

Department Meeting Minutes
09-10-2006
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Attendance: S. Anderson, M. Bennett, L. Boeke, M. Bounds, J. Buell, T. Carlson, J. Evans, J. Ewert, R. Fischer, S. Iverson, D. Larsen, G. Ludwig, S. McGinnis, T. Nemerov, J. Oliver, M. Rademacher, T. Shepard, B. Swigart, B. Torborg, MB. Torborg, P. Vollkommer, R. Wagner, C. Watson,

Absent: D. Nordeen, J. Pagel (military leave), M. Solberg

Minutes taken by: Mary Beth Torborg

Call to Order: 8:21

Correspondence

- School Readiness Program: LaVonne Zeigler contact person; former Chief Weldon committed the department to help run the Safe House the week of September 25-29th 8:30-2:30 M-Th, and Friday evening. Cost and assistance split with Princeton Fire. \$225 is our cost. Letter is available for specific school locations each day. A sign up sheet for those who are available to help will be passed around. What is the Safe House? Mini-house on a trailer...fake smoke can be put into it, children crawl out of rooms, doors, windows.
- Town board passed motion to appoint Brian T. as interim chief and the board of officers have the decision to leave positions open or appoint interim replacements.
 - Brian discussed reasons for placing who the officers agreed to put into the positions. Mark B. – need his knowledge and expertise in the position in both fire operations and administration.
 - Paul V.—said the problem is the process/protocol that was not followed is [his] issue.

Open discussion for short subjects:

Brian T. added that Cal W. resigned as captain, is remaining as fire fighter at this time.

Brian T. passed out a Rules and Regulations Update to each person present...he went over each page that had changes: 4,5,6,7,8,15,19 (See attached photocopy of revised pages.)

Open Discussion of Dive Team Issues

Time Line Explanations: Brian T. went over a timeline of events regarding the timeline (See attached copy)

Cal W.—question regarding the grant—said 95% sure we were going to get it—didn't happen. Paul comments the approved \$\$ would be replaced with the grant...it was pointed out that one could never make this assumption—grants are not set up to “replace” monies.

Recent newspaper article was addressed:

Brian T. stated that it was Sean and Ross's opinion (former fire fighters talking to the press)

Brian T. stated that Paul overstepped his boundary with going to the newspaper.

Paul V. reiterated that the issue is that dive team is not now Baldwin's but Sherburne County's.

Issue addressed: The housing of dive team equipment. Paul stated the issue of the trailer being here at the station was that we didn't have the space. Point was made that the trailer would have been here no matter what. Explanation made about the benefits of the dive equipment being here: Sheriff alluded to being able to contribute funds for station and department enhancements; use of dive team equipment (boat) for water rescue; quick response of dive team to this community.

Issue surfaced: Number of individuals who are on the dive team; and, the what ifs. If there is a dive training and by looking at the number of people around town during that training and it is determined there is not enough fire fighters around to respond to calls the dive team may only send a portion of the team

Issue discussed: Dive team members receiving call credit while doing training. Clarification was made that since the time it became a county team they are not getting call credit (not getting pay)...but that the calls do not count against the members fire call percentages. It has been the practice of this fire department to give call credit, both in pay and percentages, to those who have been unable to respond because of attending fire related training. (i.e. State fire schools, fire fighter 1, medical training, etc.) Prior to being a county dive team, the training was considered to be related to this fire department.

Motion made: Steve I./Larry B.: Divers should not receive call credit when in dive training. Vote clarity was placed on the white board: Yes= dive members will **not** receive credit No=dive members **will** receive percentage credit during training. Motion failed.

Brian asked if there were any other issues concerning the dive team. No more surfaced. Meeting agenda continued.

I. Review of Prior Months Calls---August

- a. Medicals-9
- b. P.I.s-0
- c. Fire-1 cancelled
- d. Other-0
- e. E-1, E-2 driver will not leave vehicle. Other vehicles it is the officer's decision.

II. Apparatus –

- a. E-1—Converter box is being completed; Ask Jeremy Collins to do wiring; Maybe have him look at both engines.
- b. T-1—Don is looking into a different way to fill T-1 & T-2.

- c. E-2—At a.m. hose testing drill “Certified” pump could not go much above 200 psi--??—Possibility that the relief valve is stuck again? Look at yellow repair cards from EAM; Radio plugged in at table below map.
- d. T-2
- e. G-1
- f. G-2
- g. R-1—rear lights were going in and out at tonight’s call—alternator problem?
- h. Extra rigs—Will be returned to the DNR—Monday, September 18th before 4:30 p.m. Need 3 people—82 miles about 3 hours. E-3 is at the auction-request update from Gene/Cal.
Volunteers to drive to Willow River:
 - i. Jeremy
 - ii. Steve
 - iii. Scott
- i. E-3 needs 2 new batteries to be sold via Pike’s auction.

III. Training Report – M.B.

- a. CMEMS Grant-- \$994 training reimbursement
- b. Fire fighter 1 is going well. Seem to be getting some really good training out of this class.
- c. Trainings for month
 - i. Hose testing was September 4th, 2006
 - ii. Second training of month will be on September 19th
 - 1. Air Care fly in—weren’t able to come last time due to weather conditions (30-45 minutes)
 - 2. Wildland fire review will follow during training time

IV. S.C.B.A – Jeremy

- a. Status of tank testing—cascade system; \$50/bottle if we take it to them (x3); Minneapolis; inform officers and fire fighters of absence of bottles

V. Building/Grounds

- a. Deck (permit): need new permit/expired;
- b. Door for Deck: Jess Hall thought it was done already; he contacted the builders to do this; Brian will follow up with Jess.
- c. Garage Door/Apron: TWP will pay for it but after the 1st of 2007;
- d. Electrical outlets & other stuff
- e. SCBA room will be tiled like bathrooms-diff. color
- f. Tile in kitchen
- g. Outside light out

VI. Equipment

- a. Will Order
 - i. Gloves—dept approved to get kangaroo gloves...now \$82.00...? Order gloves from Galls (sewn fingers) to temporarily meet need? Approach Mystic Riders for donation.

- ii. Suspenders—ones presented before
- iii. Flashlights for helmets were asked about...Response: looking at Survivor lights purchased via grant process.

VII. Recruiting

- a. Request made to department to ask around/spread the word.

VIII. Work Detail

- a. September—Don L. and “crew” Wish list? Fix bladder bags; parts?
- b. October – Mike R. and “crew”
- c. Cal’s crew is now under Mark temporarily
- d. Brian will make a “to do” list for work detail.
- e. Captains will contact crew members to set date and time.

IX. Communications

- a. Issue of missed pages: Wires came loose at the box out back. Missed calls from dispatch during that time were not counted as calls for the department records/percentages.

X. Miscellaneous

- a. Open House: Went over during Relief Association meeting.
- b. Donated flag...raise at Marv’s with E-2 Volunteers: 7:15→9:00
 - i. Jim Buell
 - ii. Jeremy
 - iii.
- c. Open House: no probationary driving engines
- d. Officers and corresponding communication numbers:
 - i. Jeremy: Capt 3
 - ii. Mike: Capt 4
 - iii. Don: Capt 5

XI. Closing:

Matt/Larry: 22:09