

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Chief's Officers' Meeting
July 7, 2021 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 Russo & Linda Palumbo

Mt. Bethel Fire Co. Mt. Horeb Fire Co. Community Fire Co.

D. Reedman D. Dante & W. Cooney A. Kachidurian

Washington Valley Fire .

V. Truglio & C. Boschen
& J. DeVizio

Police Dept

E. Task

Fire Police

K. Dalton

Police Report: Please use radio discipline & refrain from excess talking. FD is asking the PD dispatchers to relay more specific information on calls.

Reports of Officers

Equipment Readiness (Vito Truglio):

CO Meter from Engine 4 needs new o2 sensor. Brought to EML last week. Aram I will take your meter to EML if repair needed after calibration.

Milwaukee Cutoff Saw - from Mt. Horeb under warranty, now at Cooper Electric in South Plainfield for repairs.

Helmet Shields - screws on the new ones don't line up with the old ones so if someone has a template, that would be helpful.

Eric Limbo - needs a new helmet.

CJ & Justin Defuria - new Honeywell boots were requested for these guys

CO Meters & Calibration Unit - new requested when can

Flashlights & Chargers - new requested when can

STIHL MS-362 Chainsaw - in process

Monthly PPE Checklist - reminder from each company

Drills / Training (Derek Reedman):

Fit Testing (and Train the Trainer progress): no report

Department Drill schedule July 28, Company 3/Community, NFPA sprinkler systems at 7:30pm. August drill will be on Autism & September drill will be a Live Burn.

Qualifications for Officers: Chief distributed qualified drivers list ran from the software.

Chiefs, please complete the engine, tanker & truck form on your drivers. Chief ran a report on certs for rescue harness; 5 members who have fire service harness class are then eligible for Gemtor on their gear.

The Qualifications for Officers was effective Dec 2020 and passed May 2019 which applies to all members. FF2 hasn't been offered recently via Morris & Somerset. Aram will write up an extended policy for 2021 & 2022 for August meeting. There are 4 fire houses but we are 1 fire company with one goal in mind; keeping the Warren Township residents safe.

RIT awareness class on July 15 at 6:30pm at Findere Dept offering a free 4 hour lecture.

Operations: Derek is working on tech level training, head count tech training personal - vehicle rescue & vehicle operations, Rope, Water, Ice, RIT & Haz Mat.

Reporting (Aram Kachidurian): 42 calls in June, 2 fires, 6 rescue & medical, 5 hazards, 23 false alarms, 4 delayed response

Engine 2 - 4 calls with 1 crew

Tower 61 - 1 calls with 1 crew

Engine 3 - 17 calls with 8 crew

Tanker 61-3 0 calls with 0 crew

Engine 4 - 19 calls with 15 crew

Tanker 61-4 0 calls with 0 crew

Ladder 61 - 24 calls with 17 crew

Rescue 61 - 13 calls with 8 crew

If there's a crew ready and there's a call, the fire truck needs to respond to the call. Please radio what you have.

Incident Commander has to maintain presence & preserving the fire scene. There should be coordination between FD & PD on the scene.

Vehicle Maintenance (Charlie Boschen): Ladder 61 is going out for repairs on Monday to Fire Safety & Preventative Maintenance & will be out for 3 weeks. The rest of the vehicles PM will be next on the list.

Dave Dante/Mt. Horeb's relief valve is leaking on Engine 2.

Fire Prevention Education / Public Events (Dave Dante):

Watchung FD is doing an event at the WHRHS on July 26 at 9am.

Fire Inspector / Fire Prevention (Al Shjarback): Chief spoke to Lindbergh Project Manager to request the right connector which is a female 6" steamer. There's also a secondary tank in the back. 155 Mt. Bethel Road/Toll Brothers slated to build half the units & several units already sold.

Radios / Communications (Brian Burkhardt): Let the Chief know if you have any radio issues. 55 Snyder is a dead zone.

Safety (Dave Dante):

Hydrants: Ponds Edge, William Penn hydrant, will look at & 66 Mt. Horeb Rd were all notified to the Water Company.

Chief Items: Chief received a call from a PD Officer about a resident doing a car show for PD in lieu of FD doing a car show. FD is not doing a car show this year but will double check with the Car Show Committee.

Apparatus Replacement : Chief, Aram & Derek spoke to the vendor, updated price just over \$1.2 to purchase 2 vehicles (tanker & rescue truck). This price doesn't include the sale of 2 vehicles. Price increases soon so the Chief advised the Township Administrator & Mayor to try to move this purchase along. Also need to discuss 20 year plan for the FD vehicles.

Chief Items continued:

FD members are discussing topics/budget etc outside the FD. Please follow the chain of command.

Cancer Prevention: no report

Radio Replacement : Capital money, Brian & Al are working on Apex radio & updating Moto Turbo system too.

Preplanning : good job on this

Technical Rescue: Derek working on this

Purchasing: awaiting the budget getting approved

Please use Chief@warrenfire.org if you need to email the Chief.

Chief contacted Chatham Lawnmower regarding chainsaw PO.

Chief spoke to Jim about hydrant valve.

The Lions Expo is on August 25 (Mt. Horeb will be there), August 26 (Community), August 27 (Mt. Bethel) & August 28 (Washington Valley) are the fireworks.

A discussion about WV/Engine 4 moving to Mt. Bethel/Station 1. WV's qualified drivers wants access to the Engine 4 when it's at Mt. Bethel. WV wants to take equipment off Engine 4 to put on WV Ladder to make it better equipped such as air tanks, etc.

Floater vehicle was brought up in approximately 2005 for the budget and the Chief at that time denied it but this was never brought up again.

Again, Fire /Police members have to be a member of a Fire Company prior to applying to be a Fire/Police member.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm


Linda Palumbo


Chief Russo