

# Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes for May 31, 2016

## 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

Mt. Bethel Fire Co.

M. LoSapio

Mt. Horeb Fire Co.

C. Young

Community Fire Co.

B. Gaiser (absent)

Washington Valley Fire Co.

C. Boschen

Fire Police

Capt. K. Phillips

Police Dept.

J. Cohen & Karen

Liaison

G. DiNardo

**Police Report:** Great job on the car accident on Rt. 78 with Medivac. Police Department entered zones in the system which will help the dispatchers. Start date is June 1<sup>st</sup> for zones calls.

### Administrative Items

- Each Assistant Chief received a copy of vehicle report via email

### Old Business

- New Type II safety vests are required now (pg 9 of TIM's training manual)
- Reminder: ALL SCBA, equipment checks, and Engineer apparatus checks shall be faxed to 908-226-5629 (Township Administrator's fax machine) upon completion.
- M. LoSapio has the Incentive/Comp notes & will get the notes to Linda to type up
- Washington Valley has a gear dryer they want to give away. Union FD would like to take the gear dryer & paperwork was started. FD would like to get a gear washer & applied for a grant.
- SCBA are approx. 6-7 yrs old. Ask members if they want to be on a SCBA research committee
- New cell phone app to receive fire calls. A link will be emailed shortly. WV please email the cell phone numbers to [chief@warrenfire.org](mailto:chief@warrenfire.org) so they get connected to the cell phone app
- Linda will email the entire FD Mayday Standard Operating Guidelines. Next month we will review feedback from Mayday Guidelines
- Zone dispatch policy effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief will email all and attach the zone policy.
- Return to duty form if someone gets hurt
- Thanks to C. Young for compiling the training standards & driver qualification guidelines. G. DiNardo received a copy. Please get any comments to your Assistant Chief.

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**Old Business continued**

- Send your equipment request list to Chief Russo
- Status of WV Pagers, M. LoSapio will email B. Burkhardt re: radios

**New Business**

- Touch a Truck went well.
- M. LoSapio, C. Young, Chief Russo & J. Mitchell went to Fire Show in PA
- Mt. Horeb radio batteries are only working for 1 day. C Gavin should get the price & size of battery & Chief Russo will order.

**Drills/Training**

- MRI Safety Training discs & info to the Captains were distributed
- The following is the 2016 Training Schedule:
  - June 29- Engine Ops at WHRHS. M. LoSapio will email WHRHS to get permission
  - July- Truck Ops at Washington Valley. J Tucker will be the leader
  - Aug
  - September-Warren County Live Burn- Andy
  - October- Engineered Lumber & Building Construction
  - November
  - December
- The Stirling Fire Dept to train in several houses that they have acquired and will be demolishing. Date TBA
- CPR might be held again in 2016
- Mayday training in the future
- C. Young will coordinate blood borne pathogens training. Linda will email FD to see who needs the training.
- A house on Midvale Drive to be demolished soon and training coming soon

**Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus**

- D. Buro distributed copies of the work that DPW completed on each truck
- M. LoSapio will compile a desired monthly vehicle service schedule
- A-1 air conditioning needs to be charged
- A-8 has issues since it's an older trucks regarding certifiable parts
- Thermal imaging charger for Engine 2 is approved
- Hose & ladder testing including Aerial testing is scheduled for July 14. Pump testing is July 15

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**Fire Prevention**

- Ask your members if anyone is interested in visiting the 4 elementary schools in October for Fire Prevention
- Linda will order pink & red plastic fire hats since we don't have anymore

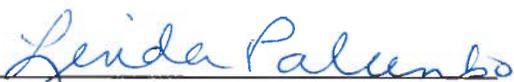
**Radios/Communications**

- Chief Russo is working with a company to survey radio repeater equipment

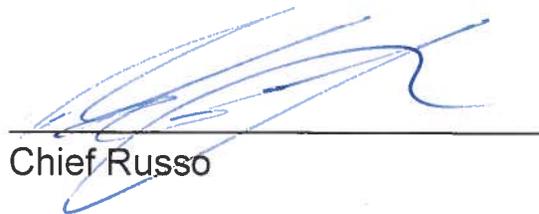
**Open Discussion**

- Mt. Bethel's pumper is 18 years old and it is approaching its life expectancy so it's time to start discussing a new vehicle. G. DiNardo will bring it up to the Township Committee
- Community's pumper is barely holding on and the repairs will be costly this year
- The Township Committee is not sure if they are going to hire a consultant to evaluate the Fire Department and an alternate plan is being discussed
- EXPO is June 15-18; Community firehouse will be attending on June 15, Mt. Horeb on June 16, Mt Bethel on June 17 and Washington Valley on June 18 for fireworks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Russo