

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Chief's Officers' Meeting
August 3, 2020 Minutes

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

<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	D. Dante-absent	A. Kachidurian	C. Boschen

<u>Police Dept</u>	<u>Fire Police</u>
Sgt. J. Cohen	K. Dalton

Police Report: PD thanked the FD for all their help recently. Any problems with Fire band then jump to the Police band. 911 calls are going directly to the County presently. Only 60% are using the I Am Responding app.

Reports of Officers

Equipment Readiness (unassigned)

Company Equipment Checks: used to receive a report so Meagan will start sending again
Consumables: Equipment Inventory / Asset Tagging (progress report): no report

Drills / Training (Derek Reedman):

Driver Qualification Status: no report
Fit Testing (and Train the Trainer progress): no report
Department Drill: Reviewed fire call. Use of SCBA for an upcoming drill.

Operations (Mark Russo): Thanks for all the help during the storm yesterday. Wants to discuss Upper Warren Way and repairs too. New Forecast meters are going dead quickly within 48 hours so they have to keep them charged. Investigating new meter since it doesn't have the charging issue. The following members attended Motor Operations this weekend L. Chan, A. Pilla, A. Childers and T. Reedman. L. Chan will be attending the Technician level. By next spring, WTVFD will have a Swift Rescue Team. Radio order is on the Chief's desk and B. Burkhardt received all the portables, SDX's, so now one battery across the fleet except for the FDR's.

Reporting (Aram Kachidurian)

Monthly and YTD activity report:

Vehicle response for July: 58 calls, 10 delayed response calls

Engine 2 - 20 calls with 9 crew	Tower 61 - 4 calls with 2 crew
Engine 3 - 23 calls with 13 crew	Tanker 61-3 0 call with 0 crew
Engine 4 - 15 calls with 8 crew	Tanker 61-4 6 call with 5 crew
Ladder 61 - 37 calls with 33 crew	Rescue 61 - 12 calls with 7 crew

Vehicle Maintenance (Charlie Boschen): WV Tanker is still out & they haven't pinpointed the problem yet. Hose & pump testing is scheduled for Friday, August 14 at WV. Approved Fire will be inspecting the fire extinguisher at the firehouses and apparatus.

Fire Prevention Education / Public Events (Dave Dante):

Hydrant Status Report: Purchased NFPA compliant hydrant flags and HS students are helping the Chief with this project.

Fire Prevention Planning: no report

Fire Inspector / Fire Prevention (Al Shjarback): Still trying to catch up. M. Russo attended the Planning Board meeting regarding the Mountain Ave/King George development affordable income housing exempts them from sprinkling the garage, Fire Official & Sub Code Official is fighting for them to sprinkler the garage.

Radios / Communications (Brian Burkhardt)

Battery Status:

Radio Inventory/Survey: no report

Pager Survey: any charging stations? M. Russo will program the pagers asap

Safety (Dave Dante):

Traffic safety policy review is in progress. Thanks to D. Dante for writing a SOG Apparatus Response & Blocking/policy is in effect. Also the Member Respond to Scene policy is in effect as well. Chief doesn't want untrained members at a fire scene. Chief will not sign off on a blue light permit for a Junior member. The Chief is open to comments on these policies.

Chief Items:

Apparatus Replacement : Chief Mitchell met with the Township Administrator to discuss 2 apparatus are at the 20-year-plus mark. Rescue Truck rear crew doors are a hazard.

Community's Tanker is 25 year plus and might be taken out of service. The apparatus replacement plan should be on the Township Committee August agenda.

Cancer Prevention: no report

Radio Replacement: Received APX radios accessories but still waiting on the radios.

Preplanning: Discussed with the Township Administrator subsidized budget for next year combing a mix of volunteers and Fire Prevention participants for high risk scenarios.

Technical Rescue: Fully compliant Technician level trained team for Swift Water & Ice Rescue for next year. Already have a Vehicle Rescue Team. Washington Valley was asked about forming a Rope Rescue Team & training is available via the Morris or Somerset Counties.

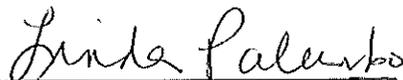
Chief Items continued:

Purchasing: Turnout gear PO's are submitted. Chief will keep track of the date, sizing and when turnout gear issued to the member. The goal is to have every active member to have compliant gear. For members that attend over 10% of the calls, they will have 2 fully compliant turn out gear.

Per Sgt. J Cohen, the following roads are closed: Stirling Road, Saw Mill Rd, parts of Mt. Bethel & Mt. Horeb, Mountain Ave near 147 is tight. Round Top, Mountainview, William Penn, Wynchwood Lane, Warrenville Road & Washington Rock Road.

M. Russo has a list of closed calls to enter into the CAD system with more details as well as vehicles and Officer call signs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm


Linda Palumbo


Chief Mitchell