

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

Agenda for January 11, 2017

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.

Police Report:

Administrative Items

- Quarterly review of purchases J. Mitchell

Old Business

- Bonfire is Sat, January 14 please arrive at 3:30pm and bring fire extinguishers
- Update on new vehicle
- G. Clooney volunteered to set up a meeting with Ron Berry to find out where solar panel disconnects are for elementary & middle schools
- 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.
- FD is awaiting gear washer quote. G. Cooney met with them but haven't received a finalized quote yet.
- 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
- 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
- Think of gift for annual FD dinner. Polo shirt & hat, beach towel and blanket were discussed. Annual dinner will be in March on a Friday night.
- J. Mitchell distributed 2016 Firematics Project at October's meeting and the Chiefs received a copy. All Chiefs agreed to allow J. Mitchell to move forward with reviewing nozzle orders & following proposed guidelines.
- Response Law would like to speak to Fire Dept about the importance of documentation & liabilities involved in their actions as firefighters on Sat, Jan 28 in the morning.
- Need boots for Robby Tucker at Mt. Bethel
- Need fire gear for members that graduated fire school. Chief would like to purchase 5 sets of fire gear each year.

New Business

Drills/Training

- Please encourage your members to attend Response Law on Jan 28 at Washington Valley, 9am, breakfast will be provided. Thanks to Tom Byrne for coordinating.
- Please encourage your members to attend an in house ICS-300 class on April 1, 8 & 9
- Juvenile Firestarter Education Course (see attached email)
- Discuss the 2017 Training Schedule
- Warren Township & State training requirements were discussed in detail. Firefighter 2 & Fire Officer training are highly recommended by NJ Standards. Live Burn Training & Flammable Liquids are annual requirements according to NJ Standards. C. Young suggested getting more firefighters to meet NJ Standards training requirements and they can be eligible for a higher position such as Assistant Chief in the coming years. The goal is to get some firefighters trained in Fire Officer 1 in 2017. Per Chief Russo re: 2017 elections, next week's election at a company level, put the most qualified person in the position who will be willing to attend the recommended training using current state guidelines; training analysis in January & February 2017. Suspend the current Warren Township training standard document to February 2017 meeting
- Mayday training in the future
- T. Byrne has a teacher who can teach NFIRS class during the day in February. Maybe one or two people per fire company can attend then can teach their own fire company. K. Phillips would like to attend too.
- MRI Safety Training discs & info to the Captains were distributed
- Captains are in charge of 2017 training

Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- Monthly Vehicle Maintenance report (see attached)
- Pylon vent broke again on Mt. Horeb's Engine 2; nozzle is broke & ball valve on medium foam valve is broken on Mt. Horeb's and tick, need replacement batteries
- Engine 4 went out for "on spots" repair

Fire Prevention

Fire Police

- K. Phillips gave Chief Russo info on lights for the new vehicle

Radios/Communications

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

Open Discussion