

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015

President Chelsea Bottum called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

She asked for a moment of silence for our past, deceased members.

There were 18 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Richard Byrne, Danny Wuori to accept the minutes of February 2, 2015, with the correction of changing the date from Feb. 1 to Feb. 2

Treasurer's Report

M/S/P Paul Padua, Dan Wuori to accept the Treasurer's Report

At 93% of the Town budget.

Officers Reports:

Chief's Report:

Officer of the month: Asst. Chief Hutchins car 2

- Fire house security, Feb. 9th at 3:30am 2 individuals in a white Volkswagen attempted to gain access to the station by U50s door. After a failed attempt they left. Remember to close bay doors during calls and keep doors locked, especially by radio bench. CSP resident trooper and selectmen were notified

- Thank you to the members that assisted in shoveling out the hydrants. Town is knocking out the snow bank in front when they see them but another clearing is needed.

- R.I.T. Drill with new Hartford and Winsted went very well. Norfolk left for the chimney fire and everyone understood. We ran several practical scenarios and reviewed equipment. Remember, a non-RIT certified member can respond with the RIT team to assist in hauling equipment, etc. Canaan's planning a full RIT class this year. Dates TBA

- 1st responder status: State legislation was recently passes mandating that all 1st responders in the state need a sponsor hospital to continue service. We are now under the umbrella of CHH and NLCA, certified in the EMR status.

- Basic Guidelines: we are still supplemental 1st responders.
- The department may only operate and carry supplies in the EMR capacity.
- EMTs must be under NLCA to preform in that scope of practice.
- Non-medically certified members CAN NOT be 1st on scene to medical emergencies, wait for an EMT or EMR to make patient contact.
- CPR/AED certified members may 1st respond to cardiac arrests while others can respond to assist in lifting, etc.
- Fire Fighter rehab is same as usual for the NVFD. Can utilize the heaters, fans, water,

refreshments, rehab chairs in the EM trailer or on apparatus. But, As soon as any type of medical monitoring is preformed (BP, pulse, respirations, etc.), the ambulance crew becomes involved and a refusal must be obtained unless a transport is warranted.

- We have the option as a department to carry Narcan on the apparatus. We would be automatically dispatched to any event requiring its use.
- Out of town calls I.e. Rope rescue, mutual aid. Ok to bring equipment into the woods for ourselves as patient care is being handled under the responding ambulance. Rescue first.
- Run forms: if nobody from NLCA is on-scene, we are to fill out a paper run form of what NVFD did in the form of patient care/vitals, not what NLCA does, which will be reviewed by CHH for Q/A. We will come up with a lock box for forms for HIPPA.

- BOF update: subcommittee will report back to BOF by end of March. I have not been contacted by them as of yet.

- Spring haz mat refresher with Robin. Dates TBA

- Spring live burn, start thinking of dates in April.

- There are remaining Smoke and Co detectors to give away to residents. Keep the box so the unit is active and monitoring the minute it enters the house.

- 281 Mountain Rd. Good reminder on not being complacent. 3rd time was a broken water pipe. Treat each call as if it were the first

- Norfolk VFDs "Firehouse Chili" took 1st place at the chili cook-off at Klauer Hall this past Sunday. Many thanks to Theresa and Paul for their efforts and winning recipe. 20 entries were submitted for judging. Thank you to the Immaculate Conception Church Women's Club of Norfolk for hosting this tasty event! I Recommend gifting the prize back to the women's club to support their mission with many thanks for the fun opportunity.

- The apparatus and trailer registrations have been renewed with DMV

- Need to set up a uniform fitting end of March/April.

- NVFD single color T-shirts. Money was approved for set up costs (\$45). Any interest for members purchasing or the department buying 2 for each member for upcoming spring/summer activities? Any color shirt available. Take orders? Table for next month for discussion.

T-Shirt with front logo and back lettering

- S - XL \$10.00
- XXL \$12.00
- XXXL \$14.00

- The Chimney Fire Brush on E-40 has snap links on each brush and weight that will melt when exposed to high heat. The manufacturer is aware of this problem and sending replacement parts to us.

- RT272 and many town roads have significant frost heaves and ditches. Don't take risks of speed and break a spring, twist the frame, or get bounced off the road. 35MPH tonight coming up Litchfield Rd and was bouncing all over the cab.

Important Dates:

Monday March 9th 6:30p - NVFD drill

Tuesday March 10th 7:30p - BOF meeting

Saturday March 14th 8a-4:30p - Hotchkiss EMS symposium. \$75/pp See me ASAP if interested in attending. Need trustee approval

Monday March 16th 6:30p - NVFD drill

Monday March 23rd 6:30p - NVFD drill

Monday March 24th 6:30p - NVFD by-law meeting

Monday March 30th 6:00p - NVFD Equipment Inspection & Officers meeting and uniform fitting

State tanker operations class, April 11 & 12 8a-4p in North Canaan. See NVFD Car 1 if interested in attending.

A full R.I.T. class in N. Canaan being planned. Dates TBA

NW Area Regional Training: HVRHS Falls Village

March: Evidence preservation with Paul Makuc

April: hydraulics & hose lines

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Rowland Denny to give the \$100.00 first place chili award back to the Immaculate Conception Church Women's Club, along with a letter of thanks for allowing us to participate.

Car 2:

Drills will be announced prior to each meeting. Keep an eye on the air tank bottles, they are coming loose at the bottom. Be sure to check each one before using.

Car 3:

Many interesting calls over the past few weeks. Turnout of members has been good.

Car 4:

No report.

Car 5:

Car 6:

No report.

Car 7:

No report.

EMS Captain:

CPR class went well last week.

Fire Police:

No report

Mechanics:

Battery maintainer on E80 has not been maintaining. Keep an eye on it and keep it plugged in.

Warden's:

Canaan has same chimney scrubbers as we do, there was an issue, they are in contact with the company. All companies using them will be contacted by the company with refinements.

Explorers:

Hunter Gomez is a new member. Fire department owes the explorers (5), 8 ft. posts.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Richard Byrne to purchase 5, 8 ft. posts for the explorer sign posts.

The new charter is in place.

LCD:

The fiber network is continuing at the state level, more equipment might be delivered to connect us. They will be hiring another dispatcher. Also discussing to create a "call taker" position, someone to answer the 911 and 7 digit calls.

Correspondence:

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:**

No report

- **Insurance Committee:**

No report

- **House Committee:**

Freezer has been restocked.

- **ATV Committee:**

No report

- **By Law Committee:**

Meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm.

- **Truck Committee:**

No report

- **Fund Raising:**

Need to set up a date for a meeting.

- **Parade Committee:**

Many invitations for upcoming parades.

Old Business:

Katie Hester has completed one year of membership.

New Business:

Uniform Fitting on Monday, March 30 at 6:00 pm.

Ambulance is missing a pulse ox from the last accident. Keep an eye out for it in one of the trucks.

There is only one nomex blanket.

Rope rescue team got approval from DEMHS to purchase a tripod to be used to lift someone out of a confined space.

There have been a lot of freeze-ups of hydrants during the past month, be careful if you try to open it.

Ron is looking for someone to take over the running of the Road Race, he will be glad to help, but is looking for someone to step up. He will put together a list of what is required.

M/S/P Jon Barbagallo, Dan Wuori to adjourn.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary