

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Minutes for September 7, 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.
A. Fitch & J. Mitchell

Mt. Horeb Fire Co.
C. Young

Community Fire Co.
B. Gaiser

Washington Valley Fire Co.
C. Boschen

Fire Police
Capt. K. Phillips

Police Dept.
J. Cohen

Liaison
T. Byrne

Guest Speaker
R. Berry

Police Report: they are handing out the false alarm sheet but no habitual offenders. New 911 telephone system is in effect and user friendly.

Guest Speaker: Ron Berry as the security and compliance manager for Warren BOE K-8th grade would like to discuss some initiatives on the school side to enhance student & staff safety and offer to hold some training that might be relevant to the school buildings. Please pre-plan drills and the schools will try to cooperate. Window tinting coming to the K-8 schools soon. Solar panels are installed but if you need more info such as the disconnect, FD will try to set up a meeting soon. Working to straighten out the new phone system.

Administrative Items

- Each Assistant Chief received a copy of vehicle report
- Class A Foam class via Morris County on September 10 spots still available
- Car show this Sunday, September 11 at 9am. Set up is at Saturday at 11am please try to attend & stagger the help
- 9/11 Memorial at 9am in front of the monument.
- Brothers helping Brothers golf classic September 23
- Oxygen at 101 Mountainview Road
- Right to Know surveys online
- Roka Bioscience facility no longer performing lab work
- Pipeline class is coming up October 17 at 5:30pm at Imperial
- Kean University is offering firematics classes

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Old Business

- New Type II safety vests are required now (pg 9 of TIM's training manual), get sizes to Chief Russo
- 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/Compensation notes and will present
- 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 J. Mitchell will take the lead, D. Dante representing Mt. Horeb, B. Gaiser representing Community, V. Abate representing Washington Valley, A. Fitch representing Mt. Bethel
- C. Young requested a compiled equipment list for all 4 firehouses

New Business

- Department meeting is September 19 at 8pm Washington Valley firehouse, agenda to follow. If you would like an item added to the agenda please email Jim Mitchell asap.
- On September 27 J. Mitchell scheduled Continental Fire to do a demo on new struts, time tbd

Drills/Training

- MRI Safety Training discs & info to the Captains were distributed
- The following is the 2016 Training Schedule:
 - September 28 leaving by 6pm at Warren County Live Burn- thanks to A. Fitch for coordinating
 - October- Engineered Lumber & Building Construction-A. Fitch
 - November
 - December
- On September 23 at 7pm, Mt. Bethel firehouse **OR** Oct 1st at 9am, Washington Valley firehouse, thanks to T. Byrne for coordinating this CEVO class. **All drivers must attend 1 of these classes.**
- CPR might be held again in 2016. Email Linda if you need CPR or recertification. B. Gaiser will set up.
- Mayday training in the future

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Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- Community's engine coolant leak needs to be looked at on September 12
- Mt. Bethel's engine just went out for service

Fire Prevention

- Visits to the 4 elementary schools is scheduled on October 13

Fire Police

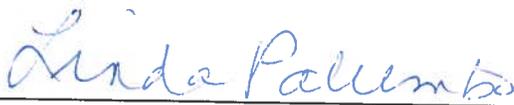
Radios/Communications

- Chief Russo is working with a company to survey radio repeater equipment
- Radio batteries are ordered & a charger for each firehouse

Open Discussion

- A. Fitch thanked Mt. Horeb for bringing over their truck
- M. D'Antico wants a knox box code. Get knox box codes to Chief Russo
- Washington Valley's engine key needs to be placed in the knox box
- Community would like a spare pager
- T. Byrne is in the office 1 day per week so bare with him until his hours increase
- Think about dropping August Chief's meeting for 2017 schedule
- Chief Russo will be attending the Township Committee September 8th meeting at 7pm to find out their decision about a new Pierce engine that can maneuver the smaller driveways. Demo vehicle will be on Monday, September 12th, 7:30pm at Mt. Bethel & attendance is encouraged.
- Wildwood is September 17-19
- Relief Association will be discussed at length at the next Department meeting on September 19

Meeting adjourned at 8:44



Linda Palumbo



Mark Russo