



TOWN OF VERNON

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2011

Chiefs: Call, Eppler
HSO: Hammick
Captains: Goric, Hahn, Johnston, Lavoie, Maguda, McKinney, Muniz, Sereby, Shepard
Lieut: Pearson
Ambulance: Gauthier
Communications: Fisher
Fire Police: Konarski
Chief Engineer: Mylek
Special Members: Carpenter, Galley, Hahn, Marth

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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chief William Call. Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Johnston) to accept the June Meeting Minutes.

Training Report:

- June Training Committee minutes are attached.
- July Drill Schedule is attached.
- Hartford Training facility is now closed to outside departments. Capt. Johnston is searching for another site for the training class.
- CT Fire Academy is under new management. There will be no LAH funds through 2012.
- New List of Training Books will be forthcoming.
- Certification Division needs to be researched.
- Target Safety Renewal is due.
- CPR for EMT/MRT's whose certification expires in 2012 training will be held either Monday, July 11th or August 8th. Captains are asked to discuss with their members. Advise A/C Eppler ASAP which date works best for students attending the refresher.

- Fire Works went well. Communications/division location names need to be revisited. Rules for fire department attendees need to be outlined. Many non-members got in without paying.

Administration Report: No Report.

Health & Safety:

- If there are any issues from the fireworks, please send Chris an email. He stated that Rockville participants are required to wear vests for identification purposes.
- No significant injuries have been reported recently.
- Gear inspection is underway. Please email Chris with gear replacement issues.
- Five gas meters will be ordered from Hartley.
- ID maker issues have been rectified and will be ordered.
- Firehouse doors/locks will be changed.
- Next year's grant is being reviewed. New SCBA's are being pursued.
- Simplified Fit Testing is being investigated.
- Effective October 1st new laws will be in place.
 - No unauthorized taking of accident/crime images. Any photo of any part of the victim (or their family) violates the statute.
 - Requirement that emergency service providers must display their picture ID's on outer garments.

Fire Marshal Report: Attached

- Knox Box at RGH Bissell Building entrance location was discussed. Everything is located in this box.
- Gas purging by Yankee Gas is starting July 6th.
- New Santini Buildings will be sprinklered.
- Station 241 - Bridge on Phoenix Street is closed.

EMD: No Report

Chief Engineer:

- One ambulance is out of service.
- ET-341 front suction is out of commission.
- T-141 generator problem for lighting and fans and hand held controller is not working.
- Non-new apparatus NFPA reflectors for rear of apparatus is being priced.
- Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Town Hall will be bid openings for the new engines. A couple members from the companies are encouraged to attend. Next Monday members will meet to review the bid.

Communications:

- New Budget is here and radio upgrades will begin. It will be a long-slow process.
- Captains will be contacted when their radios are in. The first batch has been shipped.
- Wireless headsets for the new apparatus have been shipped. They can be evaluated by the company members.
- Alpha pagers (eight) have come in and can be issued if needed.
- Jonathan Bush alpha pager isn't working and should be returned to Jack.
- Many complaints on the Washington St. Fire were received from a lot of members who did not receive alpha pages.
- Temporary radio for Box Mountain is being pursued. QV needs to approve for permanent fix.
- Fox Hill tower has many low hanging trees in the vicinity of the tower. Trees need to be trimmed. T-141 cannot get into the area at all and T-541 can do so but extremely carefully.
- Communication issues were reported with the Kloter Farms fire on 86 low band. Our portables were not working on many channels.

Technology:

- PC's will be ordered with the new Budget.
- Dave Galley will review each apparatus to see which trucks laptops work and what is loaded on the units. He will report next month. Units that are bad will be pulled.
- An external drive is being searched for Charlie Konarski for pictures.

Uniforms:

- Lieut Hardware has been ordered. Several companies provided lists to A/C Landry. Information needs to be provided to Capt. Johnston. A meeting will be planned in the next couple of weeks.

Chaplain: No Report.

Membership:

- **Edgar Jackson** has been removed as 2nd Lieut of ET-141 due to non compliance with dept. SOG's
- **Jenn Karliner**, Junior #662 turned age 18, lack of participation has been removed from the roster.
- **Christian Deveaux** turned age 18, lack of participation has been removed from the roster..
- **Jessica James** remove from roster – moved out of state.
- Several other Juniors need to be added to the Jr. Roster.
- **Michelle Kerr** needs to be moved to the T-541 roster.
- **Jason Westcott** – Resigned due to indefinite military assignment.
- **Richard Wilcox** add to R-441 roster.

Finance: None

Old Business:

- UTV-141 moved from Station 141 to Station 241. Bike helmets are needed for UTV's.
- Inventory of department equipment @ Station 1 is done. Tami will manage the program once it's complete. Some Station 141 members did not like the project and threatened destruction. They will be arrested for tampering if this happens. Chief Call does not know the next stop. Fox Hill also needs to be done.
- Ken Kalos was requested to attend the July Staff Mtg. to discuss Safety Day activities. He did not come to the meeting. Captains are asked to solicit their companies to see if there's interest to conduct the Safety Day event.
- Request for equipment for companies needs to be compiled and submitted for the August Staff Meeting. Orange reflective cones need to be reviewed/ordered. Speedy Dry may be ordered. Hazmat truck list needs to be compiled. We need to see how to dispose of old equipment. Take inventory of what we have.
- Thermal Imaging Cameras, Gas Meters, Honda Light, 3 battery powered lights have been purchased.

New Business:

- Air Truck specs are needed. Three bids will need to be obtained. Options were discussed. Capt. Sereby will review the wording of the Grant.
- Air quality testing program needs to be pursued. Kits need to be obtained.
- NFPA required equipment lists of new apparatus for the new trucks. We will need to supply. Chief Call has the information.
- Estimated price of turnout gear 40 sets \$1,550 each. The Grant allows \$1,500 for coat/pants. Padded knees, pants will have pre-sewn loops for the vendor's harness, interior liner caldera is more slippery for easier exit. Outer shell two notches above Nomex and is lighter. New belts will also be included. Name tags for jackets has been proposed by ET-141. A vote was taken and it was denied. July 25th, 6:00 p.m. will be the sizing of new gear. New gear will only be purchased for active members and members with at least a year of service.
- New masks need to be investigated.
- The date of the 2012 Banquet was discussed to be held Feb/March.

Correspondence: None

Upcoming Events:

Good & Well Being:

Motion to adjourn was made/seconded (Goric/Johnston) @ 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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Training Division Training Meeting Minutes ~ June 16, 2011

Open Meeting

Meeting started @ 19:14 with the following members in attendance:

Exec.	A/C Eppler	ET-441	Lt. Solito
ET-141	Lt. Andresen	R-441	FF Pearson
R-141	Lt. Schambach	ET-541	No Representation
T-141	No Representation	T-541	Capt. Maguda, Lt. Dube
ET-241	FF Scussel	Fire Police	FP Fluckiger
ET-341	No Representation	Ambulance	Tech. Males
E-441	Capt. Johnston, Lt. Muniz	Special	

Reading of the minutes from the May 19, 2011 meeting was waived. It was noted that the June 20th Department Drill needed to be re-located due to a school event at the middle school.

Review of the May Department Drills

- Night Drills: (All Companies)

5/16/11: Tolland County Search and Rescue Presentation: Good information presented, however the presentation was very informal and lacked any visual aids. It was the County Coordinator's first request and attempt at this type of presentation.

5/23/11: Search and Rescue Practical, Comments received (not from the Training Committee members present) ranged from "stupid drill" to "searching is more difficult than it looks". The intent of the drill was met, a practical evolution of a straight line search that most members have never performed.

- Day Drills:

No day drill to report on, the Training Committee is looking for an additional Day Drill Coordinator to assist with planning regularly scheduled day drills.

- Junior Drill

No report

June Department Drills

- Night Drills

7/18: Company Cross Training – [R-141 with R-441], [T-141 with T-541], [E-441 with ET-341], [ET-441 with ET-141] and [ET-541 with ET-241]. Company Officers to coordinate locations and objectives.

7/25: Application of Foam, All Companies, 19:00 at Vernon Center Middle School. Presented by Lt. Turkington, technique of foam blanket application. Fire Police are requested at this drill for any traffic or crowd control.

- Day Drills

Schedule to be determined.

Feedback From Staff Meeting / Executive Board / Standing Committees

- Staff Meeting Highlights – (Staff meeting notes were distributed via email)
- Recruitment Committee / New Recruit Training – Both classes in session, and the Introduction class members are on schedule to catch up with New recruit Class members in order to to have one larger class work together.

Training Committee Issues

Old Business

- June Fire School, 13 members from the TVFD attended a variety of classes. All members that took classes are encouraged to share the information that they learned with their companies and the Department.
- A lot of interest in a 2Q class, the dates will be 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 and the DMV test tentatively 8/27. An email will be going out in the next few weeks.
- Propane Safety Training, would like to schedule the class for October.
- Other Old Business – None

New Business

- Live fire training is scheduled for Saturday June 18, 2011, after this session, all companies will have been through live fire training for the year. Thanks go to Capt. Johnston for coordinating these live burn sessions.
- The Training Library gained a couple more books. An updated list will go out to all companies.
- Medically trained members needing CPR Healthcare Provider refresher will need to take either the July 11 or August 8 class. These classes will also be the initial training opportunity for the new class of CPR Instructors.
- Other New Business – None.

Close Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 20:25. ***The next scheduled Training Committee meeting is Thursday, July 12 2011, 19:00 at the Public Safety Building.*** All companies need to be represented and all interested members are welcome.



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Training Division DEPARTMENT DRILLS FOR July 2011

CAPTAIN'S, PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE

July Department Drills:

Monday, July 18th:

- Company Cross Training.

Company Officers to coordinate locations and objectives.

E-441 cross train with ET-341
ET-441 cross train with ET-141
ET-541 cross train with ET-241
R-441 cross train with R-141
T-541 cross train with T-141

Monday, July 25th:

- Application of Foam

All Companies, 19:00 at Vernon Center Middle School parking lot. Presented by Lt. Turkington, technique of foam blanket application. Fire Police are requested at this drill for any traffic or crowd control.

June Day Drills

Drills, dates and times to be determined.



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From the office of the Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal's Monthly Report July 5th, 2011

Ongoing FMO Projects:

Regular inspections based upon a periodic schedule, in response to complaints, and inspections of new work continue. During June 60 sites were inspected.

The 2011 fireworks have been completed. The FMO thanks everyone for their help and patience with the inspection process. New guidelines as to protective clothing (within the exclusion zone) may be forthcoming for next year's show.

Over the next several days further gas purging and equipment removal will occur at the Yankee Gas facility at Hartford Tpke and Oviate Rd.

Significant Construction Projects:

3 buildings are underway at 1085 Hartford Tpke; the Santini Project

The Vernon Community Arts Center bldg is undergoing renovation and expansion

Multiple bldgs are underway at the Mansions off Hockanum Blvd.

21 Hartford Tpke. is in the final stages of demo and new construction will immediately follow

Interior classroom renovations are underway at RHS

Public Works / Infrastructure Projects:

Prospect St work will continue

The Phoenix St bridge is closed thru November

Hany Lane road work will start soon and will include the relocation of existing hydrants and 3 additional hydrants will be added (Skinner at Hany, Edith and Hany, and Brimwood at Hany)