- "A New Skill Set" -- focus on younger generation  
"Engine Company-Initial Attack" --

-SLICE-RS- [www.youtube.com/watch?V=80ysec2fme](http://www.youtube.com/watch?V=80ysec2fme)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82OJqcftNVg> - talks about Tactical considerations

**February Fire Calls-**

February 5- False Fire Alarm- Route 100  
February 6- False Fire Alarm- North Access Road  
February 9- Car slid off of road- Route 100  
-False Fire Alarm- Greensprings Road  
February 11- Assist Ambulance- Butterfield Road  
February 12- CO Monitor Sounding- Route 100  
- Car slid off of road- Handle Road  
February 13- False Fire Alarm- Route 100  
February 14- False Fire Alarm- Tanglewood Lane  
February 15- Structure Fire- Hermitage Road  
- Car slid off road- Route 100  
February 17- CO Monitor sounding-Kingswood-  
February 18- CO Monitor sounding- Snow Tree Lane  
February 19-Assist Ambulance- Edwards Village Loop  
February 20- False Fire Alarm- Margit Ridgeway Road  
-False CO call- Stugger Road  
-Motor Vehicle Accident- Valley View Road  
February 21- False Fire Alarm- Shannon Ridge Road  
February 23- Motor Vehicle Accident- Route 100  
February 25- Flooded Basement- Wilmington-  
February 27- False Fire Alarm- Route 100  
February 28- False Fire Alarm- North Access Road

Next Meeting- March 14, 2016 at 5pm

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:03pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

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