Meeting Minutes
March 6, 7:00 pm
Citizens Engine Co.

Attendees: Chief Mike Lombardi, AC Al Rochelle, AC Chris Edwards, AC Doug Zaniewski and other members

1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) All were led in the pledge to the flag.

3) Al Rochelle/Chris Edwards made a motion to accept Minutes from February 6, 2017. Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Doug Zaniewski)

4) Public Comment: There was no public comment.

5) Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

6) Fire Police Captain Comments: No comment

7) Unfinished Business:

   a) EAP-

   Al Rochelle obtained quotes for a new EAP company. The company is called BHC. This company is $7 per person cheaper at $28 per person. The company also offers a class for mentoring in collaboration with other departments. There is also a 5% coverage buffer for new people who join the department during the year.

   Al Rochelle/Chris Edwards made a motion to approve the new EAP company, BHC Behavioral Health Consultants for the fire department. Vote: 4/0

   b) Running Assignments

   Mike Lombardi had a discussion with Steve Savage on SFD running assignments. Clarification was made on key words used for the dispatcher and automatic back filling. Discussion was had regarding 4th alarm assignment.

Telephone: 203-888-1909
c) Grant Updates

No update on the air packs.

Chief Lombardi’s submitted letter to Matthies Foundation on rip packs was accepted. Chief Lombardi will begin the grant proposal.

A Community Act Grant for $10,000.00 is also on the horizon.

Al Rochelle is after Rich Kerns about the grants for the Gators. He will forward to Chief Lombardi when he has it.

d) Turn out gear surplus

15 sets of gear will be going out of service to go out of service in the next.

Chris Edwards/Doug Zaniewski made a motion to surplus the gear. Vote: 4/0

e) SCBA

Al Rochelle /Doug Zaniewski made a motion to add SCBA to the agenda.

Discussion was had regarding installing packs in the captain’s personal vehicles. Issue of personal insurance versus fire department insurance coverage for theft was discussed.

Arguments for and against having packs in the captains personal vehicles was had. Doug Zaniewski does not feel like it is a safe idea to install packs in the captain’s vehicles because it can potentially put the captain in a difficult position to potentially make an unsafe decision. Chris Edwards expressed concern about stripping the engines of packs.

Doug Zaniewski/Chris Edwards made a motion to not give captains the air packs. Vote: 3-yes, 1-no (Al Rochelle)

8) New Business:

a) Pagers-

Pagers will be ordered after July- Motorola made an offer to buy back all the pagers. The VP of Motorola guaranteed a fix for the pulse on the pagers. The only issue is the rebate from the pagers that is already back in the budget. Chief Lombardi asked if the department would have to pay for the lost pager.
Chris Edwards will stay on the issue and report back next month.

b) Gear-

There was a major gear exchange on Super Sunday. Discussion was had with the quartermaster on immediate needs for the department. Chris Edwards asked the quartermaster for an inventory. The quartermaster detailed everything that is in need and will be in need in the next few months. The fire police are asking for a new traffic wands. There is a shortage of fire police vests. Boots are also in need, specifically 8 and 13.

Doug Zaniewski will look into what boots are in need and they will be ordered next month.

c) Truck License Plates

The registrations on the Chiefs Vehicles, and several apparatuses are not registered. Tony Caserta will get municipal plates for these vehicles. The town does not have an issue with it.

Doug Zaniewski/Al Rochelle made a motion to assign municipal plates to all the vehicles. Vote: 4/0

9) Training


Discussion was had regarding SCBA and OSHA requirements. Doug Zaniewski asked that each interior member be run through a mayday drill and submit a document on each member by July.

Discussion was had regarding air pack training. Questions and concerns were raised on Super Sunday make up class dates and drill nights. Discussion was had between Doug Zaniewski and Matt Calzone regarding communication issues and not getting members to attend an alternate house for training. Chris Edwards reiterated that it does not matter which house has the training because it is a Seymour Fire Department training.

10) Safety:

Al Rochelle noted that the company needs to work on having spotters when backing up apparatuses. He suggested creating a SOP if necessary. There was an incident with putting chains on apparatus. Al Rochelle is putting something together for the SOP on how it should be done from now on.
Doug Zaniewski asked about the Chiefs Aide. Al Rochelle will try and get something ready by next month.

a) Physicals

Al Rochelle is considering contacting members who are still behind with their physicals. If members still do not comply they may have to be pulled off service. Al Rochelle asked Captains to post the sheet on who needs physicals on the back of the watch station door.

11) Special Ops: Naugatuck mutual aid call went well. There was one RIT call.

Looking to set a date at Great Hill at 8:30 to discuss the future of the Rope Class.

12) Repairs and Maintenance:


13) Company Events:

March events-

March 18th Banquet, Dual coverage requested from 6p- 6a.

March 12th New Haven Parade, U-18, company coverage not needed.

14) Captain's Comments: Captain Levey asked to use U-18 for the New Haven Parade. The Chiefs have no problems just as long as the members police behavior while on U-18.

Captain Levey presented a potential charity 2018 calendar with the Seymour Fire Department with dogs and cats. Discussion was had for and against. Al Rochelle/Doug Zaniewski made a motion to go forward with the charity calendar Vote: 3-Yes, 1- no (Mike Lombardi)

Captain Calzone asked about the stand pipe class held by FF Burgess. There will be a workshop held. The chiefs will work on getting a date.

15) Chief's Comments:

Chris Edwards- no comment

Al Rochelle- Water supply drill in Southbury, 3 county drill. He will let the board know of dates. Fire Police coverage will be required. Al Rochelle will be attending Greenway meeting, if anyone has any questions please see him after the meeting.
Doug Zaniewski- members need to take command on scene and follow policies.

Mike Lombardi- Budget proposal went to Board of Finance. Complete budget was accepted but it still needs to be voted on. Membership needs to get out to vote.

Received phone call from coordinator of Red Cross who has 200 smoke detectors to be installed in Balance Rock with the assistance of the Fire Department. There will be no cost to the department. It will be the third Saturday in April.

Doug Zaniewski/Chris Edwards made a motion to help Red Cross install smoke detectors in Balance Rocks on April 15. Vote 4/0

16) Public Comment: No public comment

17) Executive Session: None required.

18) Chief’s Requisitions:

See attached requisitions.

Chris Edwards/ Al Rochelle made a motion to approve the requisitions. Vote: 3/0

19) Adjournment: Al Rochelle/Chris Edwards made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Vote: 3/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Chernesky
Seymour Fire Department  
Chief's Requisitions

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By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

Michael Lombardi, Chief  
Al Rochelle, Asst. Chief

Date:_________________________  
Chris Edwards, Asst. Chief  
Doug Zaniecki, Asst. Chief
Maintenance report 3/6/2017

Tower 14
Waiting on air regulator for rear brake can
Waiting on ladder grips from KME
Replace radiator cap for antifreeze leak

Engine 15
Rear brakes out of adjustment Tracey’s adjusted for free.
Light bar is broken and parts are not available.

Tanker 19
Light bar is broken no parts available

Marine 20
Has a small leak from water pump.

Ground ladder test is April 3rd starting 08:30 @ Great Hill
Monthly Training Report
March 2017

Scheduled Training:

1. Dual Company Training
   a. 4/19 @ Citizens
      i. Water supply drill.
2. Live Burn 4/2 (Danbury)
   a. $250 Purchase order for Stop and Shop for food.
3. SCBA Drills
   a. All interior certified firefighters must complete the "MAYDAY" drill by July 1st. Please print, and fill out a sheet for each FF.
4. Super Sunday Make-up
   a. Blood Bourne & SOP
      i. 3/21 @ GH 730pm
   b. SCBA & HAZMAT
      i. 4/12 @ C2 7pm
5. Irons and saw class: 3/25
   a. Ben Urbano
   b. Matt Grettler
   c. John Huchet
      i. Total $450
6. Fire Fighter 1 Valley Fire School (Beacon Falls)
   a. Riley Cronin
   b. Andrew Satkoski
      i. Total $2,100

Completed Training:

1. Super Sunday (2/19/17)
   a. Total Attendees: 70
   b. Cost: $143.97
   c. See attached list of firefighters who need make-ups

2. Company Level Training:
   a. GH – 2 drills 140 man hours of training
   b. C2 – 1 drills 70 man hours of training