

Bennington, NH Fire and Rescue Department

Minutes of the Meeting – September 1, 2009

- Meeting called to order following close of BFD Association meeting (1955).
- Construction Update
 - Advise Chief of any issues regarding placement of construction equipment or other concerns; appropriate person will be contacted to resolve matter.
- Review Antrim Pump Training
 - Good training and good scenarios
- Rescue Update
 - Rescue committee visited Valley and advises that...
 - Body is on chassis & doors on body
 - 4 steps on the back being worked on
 - Grab bar will be installed
 - Completion date still scheduled for mid-September
 - Rescue committee members will move items to new truck and *after switch over is done Training & Review will be held for all members to become familiar.*
- Extrication Equipment
 - Changed over from 2 hose to single core; no one made aware of this.
 - Communication issue regarding this matter will be followed up.
- ID Cards
 - ID cards are in and will be distributed/members will need to sign for them.
 - No ID card for new members Ben and Scott at this time.
- Equipment ***SAFETY ISSUES***
 - R. Cahoon advises that air pack was not connected when he arrived at fire call.
 - At least 3 air packs found open when checked
 - Gas can left empty
 - ATTENTION needs to be paid to these matters at Sunday checks and members need to be conscientious regarding safety issues.
- Station Security & Maintenance
 - Discussion regarding the lack of security of the Fire Station; majority agree that too many people know the security code and have access to the station.
 - Chief will advise Selectmen that a new security system is essential and will propose that the FD install one where each member has their own access code. (Cost of system believed to be in the area of \$450).
 - Secure/locked office for Chief will be constructed.
 - Fire Escape railing needs to be repaired ASAP/Use fire escape for emergencies only until repairs are made.

- SOG's
 - SOG's distributed to all members present at meeting; members advised to review them and discussion will take place at future meeting.
 - Town Policy is included in many of the SOG's
 - J. Obrien thanked the BFD Officers for completing the SOG's; this task has been in the works for quite some time and was a large undertaking.
 - K. LaPlante thanked for providing the paper& R. Cahoon for having them printed.
- Computer
 - Repairs have still not been made; matter being worked on.
 - Laptop back online (had been down).
- Fire Prevention (October 23, 2009)
 - Fire Prevention committee has not met, meeting should be scheduled soon.
 - SWFMA Fire Safety trailer still scheduled.
- Officer Meeting Update
 - Officers discussed/decided on additional criteria and trainings needed to drive truck.
 - Scenarios will be set up for person to complete and pass.
 - Must know how to run pump.
 - Drafting
 - Pump out of tank
 - Pump lines
 - Discussions regarding what credentials are needed to run pumps.
 - These matters will be worked on within the next month.
- 911 Books
 - Use Them. Take the time to know where you are going.
- Parades
 - Antrim Days
 - Several members interested in attending Antrim Days Parade
 - 1115 – Line up
 - 1130 – Parade start
 - Francestown Labor Day
 - 1300 – Line up at Fire Department (BFD Engine & Rescue will be in service)
- Training
 - Upcoming Vehicle Operations class being offered in Keene/R. Cahoon has further information.
 - Fire Fighter One being offered at Meadowood in January/have completed registration to Chief by Sunday (9/6/09); 2 people currently signed up.
- Miscellaneous
 - DART now flying out of Manchester as well as Lebanon/response time to Bennington area may be slightly faster.
 - Francestown FD Chief Kullgren extends gratitude for a job well done when setting up the LZ for DART at Crotched Mountain recently.