



BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1 FIRST STREET
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2009

7:30pm

Citizens Engine Company

Chiefs Attending: Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept February Meeting Minutes with 2 corrections by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 3-0

Correspondence:

- Letter from State of Connecticut noting the guidelines and dates of Introduction to Fire Service training.

Chiefs Minutes:

Health Report:

- Asst. Chief Cann said there is nothing new to discuss. He reiterated to the officers to continue to have their members go for physicals.

Maintenance Report:

- Both companies handed in Engineer Reports.
- Chief Andrews said elevator keys will be shipped as soon as they are in.
- Pump testing to begin tomorrow at Citizens, then to Great Hill.
- March 12th will begin ladder testing at Great Hill, then to Citizens. A list of ladders from both companies would be appreciated.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski discussed each report.

Citizens:

- E-11: hose cover is out of service, prices will be researched to replace it.
- E-13: open door alarm not working.
- R-12: cord reel will not be repaired at this time.
- T-14: Tanks for SCBA are leaking, Chief Andrews asked if leaking stops when tanks are closed. According to Asst. Engineer Davis they do stop leaking when closed. Chief Andrews said the tanks should remain closed at this time.

Great Hill:

- E-15: discharge #2 electric motor will be repaired tomorrow, pressure gauges need to be filled.
- R-17: Amkus cutter is out of service, will be looked into.

Training Report:

- Sunday, March 8th is Super Sunday, beginning at 8am.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews noted that the bypass key on T-14 was not missing and he showed Engineer Jurgens where it is located.
- He noted prices have been obtained for the name patches for the turnout gear and a P.O. will be cut.
- Lt. Lewis said the combi-tool is back in service.

Officer Requirements:

- Chief Andrews said he has heard feedback, both good and bad. One concern is how it will affect each company and their individual by-laws.
- Lt. Willis believes that all officers should be at minimum Firefighter II because that is the level where you can function on your own.
- Lt. Possenti asked about requiring RIT.
- Plan is to table decision until next month, so all Chiefs are given the opportunity to review changes as discussed.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted that an obvious grace period would be applied, for appropriate training to be completed.

HazMat & Dive Lieutenant Position Review:

- Chief Andrews explained the expectations of those Lieutenants when they were appointed last year. He noted he doesn't feel strongly about filling these positions at this time.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski believes there are enough resources available and agrees that those positions do not need to be filled.
- Chief Andrews said there is no diving and currently no one is certified to do so. The department is surface water rescue only. He said everything that identifies the department as dive needs to come off the van. He noted if there is a dive call, Derby needs to be called immediately. He will be notifying Northwest of the situation.
- Currently, there is no one in those positions, so it is incumbent of the officers, if assistance is needed to utilize resources.

New Business:

- Chief Andrews said he received an email from the State Legislature confirming that they have voted to remove funding reimbursement for Firefighter I & II and that includes people currently enrolled in the classes.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski explained the Move Over Law regarding injuries on highways and the enforcement issues that happen on accident scenes.
- Chief Andrews said there is still information that needs to be answered at the next budget hearing. It was asked that what projects around the firehouses will encompass the

\$35,000 that was requested.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski discussed the information he received from the Board of Health Meeting he attended regarding the anthrax drill. The procedure was talked about and how once the vaccine has been delivered to town, how it they will be dispensed. Firefighters and their families need to fill out a form to be given the first opportunity to receive vaccine or they will be put into the public line. Paperwork to be completed by March 19th. The drill is planned for May 19th.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said the dive rescue van is under utilized and it can be used for multipurpose. It was granted to be used for the fire police. The fire police will have the opportunity to make a list as to what they feel should be on the van. It will be a dual usage piece.
- Asst. Chief Cann asked if a letter could be sent to the police department, once they obtain old R-17 to use it appropriately when lighting is needed. Chief Andrews said it could be discussed at next months meeting.
- Lt. Lewis said he has 2 broken pagers and that pager batteries are needed. He also noted that 3 firefighters have been removed from active duty at Citizens and their keys, pagers, and gear have been obtained.
- Captain Zaniewski said he also have 2 firefighters that have been removed from active duty at Great Hill and their equipment has been returned.

Fire Police Report: none

Public Comment: none

Requisitions: To be provided. Please see attached.

Executive Session: none

Other Business:

- Asst. Engineer Davis said that Citizens fuel log is attached to the maintenance report.
- Chief Andrews said everyone one has been doing a great job with shutting down apparatus and placing back in service when not needed to cut down on fuel usage. He said it is much appreciated.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:04pm by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary