



TOWN OF VERNON

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2015

Chiefs: Call, Eppler, Landry
Captains: Andresen, Lucas, Robertson, Shepard, Solito, Tautic
Lieutenant: Dube, Orlowski
Engineer: King
Ambulance: Gauthier
Communications: Fisher
Fleet Mgmt: Westcott, Robinson
Fire Police: Fluckiger
Special Members: Carpenter, Galley

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New Building Official for the Town of Vernon, Karl Schiessl (effective July 20, 2015) was introduced. He can be reached at the following numbers: Town Cell Phone: 860-978-0953, Personal Cell Phone: 860-690-0510. For major incidences have him called via TN. He lives in Newington and will respond as needed. Please call him to discuss incidences if an immediate response is questioned. His email is: kschiessl@vernon-ct.gov.

The meeting was called to order @ 1912 by Chief, William Call. Motion was made/seconded (Fluckiger/Shepard) to accept the minutes from the July 6, 2015 meeting.

TRAINING REPORT:

- Training Committee Minutes from 7/16/15 are attached. The next meeting will be August 20th. Live Burn is hopefully going to be held September 26th. Confirmation will follow.
- August Staff Meeting Report is attached.
- August Drill Schedule is attached.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT – A/C Landry:

- Blue Light Permit forms are due tonight.

MEMBERSHIP:

Transfer:

Cory LaFontaine ET 441 - ET 341

Company Assignments Training Class (Captains are asked to contact after Wed)

Nicholas Bartos - already assigned ET141
Tom Bilodeau - ET141
Larry Bradford - ET441
Andre Lisee - E441
Joshua Lisk - ET 441
Kevin Lukas - E441
Jon Miller - ET 241
Spencer Padget - ET 141
Ron Russo - ET341

HEALTH & SAFETY:

- Medical Review – see attached. Physicals must be completed. Structurally qualified individuals will have stickers on their helmets. The HSO is requested to provide captains with a list of who needs physicals. Also, please verify schedule (every 2 years depending on age?). Please include appropriate NFPA, OSHA Standards for members review.

FIRE MARSHAL: See attached.

- Dan Wasilewski is a part time Deputy Fire Marshal now.
- Loom City - Fire Control Panel will be located on the “B” side of building. It is completely sprinklered. An October Open House is being planned.

EMD: Not present; however the following items were submitted.

- Local emergency operations plan
- Community partnership opportunities
- Mass notification system
- C.E.R.T. team update provided by Brian Gay (Team Leader)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- One of the UPS systems at Fox Hill failed during the last week of July causing 3 repeater systems to fail. The UPS has been by-passed for now until a replacement can be purchased.
- A report of a wireless headset failure in Rescue 441 was reported but on checkout no problems with the unit was found.
- ET 441 reported a problem with the portable charger in the apparatus and has since been replaced.
- Tower 141 reported a problem with their wireless headset. The unit has been shipped back to the factory for repair.
- Pagers for new members need to be assigned.

FLEET MGMT:

- James will take truck checks if anyone has them.
- ET-341 has a spring issue. There are also concerns about ET-241 that also had a spring problem. James was asked to contact Dwight to discuss.
- ET-541 Pump to road transfer valve is still leaking. The onboard compressor is very hot. This needs to be looked at.
- There is a new vendor coming into town August 24-28 with a pump unit to complete pump testing. They will also do ladder testing at that time.
- Hose testing will be pursued soon.
- ET-241 primer is not working.
- ET-441 fuel gauge needs fixing.
- T-541 odometer is broken.

TECHNOLOGY:

- AVG has been removed on all PC's. A new firewall has been installed.
- UPS batteries are needed for Station 641.
- Spare UPS is available. Let Dave know if anyone needs it.
- 4-5 PC's have been ordered. Windows 7 Pro is the choice for desk top machines. We are not going to Windows 10 at this time.
- Fiber is going to be installed in stations later this year. Phones will be replaced and internet connectivity will be linked.
- Fire alarm systems for Stations 1 & 4 are planned. How will that interact with VOIP?

CENTRAL SUPPLY/UNIFORMS:

- Class A & C Fitting will be held on 8/11 @ 6:30 – 8:30 Station 641 with Paul Jackson.
- Coats are available for several members who needed hash marks. Captains can pick up jackets and return to members.
- Jack Regier from Shipmen's will be at the PSB Wednesday, August 5 at 1800. Those with torn gear must see Dave Goric.

- Chief Call informed of publications being released about the health hazards for gear exposed to firefighting. Practices need to change regarding the placement of gear, cleaning of gear, etc. Cancer exposure is increasing from exposed gear.

SCBA:

- Training for the new air packs need to be scheduled for those companies that are receiving them.
- Asset tags are needed on the 15 new air packs and cylinders
- The three companies receiving the new packs need to be scheduled for fit testing.
- Recruit class members need to be fit tested
- The fit test machine needs to be sent out for re-calibration at the end of August.
- Thanks were given for successful submission of SCBA sheets.
- A special thanks was given to the 12 members who helped move Bolton air equipment to our stations.

CHAPLAIN: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- One gallon metal safety cans have been ordered for every vehicle that is in possession of a plastic container. Transfer the contents and discard the plastic container in the dumpster. Members should work with Jr. Gauthier.
- Disposable safety glasses will be housed on apparatus for extrications, etc. Ear protection has also been purchased.
- Jean Gauthier is the EMS Coordinator for the Town of Vernon Fire Department. Jean or Clint should be contacted for medical supplies. OEMS licenses are needed for units carrying oxygen. Review should be made for the Rescue App. Jean was asked to work on this. Captains should prepare a list of all EMT/EMR members and provide to Jean. An email will follow.
- Captain Robertson corrected the painting on fire hydrants that were recently altered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- State Convention – See attached. The Convention will be held in Beacon Falls & R-141 will attend. If another unit would like to attend, send notification to the Chief within a week.
- Payroll will be due next month. New electronic payroll sheet will be distributed. Captains are asked to take non-members off the list.
- No new word on LOSAP changes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Kids Safety Event – McDonalds on 89 Talcottville Rd. on 8/11, 8/12, or 8/13 from 5-7 PM. ET-141 & R-141 will attend. Capt. Muniz is requested to attend also. Chief Call will verify date.
- Retirement recognition for Smokey Dreher, August 18th, at 1900, Town Hall Council Chambers. Uniform attire is requested. Retirement/Thank You cards have been distributed to Captains. Please have members sign the card @ company meetings and return to Diane's mailbox @ Station 641 prior to the event. Special gift ideas are also being sought. Please contact Diane with suggestions (860) 268-7693.
- National Night Out will be held on 8/4/15 beginning @ 1700. Class C Uniforms requested.

Motion was made/seconded (Galley/Dube) to adjourn the meeting at 2100.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary