



TOWN OF VERNON

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2018

- Chiefs: Eppler, Hammick
- Captains: Andresen, Fisher, Landry, Lucas, Maguda, McKinney, Robertson, Shepard, Solito, Tautic
- Lieut: Hampton, Johnston
- Ambulance: Gauthier
- FMO: Walker
- Fire Police: Blume
- Support Members: Carpenter, Galley

The meeting was called to order @ 19:10 hours by Fire Chief, Stephen Eppler. Motion was made/seconded (Solito/Johnston) to accept the minutes from the April 2, 2018 meeting.

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT - A/C Babcock:

- The needed helmet shields have arrived in Central Supply. They should be distributed next week.
- SOP (New) – Photography, Videography, and other Digital Media – is attached, please review. Captains please ensure a paper copy makes it to your SOP book in the Firehouses.

MEMBERSHIP:

New: Tyler Poulin (JR)
Katelyn Lisk (Support Services – Photographer)

Resignation: Mike Levasseur (TW-541)
David Garrison (Recruit Training)
Mikayla Baird (Recruit Training)
Layau Eulizier (Recruit Training)

Leave of Absence:
Chris Fenner (3 month – personal)
Jake Miceli (Medical – minimum 4 months)

Return from Leave of Absence:
Chris Tremblay
Jon Bush

Reactivation: Steve Vincelette (Fire Police)

Full Membership: Haiden Caron (ET-141)

Nick Bartos will be acting Lieutenant (ET-141) while Jake Miceli is on leave.

It was asked regarding the multiple recruit member resignations, this was the recruit's decisions as a result of failure to complete book work, maintain minimum grades on tests and multiple missed classes. A/C Babcock will be putting together a "Survey Monkey" survey for all members leaving the department to obtain feedback that could possibly assist with retention.

TRAINING REPORT – A/C Arel:

- Training Committee Minutes from April 19, 2018 is attached.
- May Operations and Training Report is attached.
- May Drill Schedule is attached.
- UTV Inspection Reports are attached.
- East Granby Fire Department is hosting an informative lecture on Firefighter Safety and Survival "Managing Risk on the Fire Ground" on October 6, 2018 from 0730 – 1600 hrs. See attached.
- Communications with misinformation causes confusion and spreads incorrect rumors. Please be careful on information repeated. If there are any questions or confusion, as the "originator" of the information for clarification.
- Reminder no POV's on the interstate (refer to current department SOG).
- Very good job on the accidents today (tractor trailer rollover and 2 associated accidents) for all that were there.

HEALTH & SAFETY - Hammick:

- Physicals are moving forward. There is \$800 left in the account. List of outstanding physical needs will be updated. Corpcare physicals can be completed. Any remaining money will be encumbered.
- Keep up the exceptional barricading that is being done on the highway.
- Chief Eppler noted that we've noticed the hard work on the recent calls.

- Door controller problems have been reported. Contact A/C Hammick if there are issues. He must be able to read the 5 digit number for reprogramming.
- A significant accident that involved an ambulance was discussed. Please pay attention to detail and be careful in all scenarios.
- Turnout list was provided to the Chief. Chris will reach out to Shipman's for sizing dates.

FIRE MARSHAL: Walker/Call – See attached.

- Fireworks permitting structure has started. Will be similar to prior years.
- 195 West St. - there is an active building permit in process. A 4,000-5,000 sq. ft. ranch is possible on this lot. It is a very difficult approach due to the angle of the driveway/road. The owner has been notified that this is an unprotectable/undefendable location.
- Beni's restaurant cell tower work is ongoing. The owner has chosen not to sprinker
- Open burning complaint from Montauk Drive was discussed.
- New NFPA regulations regarding concierge trash service, uber mobile refueling movement and national change to consumer fireworks. NFPA 3000 active shooter has been released.

EMD –Purcaro: No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS: - Fisher:

- Fox Hill upgrade project moving forward.
- Long term solution of radio interference on FD\PD interop channel is still an issue.

FINANCE – Fisher:

- The Budget Freeze has begun to relax but all purchases still need approval beforehand.
- Expense Cut off is 6/1/18. Everything needs to be submitted to finance/town before 6/1.
- Air bottles, turn out gear, hose, pack trackers are being pursued this fiscal year.
- Hydraulic testing (Hurst equipment) status was requested by Captain Landry. He was asked to re-send his email to Chief Eppler.

FLEET MGMT - Westcott/Robinson:

- T-541 had leaking cab lift cylinders repaired.
- T-141 had annual DOT inspection done.
- E-441 had batteries replaced.
- UTV-441 was not running, possible bad gas, need to confirm it is repaired.
- New weekly trailer checklist can't be found on the share drive. A/C Babcock will check.

TECHNOLOGY – Galley:

- Members need to enroll on the Password Reset icon.
- Printers and PC's are ordered. Station 141 lower bay PC will be replaced and PC for A/C Babcock.
- Print cartridges have been reviewed, a list is being put together to be ordered.
- Station 341 Active 911 screen was sent out. It worked ok for a while, but is out of service again.
- CAD Vendor demo of software is being reviewed by TN.
- There has been a significant spike in NFIRS reports at the federal level.
- UPS batteries are needed.

CENTRAL SUPPLY/UNIFORMS - Goric:

- Helmet shields are coming in.
- Class C fittings will be completed next Monday. A/C Babcock will email members who are to be fitted.

SCBA: - Shepard:

- Companies receiving the new SCBA units were requested to come downstairs before leaving the meeting and retrieve your packs.
- Towlette disinfectants for the masks have been received. They will be reviewed by 2 companies. Captain Shepard informed all that the masks should be washed first with soap & water and then use the disinfectant on them.
- 2 air packs had issues with corroded terminals due to leaking batteries. Supplier recommended to use a different (approved) battery.

PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENTS - Muniz:

- 5/12/18 Center Road School 10a - 2pm looking for a ladder, Engine, and Fire Safety Unit (Trailer).
- 5/19/18 Public Works Touch-A-Truck 9a - 12p. In years past we had an Engine, Ladder, Rescue, and a UTV.
- 5/19/18 Maple Street School / School Fair 11a - 2p Looking for Fire Safety Unit and an Engine.

If anyone is available for any of the events please contact me ASAP please. Looking for man power and trucks please. Captain Muniz & Pete Orłowski have conflicts with some of the events and help is needed. If you have any questions contact Captain Muniz.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Excellent job was done by Captain Landry and all those who assisted with the RHS Mock Car Crash held this week.
- Rescue 441 was asked to see if new batteries are needed for their Hurst extrication tools.
- Thank you to EMS & UTV 441 staff for providing support at the Hockanum Brew fest.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Captain Colt informed of an Open House & barbeque sponsored by Northeast Helicopters on May 26th. See attached.
- Public Service Recognition week, May 6 – 12, 2018. See attached.
- Ambulance is now on self-service site for payroll. Check detail will no longer be mailed and will need to be pulled electronically by the member. Non ambulance members (firefighters) will be moved to this platform for remuneration checks. Additional details will follow.
- EAP presentation was given by Kathy Call.

CORRESPONDENCE:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fitton Hose Company Flower Sale will be held on Saturday, 5/12 and Sunday 5/13 at the Ladd and Hall parking lot and Public Works lot.
- Mother's Day Dash 5/13/18. Ambulance and UTV 441 will attend. EMT is needed. IAP will follow.

- Dedication of Recognition Walkway – Sunday, 5/20/18 @ 1300 hrs.
- Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018. Kick off at 10:00 @ Northeast School.
- Beacon Hose Company Parade Saturday, June 9 @ 1800 step off. See attached.
- Windsor Locks Fire Department Parade, June 30th at 1830 hrs. See attached.
- July 10th Fireworks, rain date 7/11. More details to follow.
- Tunxis Hose Company 125th Anniversary Parade, Saturday, July 14th. Lineup begins a 1700 hours.

GOOD & WELFARE:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned @ 2100 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary