



BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1 FIRST STREET
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

**Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2009
7:30pm
Citizens Engine Co.**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept December Meeting Minutes w/ 1 correction by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 3-0

Motion made to accept December 22nd Special Meeting Minutes as written by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 3-0

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report:

Health Report:

- Chief Andrews said there are no new updates with physicals and he asked the Officers to continue to encourage their membership to go.

Maintenance Report:

- Both Citizens and Great Hill handed in maintenance reports.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski discussed the Biosystems Meters. Both meters have to be sent out for evaluation. The cost of repair will be \$1,251.00 and \$923.00. Quotes given for new meters as well. A new identical meter would cost \$2,065.00 and a new Scott Scout Meter would cost \$1,332.00. Adding a maintenance program would cost a variety of prices, which could be discussed at a later time. Discussion continued.
- Asst. Engineer Tom Davis said the generator fuel pump is being fixed by Mechanic Tom Jensen.
- Chief Andrews asked Asst. Engineer Davis to get prices to repair the heater (blower) on Rescue 12.
- Tower 14 auto-eject is currently working properly.

Training Report:

- Asst. Chief Smith said he needs Citizens and Great Hills drill and training records for 2008. He also mentioned there will be a 2Q class this spring and the FFI class beginning at the end of January is accepting applications.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews told Lt. Lewis that Shipman's said they don't like when the Scott bottles are painted, but there is nothing wrong with it, as long as a high heat paint is used.
- Captain Zaniewski handed in quotes from Great Hill for cleaning that was done after the sewage problem. To be discussed at Commissioners meeting.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated more vests are in and they will be distributed accordingly.
- Chief Andrews asked about new Rescue 17. Asst. Chief Cann has been in contact with Chris Motasky of the truck committee and he said the company has accomplished the items that were of issue. They will be going to Rhode Island to inspect the truck this week.

New Business:

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said the drop chains at Citizens are not working. He made a Automatic Tire Chains Service, Maintenance, and Troubleshooting Manual for both companies. He also mentioned that the SOG needs to be updated. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said the new engineers should be shown how to put them on the apparatus. Discussion continued. **Motion made to update SOG 04-02 (revised 1/12/09) with changes by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0**
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said a P.O. needs to be cut for radio programming and installation for Lt. Possenti and Lt. Raro.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if more details could be added to the alpha dispatch of mutual aid calls. Specifics would include what company is to respond and what apparatus. Chief Andrews said he would call and ask to see if separate pages could be designed.
- Asst. Chief Smith said he received quotes for gear inspection. It will cost \$70.00 per set to have done yearly. Density testing is performed every three years.
- Lt. Lewis stated combi-tool isn't closing all the way, but is operational. Quote for repair is \$478.76. He also mentioned that Citizens is in need of four push brooms and six helmets need to be repaired.
- Lt. Lewis said two new members have joined Citizens, their physicals have been completed, they have been given gear, SCBA approved, and fit tested.
- Captain Zaniewski would like Velcro added to the new lieutenants turn-out coats. Chief Andrews said he would get pricing information. He also mentioned a speaker mike is needed for Lt. Possenti's portable. Chief Andrews said he has one available to replace it.

Emergency Management:

- Emergency Management Director Tom Eighmie updated on current issues. Paperwork from NIMS 300 is being handed into town hall. He noted that a spreadsheet is being developed for training for the Public Works Department, Police, and Fire.
- NIMS 700 is being changed with a new program. Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if it would be easier to bring someone in to teach NIMS 700, rather than trying to piece everyone together.
- Tom stated that he has a 82 page document regarding NIMS 5yrs. Compliance.
- The Homeland Security \$14,000.00 map program is almost complete. Map books are being made for Police, Fire, and EMS.

- Seymour is one of 11 towns receiving \$10,000.00 for the electronic enhancement of EOC.
- He discussed 2009 Federal funding for regionalization and requesting monies for a new accountability system.

Communications:

- Tom Eighmie stated Seymour's frequency interferes with the Oxford Board of Education, so AT&T tower site being looked into.
- The Seymour School System radio system has been put online and all 4 chief's will have access.
- There is a possible chance that the town's dispatching will be forced back to C-MED New Haven. Currently, medical coverage for patching into the hospital still goes through C-MED. Tom is working with Chief Andrews with this situation. Asst. Chief Smith asked if dispatching is forced back, have there been any updates. Tom noted that the only changes he knows of; is now they have the capabilities to text message. Chief Andrews said this situation may take support from the entire department for persuasion.
- The Emergency Management printer which is shared at Great Hill is in need of cartridges. Tom would like to split cost and have them purchased. Quote handed in.
- Past Captain Jim Wasilewski discussed the idea of possibly having run reports online, password protected, so that they are more easily accessible and less paper is used.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked about the Code Red System and has it been tested. Tom said it will town wide tested at some point soon. Northwest Public Safety has the password for the system, along with himself and a Sergeant and Captain of the police department.

Fire Police Report: None

Public Comment: None

Requisitions:

Quantity	Item	Vendor	Price
1	HP toner cartridge (black)	Staples	\$91.99
1	HP toner cartridge (yellow)	Staples	\$110.99
	Combi-tool repair for C2	Firematic	\$478.76
2	Scott Scout Meters	Apollo Safety	\$2,664.00
2	Elevator keys	ElevatorKey.com	\$30.00
	Streamlight batteries	Gowans-Knight	TBD
	Installation of Officer radios	Communication Services	\$600.00

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

Executive Session:

Motion made to exit into executive session to discuss a non-specific personnel matter at 9:04pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 3-0

Motion made to exit out of executive session at 9:17pm, meeting reconvened. It was noted that no votes were taken during the executive session.

Other Business:

- Workshop scheduled for Thursday, January 15th at 7:30pm at Citizens.

(No further tape as of 9:20pm)

- Chief Andrews discussed arrangements for the inspection of new Rescue 17. He told Asst. Chief Cann to keep him updated when he talks to Chris Motasky. Chief Andrews said he would like to attend the inspection, so if arrangements could be made for Saturday that would work for him.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:28pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary