

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

May 1, 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

Mt. Bethel Fire Co.

Mt. Horeb Fire Co.

Community Fire Co.

Washington Valley Fire Co.

A. Fitch & B. Burkhardt

C. Young

B. Gaiser

M. Dalton

Police Dept.

J. Cohen & Karen

Police Report: A big thank you to B. Burkhardt & M. Russo for notifying a police officer of a house fire next to his home, everyone is safe. There is a new part-time dispatcher, Laura, who joined the team.

Reports of Officers

Equipment Readiness (Ben Gaiser)

Company Equipment Checks (air pack leaks and issues)

Consumables: B. Gaiser has Mt. Bethel's blow hard fan and will drop off at NJ Fire since it's not charging. And ordered new smoke detector cans for inspectors.

Equipment Inventory / Asset Tagging: project in progress

Drills / Training (Aram Kachidurian / Derek Reedman): no reports

Driver Qualification Status

CPR - (need mannequins, purchasing)

Fit Testing (and Train the Trainer progress)

Department Drill Schedule 2019

Operations (Mark Russo)

61 total calls for April and 206 YTD calls:

Vehicle response for April:

Engine 2 - 9 calls with 1 crew

Engine 3 - 29 calls with 1 crew

Engine 4 - 5 calls with 0 crew

Ladder 61 - 34 calls with 15 crew

Tower 61 - 3 calls with 0 crew

Tanker 61-3 0 calls with 0 crew

Tanker 61-4 2 calls with 0 crew

Rescue 61 - 19 calls with 10 crew

14 calls took more than 10 minutes to respond.

Operations continued:

County Credentialing: need more members to respond to this
SCBA Flow testing was emailed to the Chief. New drivers need to park exhaust away from the building. Please keep talk on the radio to a minimum. Also please carry a pager.
Warren was invited to a drill in August for wide area searches.
Batteries for Community will be ordered.
Backup attack hose cache for each company: completed

Vehicle Maintenance (Charlie Boschen)

Rescue-61 light tower and electrical issues
Tanker 3 went out for service and Engine 61-3 did not go out for service.
WV Knox box codes works.
FLIR mounting in Tanker 4 and Engine 4 - completed
Fill station in Mt. Bethel Rescue needs to be serviced

Fire Prevention Education / Public Events (Dave Dante)

Hydrant Status Report - Rockage Road
Fire Prevention Planning - outcome of supply inventory
Update on Mobile Kitchen demo event to be held as WVFC: met with C. Boschen, they will cook lunch for the Fire Department a Saturday in June.
Camp Jotoni wants to do something with the FD

Fire Inspector / Fire Prevention (Al Shjarback)

New hire update, nothing pending

Radios / Communications (Brian Burkhardt)

Battery Status: will order some batteries for Mt. Bethel if needed
Radio Inventory: budget approval expected soon and then will start working on getting quotes
Radio survey: Don't think Community's radio is fixable, other radios can be used in the meantime, need radio inventory updated.
Pager Survey: B. Burkhardt has some pagers if anyone needs one

Safety (Mike Dalton)

Traffic safety policy review progress: print out the slides and Mike will update them
Drill: TIM's course was held at WV last month
Pump Rehab trailer: was not tabled as last reported, will discuss and build different shelves
Overhaul meters: will get opinions
Cancer Prevention: nothing to report
Mt. Horeb can calibrate bottles so let them know on a Wednesday night, old 4 and 5, all 4 types of Draeger yellow ones. Mt. Horeb will train too.

Chief Items

Roster: Co #1,2,4 supplied rosters, received Co 3 roster so completed.

Apparatus Replacement: produced 3 documents that outlined functional requirements for Rescue, Tanker for Community and Tanker/Pumper for Mt. Bethel. Approved by committees, awaiting 4 vendors quotes, then will select a vendor and present to Township Committee.

Radio Replacement: committee concluded for 2019 & 2020 and the FD & PD should be purchasing 3apx per year. We failed to enter in 2019 budget so will submit 6 for next year.

PPE plan: purchasing will start in 2 weeks. The goal is to outfit all interior firefighters with complaint and the top responders will get a 2nd gear set.

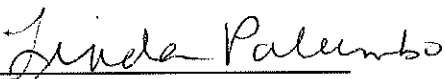
Preplanning: C. Young is working on a temp plate and will email a draft which includes building purpose, hazards, a map of hydrants locations, hazardous items located & how outcomes will be handled. The goal is to have this info on your phone.

Technical Rescue: no update

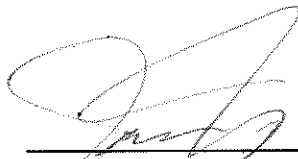
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Fire Software: Who's responding app constantly stops working. Server was a laptop in a closet in Mt. Bethel and was moved to Town Hall's server room for the past 3 weeks which has gotten worse. Needs UPS for backup battery.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Mitchell