

Bennington, NH Fire and Rescue Department

Minutes of the Meeting – February 3, 2010

- **Swearing in**
 - Marc Mosher SR, Marc Mosher JR, Scott Plourde, Jesse Burnham, and Ben Bartlett were never officially sworn; these people need to stop in the town hall to be sworn in. Additionally, new members will be sent to the town hall to be sworn in as well.
- **Safety Issue**
 - Chief was made aware that that not everyone has been packing up on every call. **ALWAYS** pack up when responding to a call; this is for your own safety as well as for timely action when on the scene.
- **February Training/SCBA Proficiency Training** (February 16, 2010)
 - This training is mandatory in order to ride on the Engine.
 - Exceptions will be made for riders who strictly assist with outside needs.
 - SCBA Proficiency will be an annual training.
 - Test is not meant to discourage anyone; it is to help ensure the safety of Fire Fighters.
 - Test Review/Explanation sheet given out by Mike Roina.
 - Rehab station will be set up during testing in the event that rehab is necessary.
- **Truck Accidents or Issues**
 - Chief(s) **MUST** be told of **ANY** accidents/issues with the trucks immediately.
 - Driver **MUST** have a spotter when backing a truck in (especially Forestry); Spotter needs to pay attention and guide the driver.
 - Driver training will continue in the spring with cones & details included.
 - Ask a Chief if you would like to have individual training at this time.
- **Sunday Truck Checks**
 - New schedule has been posted & it is important assigned people attend.
 - Checks can be completed on Friday nights; turn completed checklist into your assigned crew leader.
 - Officers need to double check & sign completed lists; Chet will file them.
 - Reminder from Chet – in order to be paid you must sign your name.
- **Inventory**
 - All members need to bring **all** issued FD Gear (including flashlights, chargers, radios, Forestry gear, & EMS gear) to March meeting for inventory.
 - Reminder that any department issued gear should be used for department purposes only.
 - In order to help maintain gear, it should be washed on a regular basis (every 3-6 months, depending on use). Sheet will be placed next to the washer so persons can sign and date when their gear was washed.
 - If you need assistance with washing instructions see the Chief.

- **Response to Emergency Calls**
 - If multiple people respond to the station for an emergency call, the highest trained members will respond.
 - No need for too many people to respond to all Rescue calls; when Antrim Ambulance arrives they have 3 personal which multiplies the total number of personal. Too many people at the scene can cause confusion however this will be a call-by-call decision; at MVA's extra help can be beneficial.
 - Kristin and Chet will work on Proficiency Test for non-EMT personal to pass in order to ride on the Rescue, Chief will work on Proficiency Test for Engine, Mike Roina will work on Proficiency Test for Forestry truck.
 - The above Proficiency Tests will be conducted at future Department Trainings.

- **Miscellaneous**
 - 2010 Antrim Training Schedule distributed. Members who are attending should meet at BFD at 1815 & Engine will be taken; all members are encouraged to attend Antrim trainings.

 - Reminder – town voting on March 9th; SCBA warrant will be voted on and the Rescue truck will be on display.

 - Chief's office is now locked; Printer is located within the office so if you need to print anything at the station contact a Chief to make arrangements.

 - 2 SCBA's are out of service at this time; scheduled for repair next Tues.

 - Rescue training Feb. 9th will be at Greenfield FD. Most Rescue personal will be at the training therefore the Rescue truck will be taken & KMA will be advised of delayed response.

 - Matt Hall on light duty for 2-3 weeks/until medically cleared.

 - Members advised that the 3 Chief's are working on SOG revisions; Revisions should be completed and distributed by the end of next month.

 - Mike Roina made suggestion to purchase "Get Well Soon" cards to mail after rescue calls. Members discussed this and agreed that it is a good idea. Anmarie will purchase the cards and Chet will mail them when appropriate.

 - Joe O'Brien advises that Kristie LaPlante has submitted her resignation from the department and her resignation was accepted. Joe states that exit interview has been completed and all her issued gear will be turned in by the end of the week