

West Dover Fire Department  
Officers Meeting  
Minutes  
March 13, 2017

Officers Present: Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Rich Werner, Mike Hescocock

Also Present: Recording secretary Tim Dolan

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

- Firehouse floors – have money budgeted this year
  - Concrete starting to pit in garage
    - Epoxy? Would seal well
    - Rubber tiles? About \$32k
    - Like to get it done in early July when trucks can be left outside overnight
- Mickey will put keys into new Knox boxes around town
- Should we get a Knox box key release in Engine 1?
  - Worth looking into paddlelocks at certain locations that can use different departments keys
- Ladder truck training on Wednesday March 15- Postponing to March 22
- Butterfield Correction- only 1 hour ratings on the stairwells & residency's
- Fire Fighter I or II- 8 people on list, only 1 got fully recertified
  - 1 had hours but no CPR
  - Can get hours still, but they can't go to this year and last, one or the other
- Verizon Tier 2 report about the batteries in all their building
- Snow Vida hydrant – hadn't been able to get water out of it
  - Landed helicopter there as test to get approval for helipad
  - Rich asked for hydrant to be fixed in order to approve helipad
  - Has been fixed, but water doesn't flow great- need to test at a future drill
- Service years plaques are in
- 10 year report of false alarms – most occurrences:
  - Greensprings 42
  - Seasons Condo 35
  - Snow Tree 30
  - Timber Creek 29
  - A lot of others in the 12-20 range
- Getting more people involved- good article in EMS World about mixed departments
- Fire Island FD – summer vacation area off Long Island
  - "100 days" season
  - Light training requirements for exterior training
  - 72 members with 72 sets of gear, most members during summer
  - Get very good turnout during that busy time

- Rob Joslin won online a free training class– “Surviving the Insult “ by FETC Services
  - May 17 at WDFD
  - All area departments welcome
- Auto defibrillators
  - Get 3? Utilities 1 & 2 and Engine 1
  - Would be used for fireman if ambulance not onsite
  - Ask Association to buy. Some may already have been approved, will check with Dave M.
- Buy stop signs outlined with LED blinking lights for traffic control situations?
  - Use VLCT grant
  - Mickey will research them
- New CO meter – had trouble at Bears Crossing last week, consistent reading inside & outside
  - Needs fresh air calibration if malfunctioning – instructions in compartment on Engine 1 with meter
- Ordered a grease gun for on demand chains, on work bench
  - Need to start exercising the chains regularly
- Twin State came and looked at Engine 1
  - Blown air conditioner line
  - To be repaired in the spring
    - Will rotate all trucks through at this time so everything can be checked out
- Lost Snowshoer on March 12
  - Activated rescue group & notified state police
  - Rescue went very well, good navigation
    - Were able to quickly figure out that 911 coordinates didn't match up with callers story
  - Will add Bears Crossing trail map to map book
  - Possibly bring Utility 1 in future to use radio repeater
  - [Deerfield Valley News article](#)
- Ben Joyce – Member application voted on and unanimously approved
- Light Permit for Chris Brooks - Mickey motion, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> – Unanimously approved
- Fire Tech – Wants to come in and do flow test on air packs, Mickey will schedule
- January Calls
  - Seasons Condo- toaster oven fire, put out by residents using extinguisher, toaster oven removed
- February Fire Calls
  - Beginning of month busy and then very few after the 20<sup>th</sup>
  - CO call on Antler loop- had police come onsite before entering using found key. Right thing to do, no question about the entry
    - If forced entry needed for calls, do as little damage as possible and document it
    - Owners will be billed if no key-holder available

FIRE CALLS FOR THE WEST DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
January 2017

January 1- Heritage Drive- assist ambulance

- Edwards Village Loop- electrical smell

January 4- Route 100- motor vehicle accident

January 7- Sommerset- assist Rescue with snowmobile accident

January 8- Wardsboro- cover truck

-Handle Road- car accident- no injuries or issues for us

January 12- Tannery Road-false fire alarm

January 14- Greensprings Road- false fire alarm

January 15- Wilmington- mutual aid- first alarm

January 21-Overbrook Drive- CO detector due to closed flue

January 22- Daniels Way- false CO detector sounding

January 27- Lodge Lane- false fire alarm

January 28- Stugger Road- false fire alarm

-Route 100- motor vehicle accident

January 29- North Access Road- dumpster fire

FIRE CALLS FOR THE WEST DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
February 2017

February 4- CO Call- Antler Loop

- Mutual Aid, house fire- Wilmington
- Steam from sauna- Hermitge Road
- False fire alarm- 3 Trails Side Village Way-

February 5- Cover truck- East Dover Fire

February 11- False fire alarm- Antler Loop

February 12- Odor investigation-Sunne Village

- Chimney Fire- Dorr Fitch Road
- Structure Fire- Seasons Drive

February 13- CO Investigation- Boulder Ridge Road

- Assist Rescue- Route 100-

February 15- False Fire Alarm- Seasons Drive

February 17- False Fire Alarm- Stone Ridge Loop

- Odor investigation- Route 100
- CO meter sounding-Greensprings Road

February 18- False fire alarm- Ego Alley

February 20- False fire alarm- Snow Tree Lane

- False fire alarm- Northbrook Village Way
- Structure fire- Northbrook Village Way

February 22- false alarm- Tannery Road