

STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes
59 Stony Hill Rd.
Bethel, Ct 06801

The meeting was held on 05/10/09 at the Stony Hill Fire House with 32 members present.

The meeting was called to order at 20:15 hours.

The previous month's meeting minutes were read and accepted at 20:25 hours.

Treasurer's Report:

Union Savings Bank of America Checking	\$1,718.11
Money Market	\$19,495.98
Mutual Funds	\$42,077.54
Total:	\$72,147.77
Accepted by membership	

Lieutenants' Reports:

John Baker...Air packs – The are being retroed for heads up display. Air packs that were given to students will be returned. Check the numbers for verification

Dave Janofski...Thanks to Lucky, Mike Saunders, Mike Judice and a lot of others that have helped to spruce up the outside of the Firehouse. The trucks still need to be cleaned. Contact the truck engineers to find out when you will be cleaning them. Training has been good and vests are being worn for safety. Thanks.

Rick Courchene...While driving by the firehouse I noticed the lights were all on and no one was here. Let's conserve utilities and drive down expenses by watching for these types of things. If you drive by and notice this type of thing, stop and shut them off.

I have the money from the soda machine (\$230.00) and with the change in costs; the profit is now only \$.25. Does anyone want to increase the price? Other options?

About the locks...Keypad was broke and they cost \$900 each. Stop being abusive with them. All keypads should be done by July. If you see somebody abusing them, report them.

Truck engineers will be assigned people to help them with the equipment. Get the list from me. (Ricky).

Truck Reports:

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Engine 1: Kevin Sheehan... We will be cleaning the equipment Friday and Saturday. Any help will be appreciated. When you do the windows you may want to try CLR. BUT, be careful and do not get any on the paint, it will damage it.

ET 2: Dan Spinella... Keep it clean

Engine 3: Mike Judice... CO meter not working. I'll be here Friday night to work on the truck

Rescue 2: No report – Defib being put on by Justin

Truck 4: The foam eductor is taken off

A3: No Report

EMS Report:

There were 37 calls for the month of April. This gives us 156 EMS calls for the year. This is ahead of last year's pace by 38 calls. The top responders for April were:

- Nick Paproski 15 calls
 - John Baker 11 calls
 - Patrick Magyar 9 calls
 - Paula Muhlfeld 8 calls
 - ERM made 15 calls
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- Congratulations to Paula Muhlfeld for passing her EMT-B certification exam.
 - EMS charts – we're getting better. Keep up the good work. Keep in mind that we can no longer write manual (handwritten) reports – this is a state requirement. If anyone still has trouble with emsCharts, please see me.
 - I have the CPR certification cards for those who took the class in March. I'm expecting all members to be CPR certified.
 - There will be no drill this month. Next month we will focus on our skills.
 - The ever changing Night EMS Roster has been changed to accommodate Dennis Farrenkopf's medical leave and the addition of Paula to Friday nights.
 - There has been a lot of discussion at the local, regional and state level on the current outbreak of the H1N1 non-subtypable virus. As EMS responders we are to respond to any suspected flue calls just as we have in the past. Please be sure to wear the N96 mask as per OSHA guidelines. One good indicator is that the medics and PD have both been given masks, so if you get to the scene and they are wearing a mask, maybe you should too.

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- EMS Supervisors meeting notes:
 - The annual EMS banquet will be held at the Stony Hill Inn on May 20th. All EMS providers are invited but you need to reserve your seat. If you are interested and haven't signed up by now, please see me.
 - There will be a CME day at Ridgefield FD sometime in late May or early June. It will be a full day of CME sessions for anyone who needs them. Stay tuned
- As always, any questions or issues, please contact either Andy or me

Nick Paproski added – With EMS charts – Need to make sure that when you walk away from a monitor that you have logged out and cleared the screen. HIPPA regulations still apply. Do not leave the area if you have information on the screen.

Assistant Chief's Report:

There were 23 calls. Greg Merlot, Matt Freitag, and John Baker were top responders. . We will have a fire drill next week and we all need to pay better attention to rules and order.

Chief's Report:

- Fire Calls for April 2009
 - Calls 23
 - Top Responders
 - Greg Merlo
 - John Baker
 - Matt Freitag
- Brookfield 75th Anniversary Dinner on 5/8: Kenny, Rita, Tommy and Shannon and presented a plaque to Brookfield
- Memorial Day Services Sunday....be at FD by 9 AM service @10:30
- LOS 08/09 Posted in Radio Room YTD minus Night Call points as of March Calls.
- Chris's Letter was read
- Thanks to all those who helped clean up around the FD and spread fresh mulch. We also need to get a thank you letter to the mulch guy.
- Exterior Entry door was broken after door was repaired,
- All trucks except Engine 3 Complete with yearly testing and maintenance, service will be performed once new air pack brackets are in stock at Firematic

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and ready to be installed

- Spare 1 ¾ " hose ordered
- Gloves Ordered
- Hose testing should be coming up based on past time frames

- Topics of Discussion.
 - The Air Pack Brackets are firmly attached to the seats. Do not disengage and then try to re-engage. Also, they are not to be used instead of the seatbelts.
 - Thanks to Dave for cleaning up the burn pile. This does not mean that you can drop stuff back in that location.

- W/E Staffing and night call staffing
 - Both of these are MUST haves and not nice to have
 - Times have changed we MUST supply appropriate professional care in a timely manner 7x24
 - Saturday afternoon @ 4PM
 - Discussion on membership staffing requirement

Safety Report:

None – Dennis is out. From assistant Chief – If you get injured let an officer know and get your injury report filled out and submitted.

Training:

Fire Drill next week.
Parade is Sunday
No EMS drills next week

Membership:

- Vote taken and Greg Merlo advances to a full member with FF1 and MRT certification.
- Patrick Chiappetta was voted in as a probationary member (Fire) pending background check completed by State Police Bureau of Investigation.

Public relations:

No report

Length of Service:

Bethel formed a committee for polices and practices. Bruce from Bethel is on the committee and will keep us informed on the progress.

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Grievance:

None

Board of Directors:

No report, other than they have been discussing the budget

Correspondence:

Read by the Secretary to the membership.

- o The \$1,000.00 scholarship recipients had been selected.
- o Meghan O'Donoghue's unit has been called up and she will be deployed for about 12 – 15 months to the mid eastern theater. There is a get together at Molly Darcy's on Saturday starting at 9:00 PM.
- o Tuesday at 3:30 there will be a send off for her unit. Please contact Mike Saunders to attend if possible.

Bills:

None

By-Laws

Chuck Cywin still owes a copy of the changes to the membership. Last months were posted and should be posted and declared. We need to have a meeting for a by-law change to post the changes we need at least 2/3rds of the membership present to vote on the changes. We must follow the by-laws to pass.

Illness:

- Dennis is getting better after his ankle operation and is now home.
- Scotty is home again after being in the hospital once more. He is not doing very well and if you have a chance, please stop by. He loves the visits and the company.

Fund Drive:

Envelope stuffing is set for June 1st, but Chief will check with ERM staff to see if they can complete it. We have received \$ 19, 844 so far.

Special Activities:

Flower sale was sold out with the exception of 2 decrepit chrysanthemums. Those were planted in front. We sold them out on Easter Morning. Gross was \$3,455.50.

Old Business:

None

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New Business:

Amber alert is June 13th at our fire house. That is a Saturday and will be from 10AM – 3PM

Good of the Company:

- Mom's Club will be at the firehouse on June 20th for there year end gathering from 11 – 1. They would like somebody to take pictures.
- Don't forget the budget vote is this Thursday. Take the time to exercise your voting privilege.

Meeting adjourned at 21:30 hours.

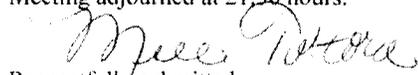
Respectfully submitted,
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