



Department Meeting Minutes

9-13-2009

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Attendance: L. Boeke, J. Buell, J. Evans, R. Fischer, D. Larsen, J. Oliver, M. Rademacher, J. Suckut, B. Swigart, G. Taylor, MB. Torborg, P. Wagner, R. Wagner, J. Kiel, C. Nagle (Prob.), E. Otte (Prob.), J. Baty (Prob.), P. Holland (Prob.)

Absent: S. Anderson, M. Bennett, M. Bounds, M. Brinwall, T. Carlson, S. McGinnis, T. Nemerov, D. Nordeen, J. Pagel, B. Torborg, J. Widhalm (Prob), J. Wood (Prob.)

Minutes taken by: Mary Beth Torborg

Call to Order: 1955

Meeting Minute Approval: Motion to approve May and July Department meeting minutes?

Correspondence/Announcements:

- Thank you's?
 - Gary & Chuck for the maps. Chuck will head up marking grids for maps
 - Jeremy & Chuck for installing portable radios in trucks.
 - Jeremy –Tanker work.
 - Thank you for 9-11 tribute team, Jim Buell, Chuck Nagle, Jim Oliver, Justin Sucket
- Other?
 - Introduce new fire fighters: Jeremy Baty, Phillip

I. Chief's Agenda

- a. Fire District update will be meeting with Chief Maloney and gathering information. Met once, trying to set up date to talk with Oak Grove's interim chief who has gone through a merge into a Fire District
- b. E-3 will be in shortly, need group to come up with ideas on equipment placement. – General is talking mid-September, 1000 gallon tank came in mid-August. Mark grab list of people who want to help with locating items on new truck.
- c. New Chain of Command—copies to fire fighter by end of month
- d. Reminder: Fire fighters need to inform your Captain if you can't make training or late, and if you are out of town.
- e. Holiday weekends: The captains are to get a hold of crew for holiday weekends to know possible response status.

II. Review of Prior Months Calls (8) (AUGUST)

- a. Medicals – 3
- b. P.I.s – 1
- c. Fire – 2 (grass)
- d. Other – 2 alarms
- e. Mutual Aid – 0
- f. Issues/Concerns/Discussion— none

III. Apparatus – Jim and Larry

- a. E-1 –
- b. E-2 –
- c. E-3 – Update/Status.
- d. T-1 – new emergency lights will be put on
- e. T-2 –
- f. G-1 –
- g. G-2 – slide in out to check on bed of truck; check other places then look at what it would take to modify it ourselves; Jim P. is making adjustments on the small engine unit to fix; emergency lights will be put on, too. Larry is working on getting some other quotes.
- h. R-1 –
- i. Other issues?

IV. Training Report – M.B.T.

- a. Issues/Concerns?
 - i. Discussion: Request to move morning training from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. to 8-11 a.m. (Rick W.) No discussion
- b. Training review/preview
 - i. Review August
 - 1. 8/4 Fire Extinguishers, SCBA - no discussion
 - 2. 8/18 RIT Trailer w/ Hennepin Tech - no discussion
 - ii. September
 - 1. 9/1 Hose Line Operations (Hose Testing)
 - a. Pump & Hose Line Operations (Boat landing Tanker fill Scenario)
 - b. Sent some to Princeton for Search & Rescue
 - 2. 9/8 Probationary Training
 - 3. 9/15 Pump & Hose Line Operations
 - a. Physical Agility, too.
 - 4. 9/22 Officer Training/meeting
 - 5. Tuesday 9/29—Mutual Aid Hospital Evacuation training with Princeton; TBD if it will count as “extra training” drill; Sign up sheet.
 - iii. October
 - 1. 10/6 Plane Crash Fire training? (to be scheduled)
 - 2. 10/13 Probationary Training
 - 3. 10/20 North Helicopter & Ground Rig Training/Patient Assessment – Scenario based

- 4. 10/27 Officer Training/ Meeting
 - c. Miscellaneous items
 - i. Identifying particular training needs?
 - no discussion
- V. **S.C.B.A – Jeremy**
 - a. Issues/Concerns/Update? -
- VI. **Building/Grounds – (Don)**
 - a. Issues/Concerns? – Urinal in bathroom has to be fixed. Valve keeps sticking. Terry and Zack will address.
 - b. Fire Extinguisher’s Updated – currently have spares 1 missing downstairs for sure.
- VII. **Equipment –**
 - a. Needs? Phil needs suspenders. Pat Wagner still looking at getting boots replaced. Eye glass lense replacement. Jim Oliver Hupsch has dealt with in the past. New guys needs to get tagged and Bill Swigart. Chuck Eric Jim Jeremy B. Rick need spec kits.
- VIII. **Recruiting – Mark**
 - a. Mark – Update – Will be interviewing new candidates during P.M. training with as much of the last committee as possible.
- IX. **Work Detail & Truck Exercising**
 - a. Review Calendar –(Trucks E-1, E-2, T-1, T-2 need to be driven on the 2 weeks we don’t have drill) (Work detail once a month) See Assistant Chief for questions
 - b. September
 - i. Work Detail: Jeremy September 25th at 1730
 - ii. Truck Exercising: Mary Beth
 - c. October
 - i. Work detail: Jim
 - ii. Truck exercising: Larry
- X. **Communications – (Scott)**
 - a. Issues/concerns?
- XI. **Budget**
 - a. Update? Questions?
- XII. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Update by Jim Buell/Don Larsen on suggestions for moving forward.
 - 1) Related discussion:
 - 2) Morale committee: findings / comments met with the Chief a week and a half ago. One issue is the elections vs. appointment discussions of coming up with a hybrid system of elections and selections. Jim

- Buell looking for e-mails looking for suggestions. 2 members of the town board present.
- 3) Motions coming from the floor 1st motion coming Justin and Pat looking at disseminating the full report to the department. Friendly amendment from Jim B. to have the full report available and having names blacked out by Tuesday the 15 of September. Lots of discussion and complaints coming from the Chief not having a presentation ready addressing the committee's findings. Issue seems to be the finality of the committee's findings and if the Chief and committee want to continue to work together. Jeff Holm looking at percentage of answers not only as a summary. No firm percentages available.
- b. Rules & Regulations updated and to be voted on. Motion brought to the floor by MaryBeth to approve the changes agreed upon at the last meeting. Seconded by Jeremy Evans. Go to vote - does not pass. 9 to 5.
 - 1) Jim Buell motion to request go to monthly meeting go to 4th Tuesday every month to exclude July and August. As Per friendly amendment from Larry. Tabled til November.
 - 2) Larry motion to officially request Chief to call a special meeting to address possibly change meeting night and to address unfinished morale committee meeting business in October. 4th Jim B. Seconds. No discussion. Motion passed.
 - 3) Table to next meeting that includes contacting the Chief to call a special meeting.
 - c. Next Meeting: November 1st.
 - d. Department Open House: Fire Prevention Week October 4th through the 10th Looking at the 10th 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - e. Open discussion for short subjects?
 - 1) Justin calls a motion of no confidence on Mark Bennett seconded by Joe citing examples losing relationships with other departments, lack of leadership, ignored morale. Show of hands vote. Votes were 10-yes to 2-no plus one-non vote. Motion passed. Motion to go on to the Chief.
 - 2) Joe motions that action based on previous motion be taken by chief to be removed from his position s assistant chief by Oct 1st. Seconded by Justin. Discussion – none. Votes were 11-yes to 2-no. Motion passed.

XIII. Closing

- a. **Motion to Close? Jim Oliver to Pat Wagner. Motion carries. 2213**