

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Minutes for October 7, 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>
M. LoSapio & J. Mitchell	C. Young	B.Gaiser	C. Boschen

<u>Fire Police</u>	<u>Police Dept.</u>
Capt. K. Phillips	J. Cohen & Karen

**Police Report:** Alarms are up to date. Went to Stone House the other night for an alarm, Al should have been contacted. Junior members should remain quiet during a Police Dept call & watch speed on roads.

### Administrative Items

- Each Ass't Chief received a copy of vehicle report.
- Each Ass't Chief received a copy of WT street guide. Zones are the police districts.
- Brite Nites Oct 16-18 & 23-25. FD is not required to be present. Russo has 2 VIP tickets.
- Camp Jotoni cocktail party on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fiddlers County Club from 6-8pm.
- A Gift from Captain Buscio Gala on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Free Health screening including stress test, blood, ultrasound, etc in Newark and Browns Mill locations.
- NJCU info regarding Fire Science degree

### Old Business

- Log department, company drills and driver training into Red Alert by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.
- CO 6 year meters was placed recently, 10 were ordered with M. LoSapio's help.
- New Type II safety vests are required now (pg 9 of TIM's training manual)
- C. Young received an equipment form to keep track
- J. Mitchell is working on wish list/pricing
- Driver Requals from Ben. C. Young will send to Russo.
- If anyone missed the SCBA mask fit testing, let Russo know. If there is enough, then we will schedule another mask fit testing.

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**Old Business Continued:**

- 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 ???) Ben will reach out to Watchung to get their incentive plan and already has Green Brook's.
  - You have \$25k available for your program.
  - MUST include calls, company drills, department drills, fire school

**New Business**

- C. Boschen thanked M. LoSapio for taking the Washington Valley engine during a call. Squad 61 was out of service, Mt. Horeb & Community were on a highway call.
- Please be safe when driving to calls.
- Reduce response was discussed & first officer on scene should verbally say on the radio "reduce response" if needed.

**Drills/Training**

- SCBA recert drill is mandatory, possibly at Millington and Community & split Warren Fire Dept so not too crowded. M LoSapio volunteered to be the coordinator & will find an instructor possibly Oct 21 & 28.
- Bring in house Pumps Ops training with our equipment & receive a certificate of attendance
- CPR recert in November
- Talk about a Live burn & D. Reedman being the Level II instructor
- Mayday training in December

**Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus**

- Per M. LoSapio in regards to Squad 61: \$12k for recommended repairs, forego repacking the pump but batteries should be done, Do not bring to Campbell vendor. Recommended Fire & Safety for repairs. M LoSapio will write up a list that he would like to be repaired such as A/C needs full replacement, pump repack, major grease fitting, valves & batteries.

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**Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus continued**

- Mt. Horeb's 102 the deck gun valve needs repair. C Young will write up a specific list.

**Fire Prevention**

- Chief Russo, D. Dante, Valentino & J. DeVizio visited 4 Warren elementary schools today
- Mt. Horeb will visit Orchard Academy preschool tomorrow
- Mt. Bethel will visit Primrose on Friday

**Fire Police**

**Radios/Communications**

- Thank you M. LoSapio for pushing the correct button on the radio. Repeaters are at the Tower & PD so you can't hear the radios repeating at the same time

**Open Discussion**

- M. LoSapio as Treasurer of Relief Assoc will hold a meeting on Oct. 19
- J. Mitchell will add anything to Oct 19 agenda
- Chief Russo, A. Shjarback, 4 Company Presidents will be meeting about car show funds on Oct 12. No decisions can be made at the meeting. Assistant Fire Chiefs would like to have a say in the decision of spending the car show funds. Assistant Fire Chiefs would like to purchase easily dividable items such as radios & pagers. Please remember to include the Fire Police.
- K. Phillips would like to see a representative from each Fire Department at the car show planning committee
- 5K run on Oct 25 will benefit the Mt. Horeb firehouse
- Batteries will be ordered soon since time clocks are changing on November 1st

Meeting concluded at 8:56pm

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Linda Palumbo

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Chief Russo