

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Minutes for July 1, 2015 @ 7:30pm
Chief's Officers' Meeting

Adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Courier News and Echoes Sentinel as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

Present:

Fire Chief Mark Russo, Linda Palumbo

<u>Mt. Bethel Fire Co.</u>	<u>Mt. Horeb Fire Co.</u>	<u>Community Fire Co.</u>	<u>Washington Valley Fire Co.</u>
J. Morris & J. Mitchell	C. Young	B.Gaiser	C. Boschen (absent)

<u>Fire Police</u>	<u>Police Dept.</u>
Capt. K. Phillips	S. Schumacher

Police Report: Mt. Horeb would like to check radios via Police Dept.

Administrative Items

- Any new member who hasn't been fingerprinted, please contact Det. Ferreiro at 908-753-2920 ext. 6. First & Third Wed of the month will set up fingerprints appointments. I will double check on any new member is outstanding on fingerprints.
- Each Ass't Chief received a copy of vehicle report (see attached)
- St. Barnabas Bike Race July 26 (see attached)
- Recreation's Family Picnic July 30th at noon to hose down kids at pavilion
- Philadelphia EXPO Aug 7-9 (see attached)
- Union County College Fall EMT info (see attached)
- South Amboy Parade Oct 3 (see attached)
- St. Barnabas annual dinner to honor heroic firefighters on Dec 2 (see attached)

Old Business

- Log department, company drills and driver training into Red Alert
- Old carbon monoxide that are not working- LoSapio will get a quote for 12 new carbon monoxide units
- New Type II safety vests are required now (pg 9 of TIM's training manual).

Ken Phillips will look into the vests

- Community's laptop needs to be installed just missing 1 piece
- Russo has the Green Brook address of a house that is getting demolished and Warren Fire Dept will work with Green Brook Fire Dept

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Old Business continued

- C. Young is working on the requalification forms
- Driver Requals
- Reminder: ALL SCBA, equipment checks, and Engineer apparatus checks shall be faxed to 908-226-5629 (Township Administrator's fax machine) upon completion.
- Incentive/Comp plan re-write committee needed (current "point" system to ???)
 - You have \$25k available for your program.
 - MUST include calls, company drills, department drills, fire school

New Business

- C. Young received an equipment form to keep track. Chief Russo will have the 4 departments complete the equipment form so we can track the sizes, expiration dates, etc.
- J. Mitchell is working on wish list/pricing

Drills/Training

- SCBA recert drill at Millington possibly split Warren Fire Dept so not too crowded
- Bring in house pumps ops with our equipment, cert of attendance
- CPR recert in November
- Mayday training
- July 22nd at 7:30pm is the department drill. J. Mitchell suggested charging a sprinkler system, stand pipe system and extending attack line. J. Mitchell will reach out to George at Chubb since he used to take the Fire Dept on a tour of the Chubb building. Or Russo suggested the Citigroup building for the stand pipe drill in the parking garage possibly for the August drill. After much discussion they decided on foam with foam pro pack w/ attack line, hose line advancement & long distance attack line for the next department drill, location will be announced. Each Assistant Chief will check the how much foam each firehouse has. July 29th will be the extrication drill at Mt. Bethel.

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Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- The winch is still busted in Brush Truck 141 & at DPW for the second time
- Mt. Bethel has an electrical issue with Rescue truck & nothing has been done with the A/C. J. Morris will email C. Boschen to discuss issue. A/C Pro on Squad 61.
- Hose & ladder testing is scheduled for July 13 & pumps testing is July 14 with Fail Safe
- Fire/Police vehicle's battery has to be charged. DPW should check it out.
- Community's Engine 613 has several lights out on the vehicle. Ben will email C. Boschen

Fire Prevention

- Dante volunteered for the schools fire prevention and supplies

Fire Police

- K. Phillips is active Captain again. A thank you to Kathy Dalton for filling in for several months.

Radios/Communications

- Russo has several pagers out for service. Russo will get a quote on new pagers using the Car Show funds.

Open Discussion

- J. Mitchell suggested mandating participation for monthly drills for interior firefighters and drivers. Consequences were discussed. Having a policy and implementing are two different issues.
- Make sure training & certifications are updated in Red Alert for each firefighter. Give Linda a copy of the certs & training but the firefighter is responsible for entering their own certs & training.
- Chief Russo & A. Finch will be at the Baltimore EXPO July 15-18.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

Prepared by:



Linda Palumbo

Approved by:



Chief Mark Russo