



BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1 FIRST STREET
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2009

7:30pm

Great Hill Hose Company

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

Meeting called to order at 7:36pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept March Meeting Minutes as submitted by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Correspondence:

1. PMA Management of New England, walk-thru report with recommendations for both firehouses.
2. Letter from First Selectman Koskelowski responding to Captain Lombardi's concerns with a possible dispatching change.
3. Century Ladder Testing, inspection report. Report noted all ladders passed with no major defects; however 64 heat sensors were replaced because they were expired.
4. Contact list for the Ladies Auxiliary.
5. Letter to the Ladies Auxiliary from Chief Andrews clarifying the misconception that they can not respond to scenes because of insurance purposes.
6. Letter to North West Public Safety and Derby Chief Butler about the termination of the dive rescue service. Per Chief Andrews, when Derby is called in they will work within the Seymour Fire Department command structure.
7. Letter/Report from Yankee Gas.

Chief's Report:

Health Report:

- Asst. Chief Cann said Citizens have completed their POD registration and dispensing forms and will be handing them into Tom Eighmie. He asked Captain Zaniewski if Great Hill has completed their forms. Captain Zaniewski to follow up.
- Asst. Chief Cann encouraged officers to make sure their members continue to go for their physicals.

Maintenance Report:

- Both companies handed in maintenance report.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski read through and explained each report.
- New R-17 is in-service; however it continues to have some issues. Conference call is scheduled for tomorrow at 9:30am with the company, to straighten things out.
- E-18 radiator needs to be looked at.
- Chief Andrews noted that the vendor is unable to find a company to supply elevator keys.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said T-Pass system needs to be discussed with Past Chief Paul Thorpe.
- 9 volt batteries are needed at Great Hill. Citizens believe they have some. Chief Andrews said to share amongst companies.
- Permission from the Commissioners will be requested to scrap several salvage covers from old R-17. All turn-out gear which has been taken OOS from Super Sunday excluding the helmets could be deemed surplus. It will also be requested that old R-17 and its equipment be deemed surplus. Specific equipment from old R-17 include: generator, 4 scene lights, 6 DOT air bottles, and emergency lighting.

Motion made to surplus old R-17 with equipment and the turnout gear that was taken OOS, as well as scrap the salvage covers from old R-17 by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Training Report:

- Asst. Chief Smith said training and drill records are still needed from both companies.
- Fire School training is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th.
- 2Q class has been arranged for April 15th and 16th at Great Hill.
- Asst. Chief Smith noted that more of an effort needs to focus on getting members HazMat Ops. certified. More information will be obtained regarding a HazMat refresher, as well as an RIT refresher.
- Mandatory training dates need to be scheduled. Final gear inspections will be completed then.
- Captain Zaniewski said he has put up at NIMS 300 sign up sheet and 5 members are interested in the class. Chief Andrews believes 15 people are the minimum required to run a class.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews expanded on the dive team situation. He noted that Derby Chief Butler said Derby is in a similar situation but believes they will be able to provide Seymour the appropriate resources. Chief Andrews said if it is felt that Derby can not fulfill the resources that are needed, additional resources could be utilized. Letter to be sent to the interim Dive Lt. stating he is no longer in that position and he can not sign onto scenes as such.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said dive equipment needs to be taken out of the van. He also noted they need to move forward with putting together an SOP/SOG for the utility vehicle.

- Fire Police Captain George Decker said that he has discussed possibilities for the utility vehicle with the Great Hill Fire Police Captain to include fire police equipment.
- Letter to be sent to the HazMat Lt. stating he is no longer in that position and he can not sign onto scenes as such.
- Chief Andrews discussed pricing options for support/driver turn-out gear. A complete set of Globe GX7 will cost \$1,299, which is a savings of approximately \$300 from what is used now. Asst. Chief Cann asked if this gear is purchased will drivers actually use it and will it be mandated. Chief Andrews said as of right now drivers are not mandated to wear gear. Great Hill Driver Ken Gabinelli suggested instead of purchasing gear, if something like a DOT vest could be utilized. Chief Andrews said since a driver is still on a scene, turn-out gear is necessary. Asst. Chief Smith gave examples of why rated turn-out gear would be needed by a driver. Chief Andrews told officers to pick 3 drivers each to be sized for gear. They need to be asked if they want pants.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski discussed the requirements to be company officers. Captain Zaniewski asked about the members that are FFI, since the class is now combined, will they be able to just take FFII.

Motion made to adopt the Seymour Fire Department Officer Requirements by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0

- Chief Andrews noted that the fire department budget was cut by approximately 6%. Building repairs and maintenance will see a cut, if the budget goes through. Chief Andrews said the Town Finance Director needs to sign off on all P.O.'s, even training classes and seminars that are discussed are contingent upon being signed off.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said another list of low hanging tree limbs needs to be obtained from both companies. New R-17 already has a scratch and he would like to have these limbs taken care of before more apparatus sustains damage.

New Business:

- Chief Andrews noted that the insurance representative conducted an inspection of both firehouses. Officers were given a list of suggested improvements. Per Chief Andrews nothing on the list appears to be anything outrageous. Two suggestions were to hang current labor law posters and have an updated list of fire extinguishers and their inspection dates.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said receipts have been provided for food reimbursement from the recent house fire. The reimbursements are for pizza and water as well as replacement water for Oxford Fire.
- Chief Andrews said that Clerk Oczkowski has resigned from his position and he will be providing an official letter. Chief Andrews said with permission from the Commissioners, posting of the vacant position have been put in each firehouse. Resumes to be in by May 4th.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said a date needs to be set up for an Upper Valley Chief's meeting. Tentative date is for Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30pm at Citizens.
- New State Fire classes at the Fire Academy have been sent out. Chief Andrews noted 2 classes that seem worthwhile. Saturday, May 9th is an Instructor

Development Class and on Friday, May 15th is 50 Ways to Kill Your Brother, Fire Service Perfect Storm. Both classes are \$55.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski reminded that parade season is approaching and a list of apparatus that will be attending specific parades need to be provided.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted that the weather station will be installed on new R-17.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski thanked the members of both companies for their hard work during the last couple of busy weeks. He said he was proud to be a Chief. Asst. Chief Cann also stated his thanks as well. He suggested writing letters to the Beacon Falls Fire Department for their services while the organic peroxide from Kerite was being taken care of by DEP and he also suggested writing a letter to the Oxford Fire Department for their help.
- Asst. Chief Cann noted a Technical Rescue Class is being held in Fairfield at Ludlow Middle School on Thursday, May 14th at a cost of \$10. Chief Andrews said anyone who wishes to attend needs to pay the fee up front and once given a certificate then the money can be reimbursed.
- It was noted that there currently is a lengthy delay with dispatching and receiving the text messages. Chief Andrews explained that text messages are not a priority service, they are a secondary service.
- Captain Zaniewski said he was asked by the Junior Corp. Advisor if the junior members could attend company drills, because of the lack of participation. The Chief's all were in agreement that it wasn't an issue as long as advanced notice was given to the Captains, so they could plan accordingly. Chief Andrews said they need to be monitored closely.
- Lt. Lewis said the investigation has been completed at Citizens for personal items that are missing from a member. None of the items have turned up. Chief Andrews asked if a police report has been filed. Lt. Lewis was unsure. Items that were missing include a Swiss Army Knife and channel locks per Lt. Lewis. Chief Andrews reiterated that reimbursement will not be approved for personal equipment that is lost at the fire houses.
- Lt. Willis noted that Keith Walsh is a new member of Citizens.

Fire Police Report:

- Fire Police Captain George Decker asked about the PASS devices that were taken at Super Sunday. Chief Andrews said they are outdated and that the system is antiquated. A new system is being looked at.
- It was mentioned that no Fire Police radios have been checked.
- CT Fire Police Association Meeting is scheduled for May. Fire Police Cpt. Decker asked if a Chief's vehicle could be used.
- New vests will need to be looked at for the next budget.
- Thanks was offered to the Board for the consideration of Fire Police usage with the utility vehicle.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions:

Quantity	Item	Vendor	Price
1	Touchbook Laptop (refurbished)	Telreco.	\$ 2,516.00
	Installation of radios- New R-17	Communication Services of CT	\$ 2,279.90
1	Mount for computer on New R-17	Data Lux	\$ 250.00
	Reimbursement for computer repair shipping	Ken Gabinelli	\$ 25.16
	Food reimbursement- coffee	James Smith	\$ 15.64
	Food reimbursement	Chris Motasky	\$ 143.00
	Food reimbursement- water	Great Hill Hose Co.	\$ 26.45
	Reimbursement- chainsaw supplies	Richard Madigosky	\$ 5.95
	Food reimbursement- water	Keith Walsh	\$ 15.99
	Air valve replacement on R-12	Tracy's Garage	\$ 250.00
	Evaluation of pumps on E-16 & E-18	Ed Boughton Jr.	\$ 225.00

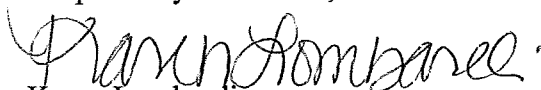
Motion made to accept requisitions as discussed by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0

Other Business:

- Cell service being changed to Verizon from Sprint/Nextel. Minimal savings but better reception. Direct connect option still available.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:35pm by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary