

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

April 3, 2019 Agenda

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:

Reports of Officers

Equipment Readiness (Ben Gaiser)

Company Equipment Checks (air pack leaks and issues)

Consumables

Equipment Inventory / Asset Tagging (progress report): current list of the asset tags, 2/3 not associated to a company, if you have the fire eq at your fire house that's not assigned to your fire co, please let Ben know, the rest of the equipment needs to be found. Per the Chief any asset over \$1,000 needs an asset tag assigned to it.

Drills / Training (Aram Kachidurian / Derek Reedman)

Driver Qualification Status (Chief to explain ISO audit findings): 60 initial training hours & 12 hrs annually requalification, NFPA said WTFD is 95% satisfactory

CPR - (need mannequins, purchasing) will purchase when 2019 budget is approved

Fit Testing (and Train the Trainer): Derek is at the firehouse on Wed night
Department Drill Schedule 2019

Lessons learned at 22 Blazier / first 5 minute drills: any observations please let Aram & Derek know to build into the training

Tim's at WV next week, Live burn in piscataway next month (need dates).

Operations (Mark Russo)

Monthly and YTD activity report (need crew response stats): total calls 56 for March, 253 for 2019, 14 calls, 8 calls, 28 , 9 calls took more than 10 minutes to respond

County Credentialing: **photo session April** , Brian is handling so contact him

Backup attack hose cache for each company: 12 rolls

2018 SCBA flow testing - completed, FD complaining of vendor since they didn't put the air packs back properly so will probably switch vendors next year. equipment officer will take this over next year,

Vehicle Maintenance (Charlie Boschen): contact Doug and cc: Charlie with issues
Rescue-61 light tower partially works

61-103 mobile radio status still not functioning properly, mobile trunking radio, Wireless was recommended to repair radio
Tanker 3 going out for service this Thurs, Engine 3 needs service soon too
WV Knox box codes
FLIR mounting in Tanker 4 and Engine 4: still trying to schedule with Absolute

Fire Prevention Education / Public Events (Dave Dante)

Westfield Gospel Chapel they have a mobile kitchen for disaster relief to feed the FD, June 8, Charlie will meet with them initially on April 6

Hydrant Status Report

Fire Prevention Planning

Update on Mobile Kitchen demo event to be help as WVVFC

Fire Inspector / Fire Prevention (Al Shjarback): still working on the fire inspector interview process, thanks for help at Blazier Road fire which was an electrical wiring started in the basement, Thank you again from the Loreilo Family and wants to feed the FD. NJ American it's hydrant flushing time.

Radios / Communications (Brian Burkhardt)

Battery Status: low on radio batteries, replaced 7 WV batteries, etc. Mt.

Bethel reconditions batteries.

Radio Inventory: Co 2 Brian needs serial #'s for portable, has most pager inventory needs a few more

Life Hazard battery is still Ben,

Safety (Mike Dalton)

Traffic safety policy review progress: standstill, class next month

Overhaul meters: not in the budget, 2 different meters costs approx \$9k, need technical training to use them. Chief will look into asking the County to see if they have the meters and possibly come to the fire scene

Cancer Prevention: Chief would like any info on this topic

Use accountability tags when there's a call

Chief Items,

Roster - Co #1,2,4 supplied rosters, need Co 3

Apparatus Replacement: presented to the Town, a Rescue for Mt. Bethel rec'd 2 quotes but now need to provide a generic stock to compare vendors equally, will send to the 3 vendors, Pierce, Suphen & Rosen_____ since they vendors will most likely be around the next 20 years & Tanker for Community

Compensation plan - no update

PPE plan - no update

Radio Replacement: meeting soon

ISO audit: completed currently ISO 4 rating going in, not factual such as the FD doesn't have documented pre planned occupancy in the town, homes & businesses near hydrants will get rated separately from those homes & businesses not near hydrants.

Preplanning - no update

Technical Rescue: WV Tower Ladder interested in rope rescue?

Adopt final mutual aid policy: Chief received comments and adopted them

Adopt fire-police policy changes: ordinances were discussed, need proper supervision if they are going to hold a training, follow the FD guidelines, can't self dispatch, attending calls where the tones have not been called, need to be covered properly with the insurance, State law assigns Fire Police, can't respond to Rt 78 calls, no more Fire Police Captain since they all report to FD, no hot zones for Fire Police. Chief contacted each Ass't Chief to discuss the ordinance & by laws since they are changing. Further discussion after the meeting.

Purchasing - budget is expected to be approved by the state in May so then we can start purchasing. Surplus hose needs to be redistributed so we can figure out what hose we need to purchase. Get hose inventory reconciled properly

Blow hard fans having issues, needs service

date will be determined

acquired structure couldn't get since the owners didn't agree to it

Chief is encouraging RIC training which is forthcoming

Meeting adjourned at 8:39

<Close of Meeting>

New Leadership Development training - after the Chief's meeting, we will have an active discussion period about how we want to move forward with firematic operations and training . The focus will be on developing our officer corps. The ISO audit revealed the need to create officer specific training to meet NFPA standards. The session will occur each month after the chief's meeting and will be documented as a drill.