



**BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS**

**SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**1 FIRST STREET  
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2008**

**Great Hill Hose Company**

**Chiefs Attending:** Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith, Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made to accept July meeting minutes as written by Asst. Chief Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0**

**Correspondence:**

1. DFM Fritz handed in his new contact list.

**Chief's Report:**

**Health Report:**

- Chief Andrews noted that he had talked to Griffin Health Services regarding the increased amount of stress tests and possible reasons. Chief Andrews said there is no definitive answer. He suggested possibly revamping the current criteria and setting it up for specific cause, such as: past medical conditions/lifestyle. He also recommended looking at increasing the age from 40 to 45. A Chief's workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Great Hill Hose Company to discuss the standards.

**Maintenance Report:**

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski reviewed and discussed both Great Hill and Citizens maintenance reports. It was noted that the compressor at Citizens is reading high levels of CO and that it shuts down. Asst. Chief Tomasheski reminded, fuel usage reports need to be handed in with monthly maintenance reports.

**Training Report:**

- Asst. Chief Smith said on July 15<sup>th</sup> there was another Super Sunday make-up and more members completed their mandatory training. A list of member who remain incomplete was given to the Captains to post. These members have one month to become compliant or they will be taken out of service.
- Asst. Chief Smith gave a list of upcoming classes including: Surface Water Rescue which is being held on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-10pm, Hybrid Training class to take place in either September or October, NIMS 300 class which is being held on October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and November 9<sup>th</sup>, and a Boating Class

scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm. For the boating class it was mentioned that there would be a \$30 fee to take the test, which will be reimbursed upon a passing score. Asst. Chief Smith said Fire School dates need to be scheduled as well.

- Chief Andrews stressed the importance of attending the class that you sign up for.

**Old Business:**

- Chief Andrews said he is still waiting to talk to Interim Dive Lt. Chris Drugonis regarding his status, to see if he has completed his classes. Tabled until next month.
- Chief Andrews noted that the portable radios at Great Hill have been reprogrammed. Reprogramming discussed. Asst. Chief Smith asked if it was possible to have Tom Eighmie attend a meeting to discuss communications and the open Emergency Management position.
- Chris Motasky gave an update on the status/progress of the new R17. He said that final inspection is scheduled for the end of this month and everything is going as planned. The new truck should be in Rhode Island the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September and it should be placed in service no later than the end of September. He noted that the committee inspection might take place when the truck is delivered to Rhode Island, instead of flying out to South Dakota. He is going to ask the company if that would be acceptable. Mr. Motasky asked if it would be possible to take Old R17 out of service and bring it to Rhode Island, so that the committee could use it to see what is needed for the new truck.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked about the FD clerk's position. He is concerned that Clerk Oczkowski is busy with his career and is unable to keep up with the work. Chief Andrews said currently he is only behind a half a month on paperwork and is doing more tasks that are asked of him. Chief Andrews said it is possible that a new clerk may be needed in the future, but is certain the Fire Department will have enough notice to post the position.

**New Business:**

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said that there have been more training classes being held at Great Hill and there is no designated area. He noted there was a car fire drill recently and some of the grass was burnt and they were left with a large mess to clean up. He said that Great Hill wants to put in an extrication slab, which would provide a more contained area. They are going to write a letter to the Fire School stating they would like this containment area and possibly asking for donations.
- Chief Andrews said the Officers need to put a list together of 8 members each who need new turnout gear. He reminded to use the criteria of call volume, attendance at drills, and activity.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said he would like to see more Officers at alarms, especially in the middle of the night. Dual response is possible if the number of members on alarms doesn't improve. He also noted to make sure the right piece of apparatus is going to the correct call.

- It was emphasized that all firefighters need to utilize their turnout gear on scenes. That includes drivers. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said you never know when you may need to abandon your truck, if your manpower is needed.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said he feels that the police department is abusing the fire department privileges, especially on accident scenes and weather related stand-bys. Chief Andrews said barricades could be requested from the police department when trying to shutdown a road. He suggested possibly meeting with the police department to discuss further.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said the gator was utilized by the police department and was given back with no gas. He is concerned if it was needed there would have been a delay.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski and Asst. Chief Smith discussed the issue of firefighters in gear taking pictures on scene and not actively participating in the alarm. Chief Andrews said the individuals need to be talked to. It was suggested that permission needs to be granted from the incident commander or officer before taking pictures.

**Public Comment:** none

**Executive Session:** none

**Requisitions:**

**To be provided by Chief Andrews, please see attached.**

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

**Motion made to adjourn at 9:03pm by Asst. Chief Cann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi

Recording Secretary







