

# Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting

## FEBRUARY 3, 2003

1. **Secretary's Report:** Accepted as posted.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Read & accepted.

3. **LCD Report:**

- Simulcast currently operating, communication improvement has been noted.
- Members are reminded to follow new radio protocols during calls. A department SOP is in order.
- The preliminary budget proposed reflects an increase from \$8.39@ to \$13.04@ as the new EMD regulation necessitates 4 new dispatchers to handle increased call volume (which has doubled since 1986). See chief to review budget.

4. **Chief's Report:**

- Thanks to members regarding numerous calls, job well done.
- Thanks to members who turned out for hydrant snow removal.
- NVFD membership review is in order, officers meeting to be scheduled.
- A motion to spend up to \$650 to up-grade the siren & tone dispatching hardware was approved.
- A motion to purchase 40 Minitor IV pagers with cases and spare batteries not to exceed \$17200. was approved.
- Todd resigned as warden.

5. **Warden's Report:**

- An axe handle needs replacement.
- The vent saw is out of service and needs replacement. The purchase of a new saw is being investigated.

- 10 pair of Gloves @ \$30, 5 nomex hoods @ \$20, and 3 helmets @ \$126 will be purchased from the operating budget.
- Salamander Heater prices are being investigating for possible purchase.
- Turn-out gear will be checked on March practice nights.
- 2 SCBA storage boxes have been purchased and are in service.
- The air packs are back and are in service.

#### **6. Training Officer's Report:**

- Current schedule distributed.

#### **7. Mechanic's Report:**

- HME has been contacted regarding the stress cracks on the cab of Engine 30.
- Engine 30's front suction needs to be drained completely after using to avoid freezing. RV antifreeze will be used to help alleviate this problem.

#### **8. Fire Police Report:**

- Thanks for assistance with recent calls.

#### **9. Explorer's Report:**

- New member Matt Bell has joined the post.
- The Explorers are in need of new turn-out gear and have offered to split the cost with the department.

#### **10. Old Business:**

- Building Committee Report:
  - The Norfolk Ambulance is now pursuing their own new building.
  - A 2/4/03 presentation to selectmen is scheduled.
- Truck Committee Report:
  - Progress continues with the specifications.
  - A 2/4/03 presentation to selectmen is scheduled.
- Incentive Committee Report:
  - The committee's recommendations have been posted and emailed. Comments are encouraged.
  - A 2/4/03 presentation to selectmen is scheduled.

- By-Laws Committee Report:
  - A meeting is scheduled for 3/7/03.

### **11. New Business:**

- A uniform check is in order. A date (prior to May) will be determined and posted.
- The annual member's Set-back tournament is scheduled for Sunday March 2, at 11AM at the firehouse.
- Board Of Directors presented the budget draft to the membership. A motion to submit it to the selectmen approved.
- FF1 & FF2 classes are scheduled at Burville and related information is posted. See any officer if interested.
- DEP forest fires information is posted and forms are available. See any officer if interested.
- The wardens are to determine tow chain replacement and report to the membership next month.
- Explorers will hold a car wash on 2/22 weather permitting.
- Radio communications are to be used strictly for fire department purposes only.
- In the event of a mutual aid request by Winsted we will respond with only the apparatus they request.
- Thank you notes to the Pilbins, Hutchins, Ludwigs, and Zanobi are in order regarding equipment use for hydrant snow removal.
- Profanity needs to stop in the firehouse and on fire ground.
- The NVFD will consider the OEM request regarding the storage and response of a HAZ/MAT decontamination trailer.

Motion to adjourn approved at 9:14