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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2012

Chiefs: Call, Eppler, Landry
HSO: Hammick
Captains: Goric, Landry, Lavoie, Maguda, McKinney, Muniz, Sereby, Shepard
Lieutenants: Avarista
Firefighter: Robertson
Ambulance: Gauthier
Communications: Fisher
Engineer: Mylek
Fire Police: Konarski
Special Members: Carpenter, Galley, Hahn, Marth

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chief William Call. Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Robertson) to accept the April Staff Meeting Minutes.

Training Report:

- Propane facility tour was completed prior to this meeting with Captains.
- Training Minutes attached.
- May Drill Schedule will follow.
- Review of Vernon Trails are being researched and more info will follow.
- The drill following Memorial Day will be held on Tuesday, May 29th.
- June Fire School email was sent.
- Live Fire Suppression Weekend email was sent.
- EMT/MRT Refreshers are coming. There is no reimbursement available to the members.
- Driver qualification for Trailering is being reviewed.

- Fireworks operational plan will be available next month. It is being modified.

Administration Report:

- Feedback has been received on how to improve morale. Information is being gathered and will be presented next month.
- Issues with Officers/interview process were discussed. Captains are reminded that two classes per term are required in order to be eligible to run for Captain. No reimbursement is available at this time. June Fire School is coming. Online classes qualify.
- Chief Call discussed liabilities and responsibilities to protect the officers. It is mandatory that we have the Training Records, Target Safety and bi-yearly evaluations that are needed for ISO audit.

Membership:

New:

Fremont Gauthier

Reinstatement:

Marc Barton

Resignation:

Jason Cormier
Rob Talty

Junior:

Morgan Wells - Application needs to be found. She is welcome to observe and will be able to train with the next class. Steve Augustus will contact her.

Retirement:

Ken Kalos has retired from the department. Chief Call requests that equipment is returned. A replacement for this position will be sought.

LOA:

Don Westcott has returned from LOA.

Health & Safety:

- The Budget has been completely shut down by the Mayor. No physicals or spending until after 7-1-2012.
- When performing overhaul duties following structure fires, clearance is needed before members can remove SCBA apparatus.
- Per NFPA eye protection is mandatory for all members. Email will follow.

- Grant funds from 2010 have been expended. There was \$35,000 remaining. \$5,000 can be spent to purchase more approved items from the grant. AED's will be purchased. Training Programs are being reviewed. Dept. CPR renewal mannequins/training manuals for \$11,500 is being pursued. \$17,300 rehab inflatable tents are also being researched.

OEM:

- May Report is attached.

Communications:

- By mid week Captain Radios from Station 4 & T-541 are needed for reprogramming. Captains will be receiving new radios.
- Alpha paging is not working.
- CAD page is not working.
- ET-241, T-541 & R-641 Knox Boxes are not working. They need to be re-programmed
- R-141 is out of service. It was not toned out by TN in error. Other TN toning issues were reported and should be documented in writing to Chief Call.

Chief Engineer:

- John reviewed road rules for apparatus. For Ambulance emergency response, the rule of 10 mph over the posted speed limit is allowable. No lights/siren responses are required to adhere to posted speed limits.
- Trucks must stop for red lights, slowing down is not acceptable. Trucks must stop at intersections; you cannot assume that people see you coming.
- Caution is needed when approaching a rotary. People do not know how to react to an emergency vehicle in a Rotary.
- Drivers are not to drink beverages or eat while driving apparatus.
- Final specs for pumpers are available if anyone wishes to view. Rescue is under construction. Trucks will follow soon. Electronic viewing of the build process is available to the members.

Technology:

- Station 241 power issue was discussed.
- UPS units will be pursued after July 1st.
- Let Dave know if there are any issues.
- ET 141 Bay Office TVFD documentation folder is not working.
- Central Supply PC also has an issue. Dave will look at it tonight.

Uniforms:

- Cory Lafontaine has assumed Chairperson duties of the Uniform Committee.
- Members should visit Paul Jackson if Hash Marks are needed for their uniforms.

Old Business:

- Air equipment has not been received and should be coming soon.
- For Water Supply 1,000 feet of hose is needed between pumpers. 1,200 feet of new hose will be placed on each pumper.
- Firehouse Software will be discussed at the Tolland County Meeting.
- ID Cards update needs to be given to Chris. Junior Members need department ID's for a June Field Trip to New York City. Capt. Goric will get them here next Monday for photos.
- Helmet Shields status was requested. Dave Goric will check a recent mail shipment.
- Lifetime Membership status per the by-laws can be voted at a regularly scheduled Department Meeting. By-Law differentiation needs to be made between lifetime member & retired member. If a member completes 20 years of service they qualify for Retired status. The Board of Firefighters should review this section. Clint Marth should be contacted for a meeting.

New Business:

- The budget has passed.
Pay has increased to the pre-tax amounts.
Additional \$1,000 for uniforms is included.
\$100,000 for a new Ambulance has been approved.
- Fail Safe will be conducting Hose Testing in Tolland on May 17th. Tolland has gone to 5" hose and will be delivering approx 3,000-4,000 feet of 4" hose to us. Two engine companies are requested to go to Tolland for testing – please let Chief Call know who will attend. All remaining apparatus will hose test on May 18th here in town. Additional members (5-6) will be needed to assist on the 18th.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- CT Water Company maintenance project is being conducted. Contact them when hydrants are being used. See attached.
- Resource List from TN is attached. It is recommended that it be retained in the apparatus. Additional corrections will follow. Let Jack Fisher know if there are any other changes.

- Parade List is attached.
- Peter Orłowski is being asked to assist Zane Pearson with the Web page project. Kathleen and Tami will no longer be on this project.
- Fireworks changes are being made due to larger shells being used. Further discussion will be held in June. The display will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd.

Correspondence:

- Thank you card was received from Trudy for flowers sent and our support given during the passing of former member Joe Paniczko.
- Letter of thanks has been received from the Superintendent of Schools for our assistance at the 4/26 school bus accident.

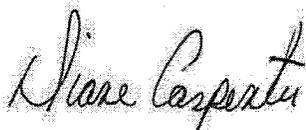
Upcoming Events:

- Junior Members will go to New York City on June 16th for a fire suppression tour @ Norwegian Cruise line.
- E-441 June 2 Boston Trip.
- ET-541 Mothers Day Flower Sale

Good & Well Being: None

Motion to adjourn was made/seconded (Lavoie/Avarista) @ 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary