

West Dover Fire Department
OFFICERS MEETING
Minutes
January 11, 2016

Officers present: Rich Werner, Gary Carruthers, Mickey Kersten, Rick Fletcher, John Snow & Mike Hescoek

Also present: Jeannette Eckert

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm

Overnight at Firehouse

- What should we do going forward?
- For those not on duty, it was good to know that they didn't have to go out at night
- Continue to man the FH this coming weekend—Friday and Saturday nights, Jan 16 & 17
- Mickey will be the Officer on call
- Will ask at Wednesday's drill for volunteers

Equipment:

Verizon right to know information is available regarding their cell sites

Rotate the radios in the trucks to maintain the batteries

Rec'd all the invoices from Twin State for vehicle maintenance

Gas meters--laminated sheets on instructions for use—Glenn is not a dealer so cannot get a demo

Trainings and Drills:

This Wednesday's drill is for wilderness/trail rescue participants—propose scenario on Valley Trail

Old Business:

Medical forms—Mickey will scan and email a final version

- Officer's reviewed form and are in agreement for its use
- Meant for those who don't get physicals on a regular basis
- Rich will work on getting Larry Feldstein back for a drill

Mike and Rich will visit with Newfane officers on Tuesday at 6:30pm regarding RIT training

Burn permits—burn brush and brush only; no construction material; nothing more than 6" in diameter

- Rick will get official state regulations on it
- ANR air pollution issue
- Need to be consistent on reporting violations—need to find out what our responsibilities are
- Town Clerk is still waiting for the burn permit booklets—Rick will check into it

Recruitment—held meetings over the summer to address ways to increase membership

- Ideas for getting assistance among town employees
 - Hwy crew was a big help with Edwards Village fire
- Consider stipend at first, chance to earn some extra money
- What else can we do?
- Man the firehouse year round every weekend? Or six months out of the year?
- Make the drills & fire calls and the member is guaranteed money each month
- Will firefighters lose interest? Suggest just manning it on holiday/busy weekends

- Like the idea but not year round—maybe more than just holidays—Tough Mudder, Foliage season etc.

Fire Calls for December

December 1- Edwards Village Loop- structure fire

- Stratton- car accident- assist with traffic

December 2- Route 100- someone thought propane was leaking from a tank

December 7- Black Pine Lane- false fire alarm-

December 15- Wilmington- mutual aid- structure fire

December 21- Country Club Road- assist subject who had fallen

December 24- Hermitage Road- heat detectors tripped

December 25- Valley View Road- false fire alarm

December 26- Tenon Lane- structure fire

Route 100- assist at a car accident

December 27- Hermitage Road- false fire alarm

-Handle Road- false fire alarm

December 28- Handle Road- false fire alarm

December 29- Kingswood Road- false fire alarm

December 31- Tanglewood Lane- false fire alarm

Cross Town Road- false fire alarm

Country Club Road- assist subject who had fallen

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Next Meeting- January 25, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

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