

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Chief's Officers' Meeting  
March 4, 2021 Minutes

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: Chief Russo & Linda Palumbo

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| <u>Mt. Bethel Fire Co.</u> | <u>Mt. Horeb Fire Co.</u> | <u>Community Fire Co.</u> | <u>Washington Valley Fire</u> |
| D. Reedman                 | D. Dante                  | A. Kachidurian            | V. Truglio & C. Boschen       |

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| <u>Police Dept</u>                   | <u>Fire Police</u> |
| Officer Task &<br>Dispatcher Leibold | K. Dalton          |

**Police Report:** A few local officers are interested in decommissioned gear for the County arson team.

**Reports of Officers**

**Equipment Readiness (Vito Truglio)**

Company Equipment Checks: boots, gloves & hoods are being distributed at Washington Valley (WV). Will submit the PPE checklist soon. Gas calibration unit needs repair. Please advise meter dates to see the life of meters. Vito will coordinate meter dates. WV would like to borrow the fit test for Tuesday. WV needs approximately 6 flashlights since the batteries are dying quickly. WV's chainsaw is back ordered until summer; wait or order a different model? Mt. Bethel has 2 saws out for service. Consumables: will coordinate a list

**Drills / Training (Derek Reedman):**

Department Drill: review air packs at WV & set up different stations for March 31. Chief Russo will bring extra bags needed for the IFAC class on March 24. Please brainstorm drill ideas for future dates.

**Operations (Derek Reedman):** Qualifications for Officers, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chiefs & Chief-do we want to review the policy since some are enforcing and some are not, need consistency in all 4 firehouses. Talk to your members & will discuss further at April's meeting.

**Reporting (Aram Kachidurian):** 35 February calls, 4 delayed calls, 7 rescues, 3 hazardous, 2 mutual aid, 15 false alarms.

Engine 2 - 10 calls with 1 crew  
Engine 3 - 19 calls with 9 crew  
Engine 4 - 5 calls with 5 crew  
Ladder 61 - 27 calls with 25 crew

Tower 61 - 1 calls with 1 crew  
Tanker 61-3 1 calls with 1 crew  
Tanker 61-4 1 calls with 1 crew  
Rescue 61 - 18 calls with 10 crew

**Reporting continued:**

Please cut down on radio traffic which would also be helpful to PD dispatch.

Who's Responding App: discussion about the functions of this app

**Vehicle Maintenance (Charlie Boschen):** Preventative Maintenance on the Tower, then Tanker, then Engine 3. The weather stripping on the front window on Mt. Bethel Ladder needs to be repaired.

**Fire Prevention Education / Public Events (Dave Dante):** no report

**Fire Inspector / Fire Prevention (Al Shjarback):** making progress

**Radios / Communications (Brian Burkhardt):** radios issues have been dealt with & battery radios are sufficient.

**Safety (Dave Dante):**

COVID report: distributed & review it for April's Chief's meeting next month

**Chief Items:**

Apparatus Replacement: received updated quotes/correspondence from vendors. Will be meeting to discuss final recommendations to move forward.

Radio Replacement: waiting on budget

Preplanning: will get form & will distribute with prices

Technical Rescue: Swift Water classes are setting up for spring

Purchasing: working off temporary budget

Rubber boots, corrected leather boots order should be shipped next week, helmets in, received hoods, please complete PPE spreadsheet & received fuel for saws.

Somerset Hills Hotel would like to do an Appreciation Dinner on a Monday, tentative date March 15. You will need to make a reservation & you can invite a guest. More details to follow.

ID printer arrived & Chief set it up so each member will receive 3 id's.

Please post the Division of Fire & Safety bulletin at your firehouse regarding cracked Scott masks. Please inspect masks at your firehouse.

Incident Commander would like communication to improve with EMS on calls.

Fire/Police-please see the Township Clerk to sign oaths individually.

Insurance for vehicles still needs to be discussed with the Township Administrator.

Derek met with Matt from EMS. EMT school might be able to use EMT funds to offset the cost. FD members can ride with the squad to get experience & EMS training on injuries for warm & cold zones.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

  
Linda Palumbo

  
Chief Russo