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Department Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 19:12 by Chief, Stephen Eppler. Motion was made seconded (Robertson/LaFontaine) to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2016 meeting.

Training Report:

- Captain Solito is looking into trying to schedule a “new” class (those with no previous experience) for UTV trailer training and sign off on both S-141 and the flatbed trailer.
- The Chief Bobby Halton seminar on leadership and attitudes in the fire service will be held on Sunday, February 12th at the Ellington Senior Center. Members interested in attending should contact Asst. Chief Arel.
- The 2017 EMT/EMR Refresher was held January 28th & 29th (08:00 – 17:00) and testing will be January 31st (18:00 – 20:00).
- The Town of Vernon Fire Department was accepted for hosting (2) 2017 Calendar Classes (Fire Instructor II and Core Rescue). The host seats for both classes are filled.
- The CFA Fire Officers Weekend is being held in Emmetsburg, Maryland on March 10, 11, and 12. Applications were submitted to CFA and ten members will be attending. Members will be responsible for their own transportation down and back (carpooling is recommended).

Administration Report:

- A/C Babcock thanked Stan Landry for assistance given with smooth transition into his new role.
- Phone Numbers and email addresses for new chiefs will be emailed to the membership.

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Health & Safety Report:

- HSO Hammick reported that 2016 was an excellent year for low injury occurrences; 11 with 2 reportable.
- Chris continued to emphasize the need for extreme caution while attending highway incidents. Bring equipment to provide barricade protection. No one is to ever cross the highway. Personal vehicles are not allowed on the highway for incidents. If an accident is in the vicinity of an on-ramp, the Fire Police Company can be called to close the ramp.
- Physicals are to be completed by all members. If a personal doctor is conducting the physical, our form must be completed and the firefighter is responsible for the expense. CorpCare has our forms and the town pays for the exam.
- 2016 LOSAP results should be available next week.

Board of Firefighters: No Report.

Old Business:

- LOSAP status was questioned by Dave Galley. He stated it has been 21 months since changes were proposed to the plan. Chief Eppler informed all that discussions were held with the mayor who received the committee proposals favorable and is reviewing. The committee members had questions for this longtime review including the mechanics of how funding and payments are being processed. Chief Eppler asked the committee to provide their specific questions to him to bring forward to the Mayor and one received will set up a meeting.

New Business:

- Captains are requested to provide a list of printers in their firehouses needing toner for the Staff Meeting.
- Captains are requested to provide a list of broken/damaged/missing equipment for the Staff Meeting.
- Captains are requested to provide a list of any outstanding Station problems for the Staff Meeting.
- Fire Marshal Adam Libros has left the Town of Vernon. Ray Walker has been selected as the Interim Fire Marshal until the Town Administration fills the position. Deputy Marshal William Call is also available.
- High profile incidences were discussed. Members are reminded that the Chaplain, Barry Folland, Critical Incident Stress Team (Jean Gauthier, Bill Graugard, Kathy Call), and the EAP Town program are available for assistance if any member needs help.

- Shooting incidents and communication to responders were discussed. Personal vehicles are not the best option to respond to these scenes and should be discouraged. It is best to go to your station and take the apparatus so that adequate supplies and fire dept. identification are visible. More discussion will held at the upcoming February Staff Meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- The Annual Fire Department Awards will be held on February 27th, 19:00 at Rockville High School Auditorium. Class A uniform is preferred. Mike Levasseur discussed that maximum participation of members and families are encouraged high attendance. There are a large number of awards to be given this year. This is our opportunity to support our members.
- Annual Convention hosted by Taftville Fire Dept. will be held 9/15. Parade details will follow.

Good & Well Being: None

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Solito) to adjourn the meeting at 19:48.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Carpenter".

Diane Carpenter, Secretary