



BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1 FIRST STREET
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2009

7:30pm

Great Hill Hose Company

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

Meeting called to order at 7:57pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting delayed because of the structure fire on 17 Great Hill Road.

Motion made to accept May Meeting Minutes with 1 correction by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0.

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report:

Health Report:

- Asst. Chief Cann noted that 7 or 8 new physicals have been completed.
- Chief Andrews asked about night dates for physicals. There is interest from both companies. Lists of interested personnel need to be handed in so a date can be established.

Maintenance Report:

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said E-18 radiator has been fixed. He noted it is the last time it can be repaired.
- Chief Andrew said 3 ladders are out of service. He would like the Officers to talk to their membership to find out how the ladders are being damaged. Prices will be obtained.
- Small air leak noted on R-17.
- Prices to be obtained on Class A Foam.
- Chief Andrews said elevator keys have been duplicated and handed out to both company officers and chiefs.
- Asst. Chief Smith said fuel gauge on E-13 needs to be repaired.
- Lt. Lewis asked about apparatus registrations. Chief Andrews to look into. Asst. Chief Tomasheski believes the registrations are in on R-12 and the Chief's Vehicles.

Training Report:

- Asst. Chief Smith stated training records still need to be turned in from Great Hill. Captain Zaniewski said he will be providing them.

- Chief Andrews said Great Hill has been unable to access Firehouse Software because it was never updated once changes had been made. It is in the process of being updated. Asst. Chief Smith requested that a consistent format be used between both companies. Lt. Lewis noted the possibilities of issues with the computer at Citizens. Chief Andrews said computer will be locked.
- Super Sunday make-ups scheduled for June 10th at 7:30pm at Citizens. Make-ups will include: SOP/SOG, gear inspection, and blood-borne pathogens. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said July 1st is the cutoff for all the mandatory training to be completed. Company officers need to reinforce to their members that they will be out of service if they do not complete the training.
- Asst. Chief Smith said there is no NIMS 300 class available until the fall. He is looking to see if there is a NIMS 300/400 combo class available.
- Head count needed for RIT class. Working with Oxford Fire to set-up. It is preferred that members be minimum of Firefighter I to sign up.
- Asst. Chief Smith said there are logistic problems with the 2Q class, so it probably will not be held until July.
- HazMat class is currently finishing up.
- Valley Fire School is looking for permission to use the training tower at Great Hill for an RIT class on July 11th & 12th.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews said Gary Bloomquist from Shipman's will be at Citizens on June 10th at 7pm for gear fitting.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted that the weather station has been installed on R-17.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if it would be appropriate to write a letter to the police department who received the surplused old R-17 and note if long on-scene times for reconstructions occur; they need to utilize their own equipment now. Chief Andrews stated he has already been in contact with Chief Metzler regarding this topic.
- Chief Andrews and Asst. Chief Tomasheski attended the Board of Selectmen Meeting to request that the town put up no swimming signs at the falls. It was discussed that a request be made for the Squantuck Reservoir Pump House as well.
- Lt. Lewis said the Rescue Sling is on backorder until next week.
- Captain Zaniewski asked about the name patches. Chief Andrews said they will be ordered with the gear, next week.
- Chief Andrews gave an update about Citizens Parade on Sunday, June 28th. Great Hill will need to staff an Engine and Rescue for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of that week. Chief Andrews to email Captain Zaniewski.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked about cell phones. Chief Andrews will be ordering them.

New Business:

- Chief Andrews said the Chairman of the Risk and Safety Committee is requesting an update identifying the recommendations by the insurance inspection.
- Asst. Chief Smith thanked everyone for a job well done at the structure fire today. He also mentioned his concern about out of town firefighters showing up on-scenes. He believes it is a liability. Chief Andrews said it is imperative that the Incident Commander be made aware when that is witnessed so it can be taken care of. He reminded Chiefs and Officers that they have the authority to kick people who do not belong off the scene.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski discussed the Upper Valley Chiefs Meeting. He said a list of apparatus and equipment is being put together by all towns. He noted this month that a Naugatuck Fire representative also attended the meeting. They are looking to update the response guidelines and looking to incorporate out of town resources. It is requested that a minimum of Firefighter I be mandated to be considered for the resources. Topic discussed at length. Asst. Chief Smith voiced his reservation on the topic. Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if a list can be provided by both companies of their members who have at least Firefighter I. Issue to be tabled for 1 month.
- Chief Andrews noted budget spending. He stated there is still money available and the plan is to purchase equipment for the fire police, as well as purchase ladders and gear lockers for Great Hill.
- Asst. Chief Smith reminded that all safety vests need to be issued out to personnel.
- Asst. Chief Cann said member photo ID's are outdated. Chief Andrews said if photos can be obtained then the police department can make new ID cards.
- Lt. Lewis said the new hose that was purchased has been tested and placed in service. He noted that 2 members are being driver trained and 9 members are in the process of being cleared to operate the bucket on T-14.
- Asst. Chiefs Tomasheski and Smith said one of the saws was not cutting properly at the fire today. Will have Chatfield Power look at.
- Captain Zaniewski said he has 2 new probationary members. He has a portable that needs to be reprogrammed and one of the driver's portables buttons are broken.

Fire Police Report:

- Citizens Fire Police Captain Decker said there will be a few members that will be attending a train the trainer session for Emergency Response Traffic Control.
- Regional Fire Police Meeting is being held in Ansonia.

Public Comment: None

Other Business: Captain Zaniewski said he has tried to make contact with the Junior Corp. Captain Dave McAndrew without success. He said he has people who are interested in joining, but he is unsure what to tell them. It was asked that both companies ask for consistent volunteers to help run the program.

Requisitions: To be provided, please see attached.

Executive Session: None

**Motion made to adjourn at 9:10pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann.
Approved 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Lombardi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary