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1 FIRST STREET
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Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2009
7:30pm
Citizens Engine Company

Chief's Attending: Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith, Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept October Meeting Minutes with corrections by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Correspondence:

- Letter from Fire Marshal Wetowitz noting a change in radio designations. DFM Willis will now be FM-4.
- Regional Water Authority's Winter maintenance program. They need to be called whenever a hydrant is used.

Chief's Report:

Health:

- Asst. Chief Cann said only 2 members have signed up for an evening physical. Chief Andrews said he is going to see if he can be notified when there are evening opportunities.
- Hep. B, Flu, and H1N1 vaccination sign-ups remain. Asst. Chief Cann will be contacting the Valley Health District.

Maintenance:

- Citizens and Great Hill both handed in maintenance reports. They were reviewed by Asst. Chief Tomasheski.
- Chief Andrews asked how the deck gun was found broken. Asst. Engineer Fritz said he is unsure how the damage occurred.
- Chief Andrews said there are still issues remaining with R-17. Airleak from Cascade System and fan belt squeal. Chris Motasky is currently handling issues, Chief Andrews will get involved if there is no resolution soon.
- Asst. Chief Smith gave an update on the T-pass system. He said he obtained a quote from Grace Industries. Receivers cost \$575.00 each and thermal/mechanical receivers cost \$595.00 each.
- Chief Andrews said he has the P.O. for the hose that failed and Commissioner Rochelle has the P.O. for the fire extinguishers.
- R-12 compressor has a leak, will be going out for repair this week. Junction box that was missing off T-14 has been found and replaced. One thermal imaging camera has been taken out of service.

- Asst. Chief Smith said R-12 has its registration, however it is unknown where the other registrations are of the rest of the apparatus.
- Captain Zaniweski said he believes new R-17 hasn't been registered yet. Plates were just transferred from old R-17.
- Asst. Chief's Tomasheski and Smith concerned with the lack of attendance from Citizens Engineers. Asst. Chief Tomasheski also feels they are not keeping up on what's current with the apparatus. Lt. Willis said all three of Citizens Engineers have been spoken to by Captain Lombardi, however nothing seems to have changed. He noted at this point the Chief's need to get involved. Chief Andrews said he will be issuing them all letters.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said T-14 needs to be at Great Hill on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:30am for aerial testing.
- E-18 re-pump tested, awaiting paperwork.
- Chief Andrews said he would like to discuss the damage that was sustained to R-17 and the Great Hill Hose Company in further detail.

Training:

- Asst. Chief Smith said an RIT class notice has been given to each Captain. Classes will be held November 12th, 14th, and 21st. Class is limited to 25 people.
- Company Captains can call Chief Pellier from Oxford if they would like to do training at the vacant house on Oxford Road. Insurance certificate has been received.
- Three members from Citizens have passed their 2Q.
- Chiefs and Officers who are interested in taking Strategies and Tactics at the Fairfield Fire School on November 14th and 15th from 8:30-4:30pm will be reimbursed upon successful completion.
- Connecticut Fire Academy: "Think Like and Incident Commander" class being held on December 4th.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews said within the next two months he would like every active member to fill out an ID/accountability sheet for the Salamander System.
- No further information on the training towers at Great Hill.
- Chief Andrews asked if any member had signed-up to be on the Pension Plan Committee. Captain Zaniewski and Lt. Willis said they both have empty lists.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski handed out a copy of the Code Of Ethics for photographing fires from the International Organization of Fire Photographers. He would like to see it become incorporated into the fire department. Chief Andrews said it could become an internal policy/SOP. He also noted it could be presented to the Board of Selectman for a possible town ordinance change.
- Captain Zaniewski said he has received gear back from out of service members, along with their pagers. He noted that the pagers that were previously repaired have come back and they were not fixed.
- Lt. Willis said E-11 and E-13 have 1,500 feet and T-14 has 1,000 feet of 5". He also mentioned that the Knox Boxes are still an issue.

- Legion Pool is having fireworks on December 10th and the fire department will be providing the lighting.
- Lt. Willis said Captain Lombardi asked him to mention that the fire department continues not to be recognized for their participation in the Peak Fitness Thanksgiving Fundraiser that they have been helping at the last few years.

Marine 20 SOG:

- Asst. Chief Cann discussed proposed SOG for the use of Marine 20 and the Seymour Fire Police.
- Some changes were discussed from recommendations by the Board.
- One change that was discussed was; only the Incident Commander could request additional vehicles such as Marine 20, not the Fire Police Captain.
- Drivers need to be cleared. Drivers will be cross trained and a limit of two drivers from Citizens will be trained at this time.
- Dual keys will be given to two Citizens Fire Police Personnel for Great Hill.
- Policy changes will be reviewed and the proposed policy will be rewritten for approval next month.

New Business:

- Chief Andrews said construction work will be beginning at 32 Smith Street. He noted that the Fire Marshal inspection revealed no fire stopping above suspended ceilings on the 1st floor. He said asbestos removal will be done as well and certain areas will have compromised access. He requested weekly updates from the Fire Marshal's Office regarding this project.
- Chief Andrews noted that at 32 Great Hill Road the tenant that had resided in the apartment at the Cosmo Furniture building has been evicted. There are concerns he may try to retaliate per the Police Department. Chief Andrews said if that occurs, the fire will become very large, very fast. He said the fire will be fought from the outside. On the report of smoke showing its appropriate to call for extra water sources right away.
- Chief Andrews said R-17 and the Great Hill Hose Company received damage last week. He noted the damage to the building was not extensive, however the exhaust was bent and the right rim has to be replaced on the apparatus. Would like to discuss under executive session with the company officers. Captain Zaniewski said the driver was put on suspension pending an investigation.
- Lt. Willis said FF Greg Gaudisoi has become an active member of Citizens.
- Captain Zaniewski said FF Mike Davis has been placed back in service.
- Kerite pre-planning will be reviewed by all the Chiefs and discussed next month.

Fire Police Report:

- Fire Police Cpt George Decker asked for transportation to a fire police meeting on November 7th. Asst. Chief Smith let him use his vehicle.
- Flares will be needed this winter.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions: Please see attached

Motion made to add executive session to the agenda by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0

Other Business: None

Executive Session:

Motion made to enter into executive session at 8:50pm to discuss R-17 and the Great Hill Hose Company damage by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0

Motion made to exit out of executive session at 9:06pm by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

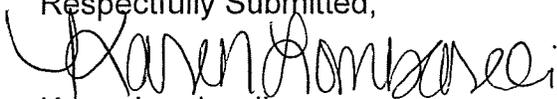
- For the record no votes or motions were made during the executive session per Chief Andrews.

- Decision of the Chiefs is to have each driver of R-17 go back out and continue to train to help protect the welfare and safety of the drivers as well as the community.

The drivers suspension will be lifted immediately as well.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:08pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary