

Bennington, NH Fire and Rescue Department

Minutes of the meeting – January 5, 2010

- **ID Card Update** - Rich advises that he is still waiting for 3 additional ID cards.
- **Elevator Training** – Due to a recent malicious call from the elevator at Crotched Mountain, Elevator Training has become a necessity. When the emergency phone is activated in the elevator it goes directly to 911.
 - Joe O'Brien will contact Pat Terry (831-0588 or 588-3668) to arrange a date/time for the training. Ideally the training will be scheduled for a Sunday evening after the ski area closes at 1700.
- **Antrim Training**
 - Schedule will be posted after next week for Antrim Trainings.
 - Rescue Trainings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and Fire Trainings will be the 3rd Tuesday.
- **Rescue Training**
 - Starting this month Bennington EMT's and First Responders will training in conjunction with Greenfield, NH EMT's and First Responders.
 - Location of trainings will alternate each month between BFD and GFD starting this month; Bennington FD will be the 1st department to host the training.
 - EMT's and First Responders need to be present to claim their hours.
- **Monthly Training**
 - Pump Training will be continued this month.
 - Winter weather conditions/ice present different conditions for pumping.
 - Joe O'Brien and Chief Wilson will split crews for training.
 - Noted: Bennington Fire does not have an ice auger.
- **New "To-Do" boxes**
 - Chet advised that there are 2 new boxes that have been placed on the wall outside of the Chief's office.
 - Boxes will remain locked with limited personal having access.
- **Rescue Hubs**
 - Questions regarding the hubs on the new Rescue Truck came up during the recent Rt. 31 three car MVA/ice storm.
 - Hubs are in "Auto" and should be left in "Auto" at this time.
- **Turbo Flares & "Emergency" signage**
 - Chief gave a brief training in how to use the Turbo Flares.
 - 18 Flares are located in Engine 1 behind the passenger seat.
 - When using Flares at emergency scenes do not place them in travel portion of the road.
 - "Emergency" signage is located in long compartment of new Rescue.
 - Brief discussion regarding the proper place to stand at LZ zone; Clarification provided.

- **Brush Truck**
 - New Brush Truck has arrived
 - Old Brush Truck is being stored outside the department; Pump has been winterized.
 - Mike Roina is working on switching the pump over.
 - New Brush Truck is a “Work in Progress” & will be in Service by spring (Brush Fire Season).
 - Highway Department will be taking the old truck.
 - ***BE CAREFUL BACKING THE TRUCK IN...VERY TIGHT, BE CAREFUL.***
- **Mike Hoiris**
 - Mike Hoiris is on personal leave until further notice.
 - Rich will get a list of remaining items that are needed for the Rescue and Kristin will purchase the items.
- **New Accountability Tags**
 - News tags were ordered and are in.
 - All tags will be placed in the same spot on the helmet (back of bill).
 - Sal will purchase epoxy & any other items needed to use secure the tags.
 - *Very Important – you must have your accountability tag*
 - Tags should be turned over to the passenger/someone on the truck.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Printer is working again; items can be printed from either computer.
 - Kristie LaPlante advises that due to personal reasons she will only be responding to EMS calls; she will not be responding to Fire calls or driving truck. Kristie requested that this be noted so that she does not receive any problem for it.
 - Clarification of new call signs discussed.
 - Fire Lieutenants will now be called “4O1”, “4O2”, etc.
 - Chiefs, Captains, and Rescue personnel will remain the same.
 - The Chief will distribute a letter to area towns advising them of the current command roster.