

West Dover Fire Department
OFFICERS MEETING
Minutes
February 8, 2016

Officers present: Rich Werner, Gary Carruthers, Mickey Kersten, John Snow & Mike Hescock
Also present: Jeannette Eckert

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm

Old Business:

Medical forms are all set

Forest fire gear—Association funding—frivolous purchase?
When was the last time we needed brush fire gear?
Officers consensus—no need to purchase

Larry Feldstein—3rd drill on March 16th

ANR on burning—still waiting on information

New rope tray on Engine 1? Decided Utility truck was the better place

Inventory –plan as part of the drill next Wed—go through all the trucks

- Lists for Engine 2 and Ladder truck completed
- Hydrant valve in place of 4" storz

Officer's actions at Fire Drills

- Name tags—shown how to make them—let's get these done
- Update gear rack
- Make sure we are always busy doing something...

Newbrook added to our run cards for 2nd alarms—manpower only unless we need more trucks

SCBA quotes

- \$7-8000 for the booster—added to tanks not the system
- Need an electrician to install plug
- No trade in value
- Serviced once a year—have not had an issue with it
- Compressor works fine but maxing it out every time
- If purchased should like to see it in Utility truck
- Currently have two bottles for every air pack; twice as many air packs as people to use them
- Everything seems to be working fine
- Not running out at the scene---more than just our bottles being filled
- Don't see us spending a lot of money on this
- 3-4 hours to fill bottles at the station
- Wait on it for another year? Yes

New Business:

Notice from Ford—severe steering wheel oscillations; severe shimmy in trucks; maintain appropriate tire pressure to eliminate

Fail Safe bid

- Hard suction hose testing--\$25.00 a length
- Problem with drafting—due to problems with the hoses?
- Nozzle testing
- Ground ladder and aerial testing—discount the more trucks to test
- Pump testing—schedule 20 trucks from around the area to make it worthwhile

Refreshments—Farrell is the new distributor for drinks for cooler

Catalog to go through—let Rich know

Purchase on our own? If so, receipts need to go to Bob Edwards—he has a mailbox at FH

Building capital plan

- Replace furnace every 20 years?
- Roof should be done this spring—new RFP went out
- Building is almost 25 year's old
- Nido recommends two smaller furnaces
- Hot water tank—won't use as much oil to fire it up
- Leave as is for now
- Engine 1 is a 2008 model
- Carpeting is showing some wear in spots
- Items can be moved forward on capital plan as needed

Firefighter One—first aid class—got almost everyone in

Ladder testing results

- New heat sensors
- Dirty, stiff to operate
- Next few drills—pull ladders down, clean them up
- 10-foot attic ladder-signs of wear on rungs & rails; dirty
- Labels are peeling
- 35-foot extension ladder—heat sensor is expired
- Certification for the ladder after truck is serviced
- Pike pole on the tip of the ladder? Range between 12 and 16 feet
- Look into which one to purchase for next Officers meeting

January 2016 Fire Calls

January 1- Chimney Fire/ Structure Fire Valley View Road

CO detector-

January 2- Chimney Fire- Ahmeek Road

January 3- Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
January 6- Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
January 7- Assist Rescue- Valley View Road
False Fire Alarm- Stugger Road
January 8- False Fire Alarm- Mt. Snow Road
January 10- Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
January 11- False Fire Alarm- Margit Ridgeway Road
January 12- Structure Fire- Summit Meadows
-Cover Truck- Wilmington
January 15- Car Accident- Dorr Fitch Road
January 16- False Fire Alarm- Blue Brook Road
January 21- Odor investigation- Route 100
January 23- Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
-Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
-False fire alarm- Snow Tree Lane
January 24- Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
-Rubbish fire- Mountain View Loop
-Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
January 25- Assist Rescue- Country Club Road
-False Fire Alarm- Route 100
-False Fire Alarm- Route 100
January 30- False Fire Alarm- Blue Spruce Lane

Trainings and Drills:

Incident reports & Training reports updated with current list of firefighters and rescue personnel
Need to update emails and cell phones—if you are not receiving Officer’s meeting minutes please let
Jeannette know at dvradmin@sover.net

Bob Maynard—1st drill on March 2nd pumps and friction loss
Drew Hazelton –2nd drill on March 9th
Larry Feldstein—3rd drill on March 16th

Task Force 1—Ronald Richards—would like the WDFD to host one or more programs in 2016
Numerous training programs to choose from
If we sponsor a class, they will give us 3 free spots in the class

Membership:

On a motion by Mickey Kersten, seconded by John Snow, the Officers unanimously agreed to make Christopher Brooks a probationary member

Officers concerns:

Mickey

- Winch on 4 wheeler—Mike was to check on it
- Equipment labels—low on some of them
- Low on stickers for Engine 1

Mike

- Mutual aid --get back to us on pagers? Rich will check into it
- *Base station is fixed*
- *Dual head radio in Engine 1 up high*
- *Broken and loose antennas found on two trucks*

Gary

- Staffing for this weekend?
- Suites at Snow Mountain Village have pull stations?
- *Yes, several places in town have them: Greensprings, Glen Run also*

John

- Sharpener—worked on chain saws—has a smaller version sharpener that can be donated to FH
- Task force training--tactics on active shooters? Would be interested in such a class
- *Usually done in schools and public buildings; our public buildings are easy to surround if needed; school has spent a year finalizing emergency management plan—will do a run through sometime in February*

Overnights this coming weekend

- Friday 12th-- Rich & Rob
- Saturday 13th—Gary and Ben or Larry
- Sunday 14th—John and Theresa

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm

Officers remained until 7:30pm reviewing how the printer and copier works, how to print forms, and where many items that the fire department may need are located

Next Meeting- February 22, 2016 at 5pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

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