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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2016

- Chiefs: Call, Eppler, Landry
- HSO: Hammick
- Captains: Andresen, Lucas, Maguda, McKinney, Muniz, Robertson, Shcpard, Solito
- Lieut: Arel, Bush, Dube, Hampton, Magnotta, Manseau, C. Pearson, Prue, Schambach, St. John, Thibodeau, Williams
- Communications: Fisher
- Ambulance: Gauthier
- Fire Marshal: Libros
- Fleet Mgmt: Westcott, Robinson
- Fire Police: Konarski
- Jr. Advisor: Colt
- Special Members: Carpenter, Galley

The meeting was called to order @ 19:05 by Chief William Call. Motion was made/seconded (Solito/Eppler) to accept the minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting.

Chief Call's official last day as Chief is June 30th. He gave thanks to those who have worked hard for this department. He hopes to still be involved with the department in some form, but it is unknown at this time. He was given the opportunity to fill a full time Deputy Fire Marshal position in the town.

Stan Landry is stepping down as Assistant Chief effective July 1st. He is not doing this based on the current chief changing or possibility of future chiefs, but for personal reasons. He wishes to continue in the dept. and get involved in firefighting duties again. He continues to support whoever is in charge of this department. It is important that members do the same and continue to support the Fire Department. Members are encouraged to ask any questions that they may have.

TRAINING REPORT:

- Training Committee Minutes from 4/21/16 are attached. The next meeting will be May 19th, 19:00, Station 641.
- May Staff Meeting Report is attached.

- May Drill Schedule is attached.
- Sunday Day Drill will be Sunday, May 15, 10:30 at Station 441. Drill topic will be low angle rescue.
- 6 members have completed the validation process for UTV Trailer Qualification.
- DQ class has started with 7 members.
- Community CPR classes are scheduled for the Spring.
- June fire school – there are still a few openings.
- Apparatus drivers are asked to reply what apparatus they believe they have been qualified to drive. This is the first step in validating driver qualifications specifically for cross-trained apparatus.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT – A/C Landry:

- Rockville High School mock crash Wednesday, May 4, 2016, from 09:00-10:30.
- Reminder Blue Light Permits need to be submitted on updated forms *electronically*. It is located on the Captains document folder.

MEMBERSHIP:

New:

- Rejoin
 - Ron Scussel – ET-241.
 - Matt Isham
- Transfer
 - Shawn Clere - Fire Police
 - Jeff Hill - Fire Police
- LOA
 - Sean Hadden (medical)
 - Kevin Lukas (medical)
- Return from LOA
 - Dennis Camp - Training
- Resignation
 - Lily Andrault - Training
 - Sylvie Bousquet - Jr - terminated, not showing up
 - Mike Deszo - FP
 - Marlon Portillo - Training

HEALTH & SAFETY: Hammick

- There are no funds for physicals. They may resume after July 1, 2016.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- The Cancer Bill raised by the professional firefighter unions is in the legislature approval process. It was proposed that funding be through the tele communicator fund, which was not highly favored. Language has been cleared about making a claim and has settled a hold between the volunteers and paid firefighters. This bill does not cover Workers' Comp., however, supplements pay for those having qualifying cancer. Extensive documentation is needed to show that cancer was contracted through firefighting activity. More to follow.
- Talcottville Mill is still going through remediation. The water company is planning a 12" main from Hartford Tpke to Main Street.
- AT&T / Starbucks construction is still ongoing.
- Santini construction is ongoing.
- Cumberland Farms (old Bennigans) has a 16 week plan.

EMD: No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Fisher

- Rescue 141 charger for portable radio has two dead ports. It will be repaired in July.

FLEET MGMT: Westcott/Robinson

- ET-641 went out of service without notification.
- Tower 141 is in service. A report is needed from DPW for file.
- Hose testing will be in September.

TECHNOLOGY: Galley

- Installed 4 PC's for Active 911. Station 4 & 2 still to come. Jon is completing electrical work.
- 3 UPS's have been installed. VGA Cables are needed. He received approval to purchase.
- A new PC is needed. There is money in the budget. He was given approval to purchase.
- Station fiber is ongoing. Station 1, 2, 4 & 5 will be done.
- Chris has logon issues. Dave will look at it.

CENTRAL SUPPLY/UNIFORMS: Goric - No Report.

SCBA: Shepard

- ET-341 new packs were sent to Shipman's for repair. It appears we are the only place having an issue.

- 15 pack/mask/cylinders will be received from the upcoming budget. Scott asked Chief Call to inform which companies will receive so that fit testing can be competed and proper sized masks can be ordered. ET-441, R-441, ET-241, T-141 are needed. All new masks will be ordered in July.
- Chris will check on fit testing status with Chico.

CHAPLAIN: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Email on gear washer was sent to the membership. 1 cap per load, no more. The Captains need to tell their members when gear needs to be washed.
- A gear washer for Station 141 will be pursued.
- 4 thermal imaging batteries have been ordered. Jeff Schambach is checking to see if there are spares. Staff is to check the status of their cameras.
- Alarm system installation at Station 5 is not progressing. The Chief reported there are injuries/vacations of the DPW staff doing the job.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget Freeze has been enacted.
- R-441 needs batteries. Capt. Muniz was asked to send an email to the Chief with the request.
- By the June Staff Meeting Captains are to compile and email a list of who needs Turn Out Gear. Replacements are based on age and quality of gear.
- Middle School is having 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, 10-12.
- Public Safety Visits were discussed by Capt. Muniz. The upcoming dates are 5/10, 5/13 (at Station 141) from 9-11:00, and 5/21 (ET-141 and a ladder truck). See attached. Trinkets are available to distribute. Volunteers & apparatus (let the chief's office know if apparatus is attending) are needed.
- Fire Lane has been established at VCMS by the town gardens.
- A flyer from Dick Bowman regarding details of flag marking for deceased members was distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fidelco group annual bowling tournament was held. Anthony Napolitan, and Police Captain John Kelley helped bring the trophy back to Vernon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ET-541 Mother's Day Flower Sale will be held this weekend, May 6-8 at the Ladd & Hall Parking Lot and Public Works.
- June 11 Bus trip bus has sold out 1 bus. A 2nd bus holding 30 people has been also been reserved.
- Parades: Please contact James Robinson if any companies are available to attend. Additional details will follow.

Collinsville – May 21st

Tunxis Hose Company, No. 1 - July 9, 2016

Thomaston - July 31, 2016

East Hartland – July 30, 2016

Bantham 100th Anniversary Parade – August 13, 2016

GOOD & WELL BEING:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made/seconded (Solito/Muniz) to adjourn the meeting at 20:47.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary

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