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Seymour Fire Department
Board of Fire Chiefs
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2008
Great Hill Hose Company

Chiefs Attending: Chief Scott Andrews, Asst. Chief Tom Tomasheski, Asst. Chief Jim Smith, Asst. Chief Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:28pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept March meeting minutes by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Correspondence: None

Chiefs Minutes:

Health Report-

- Chief Andrews stated a few members still need to have completed physicals, but many have been turned in. He asked that the Captains keep on the membership to stay on top. He noted that the current invoice for physicals is approximately \$6,700.00. A wide variety of prices for physicals have been noticed.

Maintenance Report-

- Both companies turned in maintenance reports.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted that Truck 14 transmission issues have been resolved.
- Chief Andrews asked Engineer Tony Carrubba about the mounting brackets. Tony stated that they are for the mounting of pipe poles, etc.
- Both companies need fan cool batteries. Chief Andrews stated a purchase order is already available for there purchasing.

Training Report-

- Asst. Chief Smith stated Chiefs and Captains have a list of the members who missed super Sunday. Make-ups for blood-borne will be held on 4/22/08 & 4/29/08.
- CPR certification class will be held on 4/20/08 at 8am at the training center.
- Renewal CPR certification class with be held on 4/27/08 at 8am at Great Hill Hose Co.
- Asst. Chief Smith said the Summer Session FF I applications are out and the June Fire School dates will be out soon.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski mentioned that on 4/20/08, Stevenson Fire Department will be conducting a tanker drill and they have requested Tanker 19. It starts at 7am with breakfast and drill beginning at 8am until approximately 12pm.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said on 5/18/08 the Seymour Fire Department would be

conducting a town-wide tanker drill. It will take place at Telemedia. It will begin at 8am with breakfast and drill beginning at 9am until approximately 12pm. 10 towns have been invited. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said newer drivers and drivers who are training should be primary drivers for this drill. Veteran drivers can be on-hand for guidance.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews said on Tuesday evening there would be a public hearing on the town budget at the middle school.
- Chief Andrews handed out a visual aid for the facial hair restrictions to all the Chiefs and both Captains. He would like to see a copy be posted in each firehouse as well as added to their SOG manuals.
- Chief Andrews updated on the fuel card status. He spoke with Dennis Rozum of public works and he stated they are in the process of purchasing equipment that will program the cards. He said the fire department cards do not work. The town is requesting that the fire department purchase 7 new cards at \$10 a piece.
- Smithfield Gardens now has 30 residents who are unable to self-evacuate. Chief Andrews said Fire Marshal Wetowitz has received an action plan from their management and is in the process of reviewing it. Another walk-thru was recommended. Chief Andrews said it should take place on 2 nights so that a smaller crowd will be in attendance. It was asked if the residents who cannot self-evacuate are identified. Chief Andrews said it was requested that a list be placed in the Knox box. Deputy Fire Marshal Fritz said he believes a copy is currently in the alarm panel.
- Asst. Chief Cann said on 4/23/08 at 7:30pm the Chiefs will be meeting with the vendor of the Salamander System. The meeting will be held at Citizens.
- Captain Lombardi mentioned that the vendor for the Res-Q-Jacks is unavailable to train on any Sunday until the end of May. Training has been scheduled for 4/23/08 at 6:30pm at Citizens.
- Captain Wasilewski said the Fold-A-Tanks are in at Gowans-Knight. He also mentioned he is in need for 2 new complete sets of turnout gear. Chief Andrews said the organizing of turnout gear is on going.

New Business:

- Captain Wasilewski noted that Past Chief Eighmie's dinner would be held on 4/20/08 at 4pm at the Colonial Tavern.
- Chief Andrews said he would like to purchase a plaque for Past Chief Eighmie. It will be added to the requisitions.
- Chief Andrews said effective immediately no fire department equipment/apparatus can be used for non fire department functions, unless pre-approved by a Chief. If a member is found insubordinate, proper disciplinary actions will be taken.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said R17 would begin stripping its equipment (frag tank & reels) in May.
- Chief Andrews said Seymour High School would be hosting the Take-A-Stand day on May 15th. He suggested that the Captains start thinking about staffing. He

would like both Rescue trucks and 2 engines fully staffed. There is a possibility of a 3rd engine, if Lifestar lands.

- Asst. Chief Cann suggests reminding membership that they need to talk to a Chief or the Incident Commander on a fire scene before leaving.
- Asst. Chief Smith asked about the vacant positions. (Dive/Rescue Lt., HAZMAT Lt., Jr. Corp. Head Advisor) Chief Andrews to set-up interviews.
- Captain Wasilewski asked if fit testing could be set-up. Asst. Chief Smith said Citizens is finishing up with it.
- Captain Lombardi stated Mike Rudenko would be taking over for Wesley Nelson as Asst. Engineer at Citizens. He also said he currently has 4 drivers training on Engines 11 & 13. He also mentioned that the computer is down in the watch station.
- Captain Lombardi noted that the CO monitor on the compressor is not working properly.

Fire Police:

- Nothing to report per Fire Police Captain George Decker.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: None

Requisitions:

- Updated report printed out after last set of requisitions was sent out by Chief Andrews.
- Chief Andrews noted there are many P.O. that remain open. He will be reviewing them.
- **Chief Andrews to provide requisitions.**

Motion to approve requisitions as stated by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0

- No other business to come before the Board.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:57pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary