

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Minutes for January 13, 2016 @ 7pm
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	C. Young-late	R. Gardine	J. Tucker
J. Mitchell-late	D. Dante-late		
A. Fitch			

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

Police Report

The number of 2014 issued alarms, pump outs, etc compared to 2015 decreased therefore, the red sheets are working. Police Chief decides about the blue light permit after checking driving record and will not change his decision. Thanks to Washington Valley for fixing the banner on Mountain Blvd.

Administrative Items

- Each Assistant Chief received a copy of vehicle report via email
- Reminder Mt. Bethel - Bonfire this Sat, Jan 16th 4-7pm, Bardy Rd closes at 3pm, fireworks at 7pm
- Somerset County graduation on Jan 21st at 7:30pm
- Twp OEM meeting Feb 2 at 7pm
- Sewerage Dept hired a contractor to do smoke test checking for leaks next week, starting WHRHS on Monday, Jan 18th
- A. Shjarback & Chief Russo are working with WHRHS on fire alarms. FD gives the approval to reoccupy the building. A. Shjarback is working on a draft and when it's complete he will forward to all Chiefs

Old Business

- Log department, company drills and driver training into Red Alert
- New Type II safety vests are required now (pg 9 of TIM's training manual)
- J. Mitchell is working on wish list/pricing, everything ordered in 2015 except Washington Valley blitz fire & Fire/Police boots

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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.
- M. LoSapio volunteered to coordinate Incentive/Comp plan re-write and if anyone else would like to volunteer to help.
- You have \$25k available for your program.
- MUST include calls, company drills, department drills, fire school

New Business

- M. LoSapio discussed zone responses - since we have many new members majority would like to go back to zone responses. Chief Russo will forward the zone policy. Try for a February 1st start date. Duty crew was briefly discussed.
- Driver Requals from C. Young – Driver/Operator for Pumper Skills packet & all Chiefs received a copy. If any changes please give to Chief Russo within the month.
- Ask M. Krane what the insurance policy is for rescuing an animal- FD doesn't want anyone to get hurt
- Name tags for back of fire coats. Give Chief Russo a list so we can request a quote. Mt. Horeb needs helmet, gloves & hoods.
- Chief Russo will check on helmets, med kits, panels & gloves.
- M. LoSapio will give the name of his gear bag.

Drills/Training

- Training meeting date January 25 at 7:30pm Washington Valley
- Blood borne pathogens on January 27 is possible
- Bring in house Pumps Ops training with our equipment & will discuss on Monday
- CPR recert was held in December & thanks to B. Gaiser for coordinating- anyone who missed it, we will try to coordinate 1 more class during 2016
- Mayday training in the future
- Chief Russo suggested 2 live burns throughout the year

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Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- 61-102 canvas is missing
- M. LoSapio volunteered to communicate with DPW. M. LoSapio will also get a vehicle maintenance schedule for the year

Fire Prevention

Fire Police

- Still waiting for new vehicle which was ordered

Radios/Communications

- Chief Russo is working with a company to survey radio equipment
- Reprogrammed fire ground was incorrect & added channels

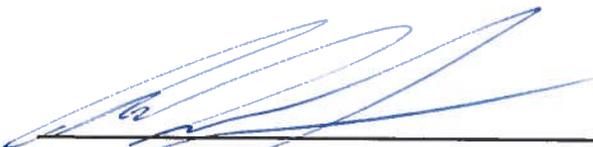
Open Discussion

- Mayor Lazo thanked the FD for their commitment, time and keep doing a great job

Meeting concluded at 8:28pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Russo