

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
June 5, 2019 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 Mitchell & 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. Russo & B. Burkhardt	D. Dante	A. Kachidurian	M. Dalton & C. Boschen

<u>Fire Marshal</u>	<u>Police Dept.</u>
A. Shjarback	J. Cohen & Karen

Police Report: If there's a distress call, the County has adopted a policy for Fire Officials/Fire Marshal, improve radio communications and implement a code if you are safe or in a dangerous situation. Lauren new part-time dispatcher is in training & 2 new PD officers. Sgt. Pat Mizeski said thank you to the FD for allowing the PD to use the FD facilities for child car seat check. The Lions Carnival is June 12-15. Per Chief Mitchell, beginning to look at auto feed to Enforsys, looking expand detail on how FD dispatch and response is logged.

Reports of Officers

Equipment Readiness (Ben Gaiser)

Company Equipment Checks (air pack leaks and issues): fan for Mt. Bethel went out for service, it's back and working. B. Burkhardt brought Engine 61-103 radio back.

Consumables

Equipment Inventory/Asset Tagging -

Drills / Training (Aram Kachidurian / Derek Reedman)

Driver Qualification Status

CPR mannequins queued to be purchased

Fit Testing (and Train the Trainer progress): C. Young is trained from Mt. Horeb

Department Drill Schedule 2019 - Turbo Draft / Tanker ops training on June 26, location to be determined & will try to get surrounding towns to attend and experience the water flow.

Operations (Mark Russo) 44 total calls in May and 250 YTD calls:

Vehicle response for May:

Engine 2 - 8 calls with 0 crew
Engine 3 - 24 calls with 7 crew
Engine 4 - 4 calls with 0 crew
Ladder 61 - 29 calls with 15 crew
Tower 61 - 0 calls with 0 crew
Tanker 61-3 0 calls with 0 crew
Tanker 61-4 0 calls with 0 crew
Rescue 61 - 8 calls with 7 crew

Operations continued

Delayed response time reports from the initial call and the time member enters the system & arrival time. M. Russo is trying to get this info into the PD cad.

Please include the narrative in the fire call report.

County Credentialing: caught up with submitting applications but still have many members who still need to submit their county credentialing application. Backup attack hose cache for each company

Vehicle Maintenance (Charlie Boschen)

Rescue-61 light tower and electrical issues - fixed

Tanker 3 and Engine 61-3 serviced in March - completed

FLIR mounting in Tanker 4 and Engine 4 - completed

WV Tower still out of service due to air bottle. Campbell had it a month and the FD agrees they should order the part, return the vehicle to the FD while awaiting the part & then take the vehicle once the parts are received. Please communicate this to D. Buro

Engine 4 still out of service for stalling issue and preventative maintenance

Fire Prevention Education / Public Events (Dave Dante):

Hydrant Status Report - please report fire hydrant if it's obstructed or out of service

Fire Prevention Planning - D Dante to order plastic fire hats. BOE to get head count Fire Prevention in the fall.

Update on Mobile Kitchen demo event to be held Sat, June 8 from 12-2pm at WVVFC

Lions Expo - there is early entry for kids with special needs on Sat, June 15 at 3pm. PD is requesting the FD to block the alley ways with FD vehicles.

Community Dept picnic - D. Dante will communicate to the FD if there's a need for 1 member from each firehouse.

Fire Inspector / Fire Prevention (Al Shjarback)

There have been many calls regarding 34 Mountain Blvd. There's a dry sprinkler in the attic which will be evaluated next week and when A. Shjarback finds out the timeline, he will inform the FD.

Radios / Communications (Brian Burkhardt)

Battery Status - no update

Radio Inventory - budget approval expected soon, getting department radio quotes, M. Dalton needs a spare charger so Brian will swap it.

Radio survey - no update

Pager Survey - no update

Safety (Mike Dalton): TIM's manual for review for July's Chief's meeting

Traffic safety policy review progress

Rehab trailer - no update

Overhaul meters - review and get quotes

Cancer Prevention - look into cancer preventing hoods

Chief Items

Drug & Alcohol Policy was emailed to the 4 Assistant Chiefs to review so please get comments to the Chief before next meeting. He would like to adopt by the July Chief's meeting.

Apparatus Replacement - 4 vendors to provide additional details, deadline is June 17

PPE plan - 16 sets of turnout gear requested, approved for 8 sets, based on interior & response level

Radio Replacement - APX radios not in 2019 cap x, will request 6 next year in cap x

Preplanning - no update

Technical Rescue - no update

Purchasing - each firehouse will receive a new Scott wire frame SCBA to evaluate, must return old pack for trade in; new bottles will be purchased in next few years as they age out..

Chief Mitchell reviewed the 4 company rosters and will ask the Assistant Chiefs about interior firefighters.

Input to Chief regarding his updates:

A. Kachidurian - hydrotest in the next 90 days

M. Dalton - Regarding group texting, if 2 members need to communicate late at night, use discretion & be respectful to other members. Some members need to keep their phones on for work.

A Shjarback - The state is engaged in a radio antenna consolidation at the tower, we are now sharing antennas. The system went down, plug came loose and was repaired. Please give any feedback about changes in performance to Chief Mitchell.

FD hasn't been contacts by school regarding WHRHS graduation.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:12pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Mitchell