

Department Meeting Minutes

7-22-2008

1900

Attendance: S. Anderson , M. Bennett, L. Boeke, M. Brinwall, J. Buell, T. Carlson, J. Evans, D. Larsen, T. Nemerov, J. Oliver, J. Pagel, M. Rademacher, J. Suckut, B. Swigart, G. Taylor, B. Torborg, MB. Torborg, P. Wagner (prob.)

Absent: M. Bounds, R. Fischer, G. Ludwig, S. McGinnis (on leave), D. Nordeen

Minutes taken by: Mary Beth Torborg

Call to Order: 2015

Meeting Minute Approval: Motion to approve June department meeting minutes. Jim O./motion fails for the lack of a second. Moved to next month for approval.

Correspondence/Announcements:

- Congratulations to Don Nordeen! Baby boy—Joshua Allen
- Circulate the garment order
- Thank you's?
 - Princeton parade participants

Open discussion for short subjects:

- Motion made to change the Rules and Regulations to state that any day that the temperature is over 80 degrees that fire fighters will be allowed to wear shorts that are not dirty, not full of holes, and of modest length. Larry/Terry. Discussion. Friendly amendment to make range of dates from April 1st to September 30th instead of 80 degrees. To take effect on an immediate basis until approved through the town board.
- **Motion made to change the Rules and Regulations to state that from April 1st to September 30th fire fighters will be allowed to wear shorts that are not dirty, not full of holes, and of modest length to take effect immediately until approved through the town board. 12 yes, 4 no. Motion carries.**
- *[Notation: The passing of the motion above with regard to wearing shorts to training and the passing of last month's motion to temporarily move the business meeting to the 4th Tuesday of the month through December did not follow the motion passed December of 2007 regarding the process of how changes to the 'Rules and Regulations' would be made. After meeting the 4th Tuesday of July it was realized we did not follow the December 2007 motion. These motions will need to follow that process before being put into further action.]*
- Chief requires each person have a pair of pants with him/her or kept here at station.

I. Review of Prior Months Calls (15)

- a. Medicals – 8
- b. P.I.s – 3
- c. Fire – 1
- d. Other – 2 (CO, Power line)
- e. Mutual Aid – 1 (Big Lake)

- f. Issues/Concerns/Discussion— no issues expressed; Cty 9 and Cty 5 North road is torn up; Bridge to Santiago within Refuge; Becker Santiago station is south of bridge

II. Apparatus – Rick

- a. E-1 –
 - i. Thermal imager update (Mark) Batteries tested, LCD screen tested. Sealed unit replaced \$6500. Letter to Scott regarding disappointment in the quality/use of the unit.
- b. E-2 –
- c. T-1 – Out of service. (Rick) 3 bad tires, 1 good one. Reason: old, dry rot. We need to monitor these more carefully.
- d. T-2 – 1 bad tire, replaced from good tire on T-1
- e. G-1 –
- f. G-2 –
- g. R-1 –
- h. Other issues? Update on proposed changes for tankers and station hydrant: Still waiting for bushings to be made through Tim. Support bracket will need to be made.

III. Training Report – M.B.

- a. Certifications/Course completions
 - i. Fire Fighter 2 State Certification tests (7 people)
 - ii. Do not have to take Hazmat Ops class to take the test.
 - iii. If you have gone through FF2, you will take the test.
- b. Review June and July Training (comments?)
- c. Plan for this month's training
 - i. August
 - 1. 8/5 Regular Training [National Night Out Visits?]
 - 2. 8/12 Probation Training
 - 3. 8/19 Regular Training
 - 4. Zimmerman House: Waivers now signed off by school district.
 - a. Ready to prepare Search and Rescue/SCBA Survival Course/Confidence Course/Confined space
 - b. Roof ventilation
 - c. Missing person search
- d. Miscellaneous items
 - i. Fire Apparatus Operator course –State Certification Test is Saturday, July 26th—using of E-1
 - ii. Federal Fish and Wildlife – possibly next quarter training
 - iii. May be looking at helping burn a portion of the Refuge.

IV. S.C.B.A – Jeremy

- a. Issues/Concerns?
- b. Fill station second tank will be changed out.

V. Building/Grounds –Don

- a. SCBA room cupboards are done.
- b. Women's bathroom garbage can.

- c. Taking off brick this week and putting on blue siding.
- d. New door code...
- e. Water heater "tripped out" again.
- f. Air lines to the trucks do not have separate shut offs. Each could/should be spliced and valves put in.

VI. Equipment – Rick

- a. Needs?

VII. Recruiting – Mike

- a. Mike – Update
 - i. Two people interviewed and motions made at Officer meeting to put them on.
 - 1. Joe Kiel
 - 2. Heidi Kraker
 - ii. One waiting for MN Drivers license
 - iii. One being contacted to be interviewed

VIII. Work Detail

- a. July—Rick + "crew"
- b. August—Mary Beth + "crew"

IX. Communications

- a. Issues/concerns?
- b. Grant status
 - i. 800 Mhz will be January 1st 2009.

X. Budget

- a. Questions?
- b. Request to replace a vehicle's tires each year. (2010 budget)

XI. Miscellaneous

- a. Town Board request to re-open discussion RE: Yearly percentages
- b. **Motion is made that the fire fighters accept the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Alarms as presented and passed at the [May 3rd] fire department meeting. Jim B./Jim P. Motion carries UNANIMOUSLY.** (unanimous notation was asked to be included in the meeting minutes)
 - i. 1st & 2nd Quarter Percentage Counseling
- c. Question regarding CO calls
- d. Officer candidate scoring/evaluation sheets
- e. Question about Holiday attendance

XII. Closing

- a. **Motion to Close. Jim P./Larry B. Motion carries.**