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**Seymour Fire Department
Board of Fire Chiefs
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2007
Great Hill Hose Company**

Chiefs Attending: Chief Tom Eighmie, Asst. Chief Scott Andrews, Asst. Chief Tom Tomasheski

Absent: Asst. Chief Jim Smith

Others Attending: Captain Jim Wasilewski, Lt. Dan Zaniewski, Lt. Michael Lombardi, Lt. Wayne Lewis, FF Gene Corbin, Fire Police Captian George Decker, Chris Motasky

Meeting Called to order at 7:42pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept September meeting minutes with noted corrections by Asst. Chief Andrews, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 3-0

Correspondence: None

Health Report:

-Asst. Chief Andrews stated he has posted an updated list for physicals which instructs members to provide the department with updated material they may have and if they are not up to date to call Griffin Occupational Health to set up an appointment. Asst. Chief Andrews noted that physicals are to be complete by Decemeber 31st. Hepatitis B vaccines were brought up for discussion. Asst. Chief Andrews said they need to be offered and members can decline them if they want. Paperwork needs to be filled out either way. He would like a list from both firehouses containing names of members who want the vaccine and who wish to decline. Asst. Chief Tomasheski suggested that the Hep. B form be stapled to the applications. **Motion made to attach Hep. B form to all fire department applications by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Andrews. Approved 3-0**

Maintenance Report:

-Asst. Chief Tomasheski received reports from both firehouses. All issues discussed. Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted speaker mikes are in and in the Chief's Office. It's been noted that many issues on Citizens report have already been taken care of. He mentioned he has spoken with Mechanic Tom Jensen regarding the repair of the heater in the back of Rescue 12. Asst. Chief Tomasheski suggested cleaning up reports so they don't contain issues that have previously been discussed and resolved. -Asst. Chief Andrews stated Scott Bottles need to go out for repair. Chief Eighmie stated company has already been notified.

- Asst. Chief Andrews noted that Captain Lohrenz was advised 2 months ago to take care of River booms for HazMat 7.
- Chief Eighmie stated Sawzall blades will be replaced by the fire school.
- Captain Wasilewski said Engine 18's steering box is leaking and has subsequently been placed out of service. He was unable to reach a Chief immediately. Chief Eighmie reiterated that in any situation a Chief needs to be notified whenever a piece of apparatus is placed out of service. If they are unable to be reached immediately a voice mail should be left regardless.

Training Report:

- In Asst. Chief Smith's absence, he has advised Chief Eighmie of dates he has received from the fire school for live burns. The dates are for Saturdays including 10/6/07, 10/13/07, & 10/27/07. Chief Eighmie also mentioned that Asst. Chief Smith is disappointed he has not received any names from either firehouse regarding interest in the train the trainer course for off road vehicles. Lt. Zaniewski stated he has interested members but they would like actual dates for this class.

Old Business:

- Chief Eighmie stated the fire department is first on the Board of Selectman's agenda for Great Hill's Rescue truck bids. Once bids are in, a joint meeting with the Chief's and Commissioner's will be scheduled. He said they are looking at October 17th for potential reward from Board of Selectman.
- Chief Eighmie asked Lt. Lombardi to advise Captain Lohrenz that Jarvis Electric will be in to put a new circuit on the GFI plug, which is currently hindering apparatus response.
- Chief Eighmie asked Lt. Lombardi if any drivers had shown an interest in taking another tour of the facility in Ansonia. Lt. Lombardi was unaware of any interest at this time. He stated he would announce again at their monthly meeting.
- Asst. Chief Andrews stated he has checked with Commissioner Kearney about a receipt for Firefighter Jim Leonard to be reimbursed for \$35.00 in which he used to buy refreshments for a call. Asst. Chief Andrews stated he will write up a request. Chief Eighmie stated Citizens can reimburse him now and they can request for the reimbursement.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski said he is not receiving actual fire calls on his alpha-numeric pager, he is only receiving nightly tests. Chief Eighmie stated he is not the only one with that problem and he has made phone calls and looking into the situation.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted gas cards are still not working.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski passed around more information about the rescue sleds, which were discussed last meeting. He still is trying to get pricing.
- Lt. Lewis asked about the 100ft of 5" hose that failed. Chief Eighmie stated engineers already given direction. He also asked about the Resque Jacks. Chief Eighmie stated the funding has been approved, they still need to be requested. Lt. Lombardi requested the Resque Jacks be purchased.
- Lt. Lombardi said 3 pagers have been handed in and some members are still using pagers from the junior corp. He said the drivers who are using their portables need to hand in their pagers. Captain Wasilewski said his drivers still state they are not being

woken up by the tone of their portables. Asst. Chief Andrews said members who aren't making calls need to hand in their equipment.

-Lt. Lombardi said he has been receiving sets of gear back as well. He mentioned that some helmets are not functional, because the shields are broken. Chief Eighmie said goggles will be purchased to place on these helmets to replace the shields.

-Lt. Lombardi said the 3rd member whom was on suspension has returned to active status. Lt. Lombardi asked if a LOA (leave of absence) status expires after a certain period of time. According to Chief Eighmie there is no limit on LOA. Lt. Lombardi asked if their gear and pager can be reissued. Chief Eighmie yes.

-Chief Eighmie mentioned to Officers that he is not seeing sufficient personnel at calls. There has currently been low man-power. He would like obligations reiterated to members.

-Asst. Chief Tomasheski said when positioning apparatus on the highway make sure drivers are always paying attention. Extra steps need to be taken.

New Business:

-Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if we can abandon the procedure of apparatus signing on for fuel. Chief Eighmie stated the request is not unreasonable, trucks will only have to note they are fuelling if they are currently out on an alarm. It was requested that the Officers let the engineers know.

-Asst. Chief Tomasheski said at this time the department is no longer dive rescue, only surface water rescue. There are currently not enough certified diver to make a dive.

-Captain Wasilewski said Great Hill will be acquiring 4 new members. He noted there will be a gear and pager issue.

-Chief Eighmie said it is invaluable that the Clerk can only offer 4hrs. a week. He said it hurts management. Chief Eighmie said 19hrs. have been approved and have not been utilized and there is a need in the office. He is thankful that members are keeping up with the NFIRS reports.

-Asst. Chief Andrews mentioned he has come across good training programs. Courses included: high pressure air bag training and emergency hybrid training. He believes these classes would be very informative. He also mentioned Mechanic Tom Jensen is looking for reimbursement of \$25.00 he paid to the Fire Equipment Mechanics Association. Asst. Chief Andrews said it may be worthwhile for 1 engineer from each house to be a member of this association.

Fire Police:

-FP Captain George Decker said new batteries have been issued. Flares are needed desperately. An inventory list will be handed in. New members currently being fitted for appropriate attire.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions: see attached

Motion made to adjourn at 8:58pm by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Andrews. Approved 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Lombardi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary
Seymour Fire Department