

Bennington, NH Fire and Rescue Department

Minutes of the Meeting – December 8, 2009

- Fire Prevention thank you letters received from the 3rd grade class at Pierce Elementary school passed around for all to view.
- **ID Cards**
 - ID cards have arrived and distributed to present members; 3 are missing from the order.
 - Pictures of Ben Bartlett & Mark Mosher Jr. needed for ID cards to be made.
- **Training Review (Ski area & School walkthrough)**
 - Chief Wilson addressed member's behavior while present at trainings. Talking during training and not paying attention is not permitted. Several people were spoken to by at least 2 Chief's during this training regarding paying attention and talking.
 - Key's for the door discussed; Kristie LaPlant has a call in & will follow up.
 - Elevator training needed
 - Ski area set to open for business on December 11, 2009.
- **Upcoming Training**
 - Kristen Jackson recently had the training and will lead training for all department members.
- **Driver and Pump Training**
 - Driver and Pump Training will continue in January; Chief Wilson and Deputy Chief O'Brien will split crews and pump.
- **Printer** – Computer printer still not working at the FD; Deputy Chief O'Brien working on it.
- **Engine One** - Air Horn works intermittently, needs a switch (David Foster).
- **New Equipment**
 - Two "Emergency Scene" signs have been purchased and are in the Rescue for use. Signs are easy to set up and whomever is responsible for traffic control at the scene will be responsible for setting the signs up. This may mean that FD personal need to get the signs to PD if they are handling traffic.
 - Signs are to be set to the side of the road as not to obstruct traffic unless the road is closed.
 - Turbo Flares have been ordered; primary use will for Landing Zones but can be used for MVA's if needed.
- **Monadnock Paper Mill**
 - Map & key have been received from the Mill; key will be housed in the Engine. Door is located near the propane tank and all members should look at the map to familiarize themselves with the door. Door is marked "Fire Door."
 - Key does not open the panel. Key for the panel is in the lab around the corner.
 - Ideally the On Duty Tour Boss will meet the FD however there is a good chance that FD personal maybe on their own once inside the building. Members should be familiar with the maps.

- **Fire Fighter of the Year**
 - Nominations for Fire Fighter, Police Officer, and EMT of the year are being accepted by the Antrim American Legion. If you would like to nominate someone submit a letter with the person's accomplishment's by December 18th.
 - Awards Dinner is scheduled for January 14th at 1600.
- **BFD Door Lock**
 - Key set is currently on order
 - Every member needs to submit a confidential entry code to Deputy Chief O'Brien so that he can program the code into the door lock. Each member will have their own entry code to use when accessing the FD.
 - Discussion regarding maintaining a confidential "master list" of all members' codes; no decision made at this time regarding this matter.
- **Job Shirts** – Chief Wilson inquired if anyone is interested in purchasing job shirt's for them selves. Average cost for each shirt is \$60; Deputy Chief Heinzman, Sal Landi, and Chief Wilson are interested at this time.
- **Brush Truck** – Truck is currently at Donovan's; there is no update at this time.
- **Miscellaneous Items**
 - Sal Landi & Mike thanked for the new Rescue check sheet.
 - Christmas Party *reminder* ~ December 12th, 1730 Social hour & 1830 Dinner.
 - Trucks can be fueling at Rymes; Card is in Rescue.
 - *Reminder* – Hose down all trucks when they return from calls; wash them if needed, especially if road salt is on them.
 - Car wash detergent needed; supply almost gone.
 - 9 Volt battery needed for smoke detector.
 - *Reminder* – Chief Wilson reminded everyone that the talking during training needs to stop. People need to pay attention and be a part of the group or discipline will be issued. Deputy Chief Heinzman reminded everyone that first will be a verbal warning, then written warning, and third time will result in suspension.
 - Discussion regarding cell phones and pagers. Past practice has been that cell phones and pagers are silenced or turned off during meetings and trainings. Members would like to go back to this procedure.