



BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

1 FIRST STREET  
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT

**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 3, 2008**  
**7:30pm**  
**Citizen's Engine Company**

**Chief's Attending:** Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith, Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made to accept October Meeting Minutes with 1 correction by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0**

**Correspondence:** None

**Chief's Report:**

**Health Report:**

- Chief Andrews stated he has spoken with Griffin Health Services regarding physical changes including stress testing and there age specific categories. He is also awaiting the cost of yearly interim health screenings.
- Captain Wasilewski suggested that drivers update their medical cards when they go for their physicals. CDL includes additional testing.

**Maintenance Report:**

- Both companies handed in maintenance reports and issues explained/discussed.
- Some issues discussed include: uneven wear on Engine 15 tires, door on Engine 16 crew cab getting stuck and broken Gator trailer. Chief Andrews asked for prices to be obtained for the door on Engine16 and the Police Department to be notified of the damage on the Gator trailer since they broke it.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if Tower 14 should be sent out for an A-Z inspection since it has had numerous issues. Chief Andrews explained current issues and stated he doesn't feel it's appropriate to send the truck out at this time. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said he was looking at the longevity of the truck.
- Asst. Chief Smith and Asst. Engineer Mike Rudenko said a plan needs to be developed for maintenance reports and how they are being done. Asst. Engineer

Rudenko said he would develop a form for weekly checks of all the apparatus including identification of each piece of equipment.

### **Training Report:**

- Asst. Chief Smith stated the October 18<sup>th</sup> Elevator Class was well attended.
  - NIMS 300 is currently ongoing. Asst. Chief Smith concerned with the lack of Great Hill Officer attendance. Lt. Zaniewski stated he had a prior obligation. Chief Andrews explained it is a mandatory class and needs to be attended or possible removal of service.
  - Asst. Chief Smith noted NIMS 400 has been cancelled and he will look for another class site.
  - Commissioner Rochelle explained State mandated changes affecting the Valley Fire School. Changes include: HazMat Operation Level moving from FFII to FFI, elimination of ropes and knots from FFI, and class price increase from \$450 to \$600. Reimbursement will remain at 50 %. Commissioner Rochelle asked the Board if they believe ropes and knots should remain in the curriculum of FFI. All 4 Chiefs agreed that ropes and knots should be taught. Commissioner Rochelle also mentioned the possible proposal of a combined class. He noted that the length of the class will greatly increase and RIT will not be included. Chief Andrews and Asst. Chief Tomasheski believe it is too much of a commitment. The consensus of the Board is to keep the classes separate.
  - Commissioner Rochelle said a letter of commitment was obtained for the purchase of property in Beacon Falls for a new school.
  - Asst. Chief Smith will be conducting an explanation session on November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> for Roadway & Roadside Scene Safety procedures and the use of safety vests. An S.O.G will be developed and put into service on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Motion made to accept interim S.O.G concept to be reviewed in 1 month by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0**

### **Old Business:**

- Chief Andrews said Communication Services has been reprogramming all the apparatus. It was mentioned that there is mismatched programming on portables and apparatus radios. Mike Gardella will be looking into situation. Asst. Chief Tomasheski concerned this has been going on for 3 months and he thinks that is a long time for reprogramming.
- Asst. Chief Smith asked if any updated information had been received on the radio communications tower. Chief Andrews said Mike Gardella was going to turn on the repeater at Great Hill. Asst. Chief Tomasheski believes the Oxford High School tower site is no good.
- Asst. Chief Smith reminded Officers to remember basics when on scenes. Reminder stems from MVA last week.
- Chief Andrews said open P.O.'s are available at Daddios, Communication Services, Oxford Paint and Hardware, Balko's, Utility Communications, and Kirk Products.
- Lt. Lewis asked about painting identification numbers on Scott bottles. Chief Andrews said he is awaiting more information this week.

- Citizens handed in their tree limb list.
- Chief Andrews told Captain's to start putting their wish lists together.
- Asst. Chief Cann stated Tanker Drill is all set for tomorrow.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated food gift cards still need to be purchased. It was asked if Officers could ask their respective companies for the money to purchase the cards and they will be reimbursed.

**New Business:**

- It was requested that both companies participate in a memorial services on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Park at 7pm.
- Chief Andrews stated gear has been ordered and will arrive in approximately 45 days.
- Asst. Chief Smith said there is a seminar in Southbury on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm regarding NFPA 1851 standard: gear inspection, record keeping, and testing/cleaning. Lt. Willis and Lt. Zaniewski will be accompanying Asst. Chief Smith to the seminar.
- Lt. Lewis said 1 set of Globe gear is out of service. A photo of the damage is being emailed to the company representative. He also asked the Chiefs their pleasure on the Securitex gear that is out of service. Chief Andrews said to dispose of it.
- Lt. Lewis asked if the purchase of gear lockers could be pushed until the next budget so a 2<sup>nd</sup> Partner Saw could be purchased. Chief Andrews asked the Officers to think about what they are going to do with the old saws. Chief Andrews said they will move forward with the purchase of the additional Partner Saw.
- Captain Wasilewski gave a quick update on new Rescue 17. He mentioned that the lettering is taking place, the components of the light tower will be in this week and assembled, and they are looking at the end of this month for completion. He said more information to be available tomorrow.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski suggested having a joint drill with Citizens using Great Hill tools and vice versa. He was also concerned that fire department equipment was being used to pump sewage out of the firehouse.
- 2009 meeting dates discussed. **Motion made to accept dates as discussed by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0**

**Fire Police Report:**

- Fire Police Captain George Decker discussed the tanker drill operations for tomorrows drill.

**Public Comment:** None

**Requisitions: To be provided by Chief Andrews**

**Motion made to accept requisitions as discussed by Asst. Chief Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0**

**Motion made to adjourn at 9:17pm by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi  
Recording Secretary