

Seymour Fire Department
Board of Fire Chief's
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2008
Flaherty Room-Town Hall

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

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept April meeting minutes as written with no discussion by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 3-0

Motion made to accept April Special Meeting Minutes with 1 Correction by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 3-0

Chief's Minutes:

Health Report:

- Chief Andrews stated there is nothing new to report with physicals.

Maintenance Report:

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski reviewed reports handed in by both companies.
- A few items discussed included: broken glass on E-11, dent in bumper of R-12, blown tire on E-10, airhorn sticking on T-14. Tom Jensen is working on the air system.
- Quotes were also handed in by Citizens Engineer Tony Carrubba regarding parts they requested.

Training Report:

- Chief Andrews read report handed in from Asst. Chief Smith.
- 13 out of 25 people who signed up for the CPR class on 4/27/08 showed up. Chief Andrews stated it is frustrating when people don't show up for training that is provided. He stated from this date forward a list will be given to both Captains so people can be reminded and questioned.
- An elevator class will be scheduled. It will require a sunday date and is a 4 hour session. The fire academy will be conducting the training.
- ATV train the trainer class is scheduled for June 14th in Woodbury. It is an 8 hour class, 6 people need to attend. Chief Andrews said he would like to have members that have training experience to attend. Hard hats, gloves, and eye protection are just a few of the supplies that are going to be needed for the training.
- Captain Lombardi deciding on dates to complete mandatory training.
- Additional training to be scheduled for late summer/early fall: surface water awareness class, surface water operational class, HAZMAT awareness/operational refresher class, hybrid class for vehicle rescue, and Fairfield Fire School dates.
- Letters have gone out for the tanker drill on May 18th. One response thus far.

Pre-planning meeting to be held on Wed. May 14th at 7:30pm at Great Hill. Attendance should include: Chiefs, Officers, and Fire Police. Chief Andrews told Captains to remind membership for a good turn-out.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked Captain Wasilewski if Great Hill could up front monies for refreshments and then a p.o. could be cut for reimbursement.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews reminded that Take-A-Stand day is May 15th. A rescue and an engine will be needed. Membership to arrive at 9am. Festivities will start at 10:30am and will end around noon. Chief Andrews said he is unavailable that day and that Asst. Chief Smith will have command.

- Chief Andrews asked Captain Lombardi about more Res-Q-Jack training. Captain Lombardi said he was waiting to hear back from Tom Jensen about getting more cars. He will also notify Captain Wasilewski, so Great Hill could train as well.

- Chief Andrews said the facial hair policy needs to be addressed and enforced. He said either hair is shaved or suspension. Lt. Willis asked about members who have purchased shavers. Chief Andrews said they can keep their facial hair as long as it is shaved before they put on their air pack.

- Asst. Chief Cann said the vendor from the Salamander System was down and the quote they received was \$26,733.50. The Salamander System is an accountability system the State of Connecticut has adopted. Numerous surrounding communities have taken advantage of a grant to purchase.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said Great Hill is to respond to all nursing home calls. He said there were 2 calls in 2 days without an appropriate response. Captain Wasilewski said he has taken care of it and apparently there were no drivers available.

- Deputy Fire Marshal Fritz said updated KnoxBox locations have been completed and given to the Chiefs. Chief Andrews said company officers will receive a copy.

Asst. Chief Tomasheski said a copy should be laminated and placed in each apparatus.

- Captain Lombardi said the Res-Q-Jacks have been placed in service and are located on R-12. He mentioned that the compressor continues to have CO problems. Captain Lombardi also inquired about patch for his turn-out coat. Chief Andrews said Globe is having issues with international back-orders.

New Business:

- Chief Andrews said he was approached by James Rafferty of the Anna LoPresti PTA. They are hosting a Touch-A-Truck fundraiser on June 14th at Tri Town Plaza from 10am-2pm. An engine from Great Hill is requested along with T-14. Chief Andrews stated these trucks will be committed to this event unless a catastrophic event occurs and they are needed.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated he is not happy with the configuration of the portables. He said they are not conducive for working. The portables do not scan appropriately. Chiefs are to discuss new strategy. Chief Andrews said that the Chief's portables and Officer portables will be configured the same way and the apparatus will have their own configuration. Chief Andrews said suggestions and/or input could be emailed to him. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said Chief's vehicles need their radio systems

updated especially before the tanker drill.

- Chief Andrews said North West Public Safety stated the transmitting out issue is because of an equipment problem with the town.

- Chief Andrews mentioned that an Oxford Constable was involved in an MVA that was thought to be in Oxford, right on the Seymour town line. Chief Andrews was contacted by the Oxford Chief and Chief Andrews told dispatch to have Oxford continue on with the call since they had already started.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said everyone worked well at the recent brush fire in Oxford. He noted that the Oxford Chief was very pleased.

- Captain Wasilewski said make-up drills are necessary for those who missed super sunday. He handed in a receipt for \$18.00 to cover donuts purchase by Great Hill at a recent drill.

- Captain Lombardi mentioned he has an active member that was given a junior corp. pager because no others were available. There are also 2 pagers with broken cases.

- Chief Andrews said the Great Hill member who lives in Hamden needs to have his pager taken away and signed up for text messaging. He suggested reviewing the active list and determining the less active members to possibly revoke equipment from.

- Captain Wasilewski said he would like to get T-14 up to Great Hill for refresher training. He also mentioned his department issued cellphone is useless. He said you can't hear with it the majority of the time and he believes his number had belonged to someone else because he receives a lot of wrong number calls from salesmen.

- Chief Andrews said on April 30th interviews were conducted for the open positions within the fire department. He announced that John Cronin, Jr will be the HAZMAT Lieutenant, David McAndrew will be the Junior Corp. Head Advisor, and Chris Drugonis will be the interium Dive Rescue Lieutenant, until he can fulfill the requirements. Chief Andrews said the HAZMAT lieutenant will be working closely with the officers to get proper paperwork to provided appropriate training. He noted this will be an active position.

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked how one goes about getting cleared on HAZMAT-7. Chief Andrews said someone is cleared if they are a driver on R-12 and operational level.

- Captain Wasilewski asked if Tom Eighmie will continue to clear drivers. Yes, per Chief Andrews, however he did state that another driver trainer could be used for final clearance.

- Jr.Corp Head Advisor Dave McAndrew said with the shortage of pagers, could the Jr. Corp. be part of the text messaging service. Chief Andrews suggested a form be made to be given to parents to sign stating that any texting beyond the allotted limit set by the fire department, it is the parents responsibility and will not be covered by the fire department. **Motion made to approve form so junior firefighters could**

receive text messaging with the shortage of pagers by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 3-0

- Asst. Chief Cann said John Cronin needs access to Citizens for HAZMAT.

- Captain Lombardi said he is in needed of 1 medium air pack mask.

- It was mentioned that the battery life of the nextel phones is very short. Suggestion to purchase 6 at \$65.00 a piece from Bond Radio.
- Captain Lombardi stated he will be unavailable to attend Chief's meetings after this month because of a new job with evening hours.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked about parades this year. No official dates as of yet from either company. Chief Andrews asked that lists to be in by June 2nd for this season a long with apparatus requested.

Requisitions:

- Discussed/reviewed
- Chief Andrews to provided requisition form

Motion made to adjourn at 9:05pm by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary