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Seymour Fire Department
Board of Fire Chiefs
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2007
Great Hill Hose Company

Chiefs Attending: Tom Eighmie, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith

Others Attending: Captain Jim Wasilewski, Lt. Dan Zaniewski, Captain John Lohrenz, Lt. Michael Lombardi, Lt. Wayne Lewis, Fire Police Captain George Decker, FF Brian Koskelowski, FF Ken Gabinelli, FF Gene Corbin, FF Chris Motasky

Meeting called to order at 8:13pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept May & June minutes as written by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 3-0

Correspondence:

1. Take a Stand Day participation-Companies will again be involved. Positive feedback from town. Participation is greatly appreciated.

Old Business:

1. Chief Eighmie noted that \$5,400 was approved from the Mathies Grant. This will be used for the upgrading of Great Hill Hose Companies training facility. Training tables, podium with mike and projector screen will be purchased. Monies for an additional chiefs vehicle was not approved.
2. Chief Eighmie stated the Emergency Vehicle Response SOG would be copied and handed out to each member with the other SOG packet. **Motion to accept SOG# VEH 1-07 made by Asst.Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 3-0**
3. Chief Eighmie reminded that only 2 pieces of apparatus from both fire houses are allowed to be taken out of town to parades and a list of covering personnel are needed by Thursday of the respected week or no apparatus will be allowed to attend.
4. Asst. Chief Tomasheski discussed maintenance reports. He noted he didn't receive a report from Citizens this month. Pump service and hose testing have been completed with the exception of Tanker 19. According to the report, Tanker 19 being looked at because of a stuck transmission. Engine 18 gas gauge not working. Radiator leak on Engine 18 has been fixed. As of today everything has been fixed on Tower 14.
5. Asst. Chief Smith gave a training update. A Fire II class is going to be held in September. Both firehouses to be notified of specifics. Drill sign-off sheets have been handed out. UTV class to be scheduled.
6. Captain Wasilewski said that the Firefighters that were taken out of service would like to know if they will be notified when they could be put back into service.
7. Captain Lohrenz stated the members have been completing make-ups.

8. Fire Police Captain George Decker said one member is out of service and would like to know how to reinstate him. Chief Eighmie told him to speak with Asst. Chief Smith.
9. FF Chris Motasky stated specifications for the new Rescue Truck for Great Hill has been completed. He handed out bid specifications to each Chief. A quick synopsis was presented.

New Business:

1. Chief Eighmie said he received good feedback with training on house on Derby Avenue. He mentioned that he was notified that The Kerite Company is getting rid of the rail-side building and that the fire department will be able to train there this fall.
2. Chief Eighmie said Northwest Public Safety has received a list for text messaging. Captain Lohrenz mentioned his department issued phone has not been receiving text messages. Chief Eighmie to look into matter.
3. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said there is a seminar for surface water rescue that is going to be held. It is a 4-hour awareness class. Asst. Chief Tomasheski believes it would be beneficial since there has been more surface water rescues than dive rescues. 8 hours class will follow which includes water drills. He would like to place a sign-up sheet.
4. Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated there is a department wide drill on airport emergencies at the Oxford Airport on Thursday, August 23rd. It starts promptly at 7pm. No apparatus will go. Carpooling is necessary. Sign-up to be posted for head count.
5. Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted there have been more calls at the elderly housing facilities. Fire Marshal Wetowitz receives updates from the housing authority about bedridden occupants. Asst. Chief Tomasheski thinks the departments should see a copy of that data. Oxygen usage should be given as well. He would like to see a change in the response guideline concerning a second engine because of the number of occupants whom are bedridden. Situation to be looked into.
6. Asst. Chief Smith noted the mike on his portable is not working. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said his isn't working either. He asked about the status of the gas cards. Chief Eighmie said he has been at town hall and the appropriate people have been notified. He said to take a card of the fire apparatus in the mean time.
7. Asst. Chief Tomasheski would like to know who is in charge of EMS. Chain of command needs to be specified.
8. Captain Wasilewski said there are 3 t-pass devices out of service. Chief Eighmie asked if new ones have been assigned. If not they need to be taken off Rescue 17. He noted antennas and keys are need and the GEMS system needs to be installed. Chief Eighmie told him to notify Past Chief Thorpe. Two pagers are out of service and 3 more need to be serviced. Captain Wasilewski said he has been keeping track of pager servicing. Captain Lohrenz said he has members waiting for pagers and he also has some that need to be serviced. Captain Wasilewski said fit testing needs to be completed. Asst. Chief Smith to make arrangements. Training PC at Great Hill has been repaired. Great Hill paid the \$50.00 for service. Looking for reimbursement from the Commissioners. He mentioned that

- there are exposed wires from construction that he would like taken care of. Captain Wasilewski also concerned that front tires on Engine 18 aren't adequate. Chief Eighmie stated Vehicle Maintenance Officer needs to be notified to discuss.
9. Captain Lohrenz said his mobile radio is not working. Mike Gardella from Communication Services looked at radio and was unable to fix issue. Chief Eighmie said make an appointment for it to be looked at again. He noted 2 members have changed their status. Chris Moreland and Steve Orfiss have turned in the company issues gear and equipment. Lt. Lombardi said 3 active firefighters from Citizens are on suspension.
 10. Chief Eighmie asked for an update on the junior program. Lt. Lombardi stated the program needs help. He said the Chiefs need to get involved or program needs to be terminated. He mentioned that one member was suspended for running a blue light in his vehicle. He was instructed there are state laws regarding that, which need to be followed and it was illegal for him to run the light since he is underage. That member later returned to the firehouse and quit, turning in all his gear. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 9th at 7pm at Great Hill.
 11. Chief Eighmie said the Chiefs will review specifications for new Great Hill Rescue Truck and that a special meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss and then will go before Board of Fire Commissioners. A special meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 9th at 8pm at Great Hill to review and for possible acceptance by Fire Chiefs.
 12. Chief Eighmie reminded Captains to be mindful of proper behavior at parades. If any violation of policy, member(s) will be removed from service. Issues have recently transpired and cannot continue. Chief Eighmie thanked officers for recent actions that had to be taken.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions: Please see attached document

Motion made to accept requisitions as reported by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 3-0

Motion made to adjourn at 9:22pm by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary
Seymour Fire Department

A	B	C	D	E	F
NUMBER	ITEM	VENDOR	PRICE	ACCT. #	
2	4	HT 1250 Speaker Microphones	\$188	430	
3		Utility Communications			
4	2	HT 1250 portables for Fire Polices	\$1,450	745	
5		Utility Communications			
6	1	Kochek 70K Piston Intake Relief Valve E13	\$745	430	
7		Gowans-Knight			
8	1	Light weight hydrant gate - E16	\$275	745	
9		Gowans-Knight			
10	10	Boots 10, 11, 11 1/2, 12	\$1,030	615	
11		Gowans-Knight			
12	7	3" Lw Hose	\$1,798	745	
13	18	2 1/2" Lw Hose	\$3,654	745	
14	8	1 3/4" Lw Hose	\$1,192	745	
15		Gowans-Knight			
16	1	Drain protector 24"x36"	\$226	430	
17	5	Oilup Sorbent booms	\$800	430	
18		Lab Safety			
19	5	5" Kochek LDH	\$2,425	745	
20		Shipman's Fire Equipment			
21	2	Fire Police - 3 Season Attire	\$414	615	
22		Industrial Safety			
23	8	AV 3000 Masks 4sm 4m	\$1,256	745	
24		Shipman's Fire Equipment			
25	16	SCBA Voice Amplifiers	\$3,705	745	
26		Shipman's Fire Equipment			

27		Install UHF radio & antenna on R12	Communications Services	\$350	430
28		Repair front strobe lights FD 3 vehicle	Communications Services	\$500	430
29					
30	2sets	Hoistway Keypeck & Door Wedges	Elevator Key Com	\$685	745
31					
32	2	Dewalt 24v DW0242 fan cooled battery	Tool Crib	\$240	745
33					
34	2	Little Giant 70gpm sump pump	Granger	\$720	430
35					
36		Removal of lettering "Dive" and insert "Water" on M20	Connecticut Sign Craft	\$125	430
37					
38		Renewal for Firehouse Software	Micro Business Systems	\$735	350
39					
40	16	Globe Extreme Gear	Industrial Safety	\$28,200	615
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