

*BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS*

**SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**1 FIRST STREET  
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 1, 2008**

**7:30pm**

**Great Hill Hose Company**

**Chiefs 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 November Meeting Minutes as written by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0**

**Correspondence:** None

**Chiefs Report:**

**Health Report:**

- Chief Andrews stated there is nothing new to report with members physicals. He did mention that Griffin Health Services will be using the new guidelines.

**Maintenance Report:**

- Maintenance Reports were handed in by both Great Hill and Citizens and discussed.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted that the light remains out on R-12. Chief Andrews stated there is an open P.O. at Communication Services and while they are fixing the light, they could also repair the electronic siren for T-14.
- It was stated that the door latch on E-16 was repaired and it appears now that the driver's side is broken.

**Training Report:**

- Asst. Chief Smith said there will be a Firefighter I class beginning in January. Information is located on the website and he said Steve Childs will be putting up sign-ups in the firehouses. 2Q class sign-up to be posted as well, 6-8 individuals will be needed to run the class. Class will cost approximately \$850.00.
- 2008 Training and Drill records need to be turned in by both companies.
- Asst. Chief Smith said the highway vest class has been completed. He said he has noticed both companies starting to use guidelines.

**Old Business:**

- Asst. Chief Smith said the SOG for Highway Vest Safety needs to be reviewed. Chief Andrews asked what happens when there are not enough vests available.

Asst. Chief Smith said more vests are on order and if a member doesn't have a vest to wear, they will have to stay in the safety zone. **Motion made to accept Roadway/Limited Access Highway Incident Response Policy as written by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0.**

- Chief Andrews said authorized individuals are still running into issues with purchases at Oxford Paint and Hardware and Daddios. He contacted Commissioner Lombardi who said he will contact the vendors.
- Asst. Chief Cann asked if there was an update on the new Chief's vehicle. Chief Andrews stated it had been ordered and would take another few weeks.
- Chief Andrews said he hasn't heard back from Shipman's about painting the Scott bottles.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked about the tree limb lists. Great Hill hasn't turned a list in as of yet.
- Chief Andrews said the turnout coat from Citizens has been sent out and will take 2 weeks to return.
- Currently, there are no new radio service updates.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked Lt. Zaniewski if he was the owner of ValleyFires.com. Lt. Zaniewski said he wasn't an administrator for the site. Asst. Chief Tomasheski reiterated numerous times that the photos that are posted can cause major issues for the department. A photo had been placed on the website of a Seymour firefighter without gear in a house full of smoke. Discussion about this topic continued along with a discussion concerning appropriate protective equipment and how proper action will be taken for those who don't comply. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said Captains need to reinforce information to their members. Captain Wasilewski said he has given numerous verbal warnings out. Asst. Chief Smith said the next stage is a written warning. It was noted that photos are reasonable evidence to see if members are not following proper guidelines.

#### **New Business:**

- Chief Andrews said he has received a complaint from Firefighter Gaudiosi regarding missing equipment from his turnout gear. Chief Andrews said he asked the Commissioners for guidance and they suggested having the Company Officers conduct an investigation. Chief Andrews said response from Captain Lombardi noted the following: he stressed the vulnerability of equipment left at the firehouse, items missing were discussed and members were talked to about situation, a firefighter mentioned he had found one for the items and returned it to Firefighter Gaudiosi, and time was a big factor, allegations were from 8 months ago. Chiefs discussed their views as well. Chief Andrews stated he will be looking at the Personal Gear Policy. **Motion made to reimburse Firefighter Gaudiosi by Asst. Chief Cann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Smith. Motion failed 2-2, w/no abstentions.**
- Captain Wasilewski officially reported Firefighter Ken Gabinelli's mask missing. Chief Andrews said obviously a new mask needs to be given to Firefighter Gabinelli and these situations absolutely need to be reported and a police report needs to be filed. Engineer Tony Carrubba said his mask has been switched out with someone else. Chief Andrews said an ID number should be on the mask.

Officers to reinforce the use of the bags that were given for the masks.

- Chief Andrews stated on November 23<sup>rd</sup> T-14 was damaged while backing out onto Skokorat Street from Capricorn Road. As a result, the air tanks on the bottom of the truck, struck the road. The tanks were fixed the following day by Mechanic Tom Jensen. While the truck was out of service, the driver was put on suspension while the accident was under investigation. It was concluded that Driver Mike Rudenko followed appropriate procedures and was reinstated as a driver that evening.

- Asst. Chief Smith said he attended a seminar regarding NFPA standards with 2 Company Officers. NFPA standard 1851 mandates that gear be replaced every 10 years regardless of its condition. Annually the gear needs to be inspected and every 3 years an advanced inspection. Vendors were contacted for prices of a density tester. Density testers cost approximately \$1,200.00.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski discussed the requirements to be a Seymour Fire Department Line Officer. He believes there should be requirements. Chief Andrews stated there are currently requirements in place.

- Asst. Chief Cann said he attended training provided by CL & P for wire issues and they are available to come and train the department. Chief Andrews told him to work with the Officers for something after the first of the year.

- Asst. Chief Cann handed in receipts from various drills and from the Great Hill Kitchen Committee. Chief Andrews said receipts need to be discussed.

- Lt. Lewis asked if there is money in the budget to replace tarps on E-11 and possibly E-13. Chief Andrews suggested to wait until after the winter. He asked Lt. Lewis to get updated prices.

- Captain Wasilewski stated the sewer pump is still out of service. Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated it will be taken care of by the end of the week.

- Chief Andrews discussed the new Chief's Appointment Date Ordinance change and he left the decision of whether he stays in as Chief an extra 6 months or leaves 6 months early to the Asst. Chief's. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said its unfortunate that Chief's only have 2 years. Asst. Chief Smith said that continuity would be better for the department.

#### **Fire Police Report:**

- Fire Police Captain George Decker gave a report on equipment as well as recent deliveries. He also mentioned that a speaker mike remains out of service. Chief Andrews said he has one available.

- Chief Andrews reminded that Fire Police need to return old cones, since the new cones have been delivered.

#### **Other Business:**

- New R-17 should take approximately another 5-7 business days.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated Great Hill approved the purchase of gift cards for food purchases. He suggested getting them so the receipts could be given to the Commissioners.

**Public Comment:** None

**Requisitions:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Price</b>
100ft Orange Hurst tool Hose w/fittings & 3 qts. Hydraulic Fluid	Firematic	\$1,100.00
Food Reimbursement for NIMS 300 class	Dale Cann	\$20.97

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

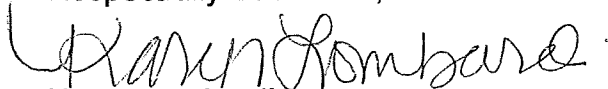
- Reimbursement for food was discussed. Great Hill Kitchen Committee handed in a list of items purchased for a joint drill on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Andrews noted that receipts are needed for these items and he doesn't believe there has been reimbursement before for plates and napkins. Items can be reimbursed within reason.

**Motion made to exit into Executive Session at 9:08pm to discuss a personnel matter by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0**

**Motion made to reconvene at 9:24pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0. It was noted that no action was taken.**

**Motion made to adjourn at 9:26pm by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi  
Recording Secretary