

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

October 3, 2018 Minutes

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: Chief Russo & L. Palumbo

Mt. Bethel Fire Co.

J. Mitchell & A. Fitch

Mt. Horeb Fire Co.

D. Dante

Community Fire Co.

A. Kachidurian

Washington Valley Fire Co.

M. Dalton, C. Boschen

Liaisons

T. Byrne

Fire Police

K. Phillips

Police Dept.

Karen

Police Report: Nothing to report

Administrative Items

- 1 page 2018 FD budget distributed
- Car Show Financial Report distributed to all Chiefs. Any more car show receipts, please give to A. Shjarback.
- Oct 12 at 8pm Pop Warner Bonfire & fireworks across from Middle School
- J. Mitchell Purchasing update: Recently delivered turnout gear, M. Dalton & A. Fitch didn't fit so we will exchange, 16' ladder on new rescue truck, each Fire Company received 2 new nozzles & LDH clamp will go on the rescue. Rehab trailer PO's on Chief Russo desk. (1,000 feet of hose on order) spare hose ordered for Ladder 61. Lockers for Washington Valley, battery jump box, overhaul kit, meters, etc. Next year 28' ladder should be ordered and Fire/Police should have their own line item. Turbo draft and grease will be ordered shortly.

Old Business

- Fire Officer 1 state cert policy discussion: Not all Assistant Fire Chiefs have Fire Officer 1 cert. J. Mitchell distributed a draft exception to the training policy which would give Captains & Assistant Chiefs a 2 year extension to get Firefighter 2 and Fire Officer 1. Washington Valley, Mt. Horeb & Community are not in favor of this change or anything more than the state requirements. Community would like to remove for Captain and part of it for Assistant Chief. A suggestion was made for the Chief to attend an occasional fire company meeting. Please bring written recommendations to the November meeting to further discuss this topic.
- Need to submit NFIRS fire reports to state asap for March 2018 and onward. Linda emailed members to complete reports. Per Chief Russo, please complete green areas and approve incident. State will withhold grants for the town if we don't submit reports to state. Assistant Chiefs please monitor reports since members are putting their names on fire calls that don't attend calls.

Old Business continued

- Reminder: ALL SCBA, equipment checks, and Engineer apparatus checks shall be emailed to lpalumbo@warrennj.org upon completion.
- Chief Russo would like driver qualifications & requalification packets completed. Chief Russo emailed the one page compiled requalification packet thanks to C. Young & was emailed to the FD. Warrenfire.org under downloads is the packet. Linda will run a report for October meeting.
- Community & Washington Valley engine rescheduled for hose testing on 7/12. Linda will call Fail Safe when new hoses arrive (schedule at DPW). WV hose was not tested but Community's was tested.
- T. Byrne is making progress on the Emergency Vehicle Response policy to all Chiefs. Chiefs are to review. Working on drug & alcohol policy which is needed before we approve this Emergency Vehicle Response so approval is pending amendment. In Administrative review.
- Mt. Horeb needs gloves S, M, L & XXL. If you need gloves, contact J. Mitchell
- Somerville rehab bus demo was tonight.
- Fire Police submitted county credentialing, need to follow up on their paperwork status. All the county credentialing paperwork is at Town Hall. D. Dante volunteered to be the county contact person in place of M. LoSapio; will contact county to get changed.
- B. Gaiser will handle ordering more pager & air pack batteries.
- Fire/Police submitted items to be purchased when the budget was submitted; this is the 4th year there are no funds left for Fire/Police. Chief Russo will review the Fire/Police items.
- All Hands Fire held an in-service on Draeger air packs since the Scott SCBA are almost 10 years old and need to be discarded next year. Thanks to the committee which consists of J. Mitchell, B. Gaiser, C. Boschen & D. Dante. Fit testing needs to be scheduled soon.

New Business

- J. Mitchell distributed statistics on cancers and the latest NFPA recommendations about washing fire gear after fire calls & firefighter need to be decontaminated. Suggestions were to purchase 2 hoods per firefighter and turnout gear needs to be replaced after 10 years and possibly purchase a 2nd set of gear for active firefighters.
- Rescue Truck committee consists of A. Fitch, D. Pepe & D. Reedman looked at 5 vendors and narrowed it down to 2 vendors.

New Business continued

- FD budget due November 5. Email any purchasing items for next year to Chief Russo & cc J. Mitchell.

Drills/Training

- The 2018 Training Schedule (captains please coordinate)
- D. Dante scheduled a live burn on October 13 at 8:30am at Somerset County. WV will bring engine, Mt. Bethel ladder and try to bring rescue if needed. Firm headcount to Chief Russo by this Friday.
- New techniques for tanker task force for November. J. Mitchell will find a volunteer
- CPR was suggested for December. Contact D. Reedman if you are interested in taking CPR. Linda will run a CPR report & email to the Assistant Chiefs. D. Dante, M. Foley and D. Acosta recently attended CPR. Linda will follow up on their CPR cards.
- Mayday training in the future

Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- Monthly Vehicle Maintenance report was distributed.
- WV tanker is out for service.
- Engine 2 has an air leak
- Fire Police vehicle's rollout is torn and there's gas damage. K. Phillips will talk to Line-X on Rt. 22

Fire Prevention

- October 11 is scheduled with 4 elementary schools and several preschools are scheduled with various dates & times which was emailed to the FD looking for volunteers.
- Fire hydrant is out of service near Starbucks. Please email Chief Russo if you see any hydrants that need to be repaired.
- There's a new business in town at 57 Stirling Road that makes pallets.

Fire Police

- B. Task is inactive temporarily
- Recreation Bonfire/Winter Carnival meeting was recently. Suggested more lighting on Bardy Road.

Radios/Communications

- Community's engine radio is malfunctioning.
- Town is working on radio microwaves.

Open Discussion

- Check medical equipment for expiration dates.
- Please give your feedback to the Chief on the new rescue truck, no pump on it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Russo