

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department

Annual Meeting

August 29, 2016

President Chelsea Bottom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She asked for a moment of silence for our past, deceased members.

Chief Matthew Ludwig read his annual report. (Attached below)

Secretary Judy Ludwig conducted the annual elections. Results are:

President: Paul Padua

Vice President: Thalyia Byrne

Secretary: Judy Ludwig

Treasurer: Jeff Rydel

Fire Chief: Matthew Ludwig

1st Asst. Chief: Brian Hutchins

2nd Asst. Chief: Jon Barbagallo

Captain: Gary Bottom

Lieutenant – Car 5: Steven Hutchins

Lieutenant – Car 6: Rowland Denny

Lieutenant – Car 7: Mark Jurgilewicz

EMS Captain: Dan Wuori

Fire Police Lieutenant: Kevin Haitsch

Mechanics: John Hutchins, Ken Ludwig

Board of Trustees:

- Richard Byrne
- Ted Hinman
- Ron Zanobi

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Judy Ludwig

NVFD Secretary

NVFD Annual Chiefs Report

August 29, 2016

During the fiscal year 2015/2016 the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department responded to 127 calls for service.

- 22 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 21 - Medical Assists
- 20 - Auto Alarms
- 16 - Burnt Food Incidents
- 10 - Building Fires
- 10 - Wires Down
- 6 - Brush Fires
- 5 - Station Coverage Requests
- 5 - Chimney Fires/Furnace Malfunctions
- 5 - Cancelled Enroute
- 2 - Search & Rescues
- 2 - HazMat Incidents
- 2 - Pump Outs/Water Leaks
- 1 - Tree across the road

The FY 2015/2016 Departmental statistics are as follows:

988.90 Staff hours from dispatch to incident completion

1761.50 Staff hours of Non-incident departmental activities

2050.01 Staff hours of Training (an increase of 571.69 hours from last year)

4800.41 Total recorded staff hours logged by NVFD personnel in 2015-2016

The membership of the NVFD continues to log many hours of training to meet the state, federal, and annual OSHA requirements, responding to emergencies, and supporting the community as we manage the many facets of our towns volunteer fire department.

Noteworthy of this year was the planning, ordering, and local assembly of Squad 20. The Norfolk VFD truck committee researched and spec'd every aspect of this vehicle and kept costs very manageable at almost half of what was originally quoted from apparatus manufacturers. The Housing Ceremony held in August showcased the many hours and dedication put in by our membership for this new piece of apparatus. Certainly a job well done by everyone.

Keeping forward momentum, the committee moved right into the transformation of the Utility truck into a Brush truck and ordered a body that will serve this department for decades to come.

In the midst of 2 truck replacements the truck committee also managed to meet with 5 apparatus vendors and put together a replacement pumper specification for E-90 which turned 31 years old this year and is just waiting on a funding package for approval.

The NVFD 1st responder program was awarded a grant for AEDs and trauma bags as members stepped up in obtaining and renewing their medical licenses. With the program growing, the

department and membership are able to possess more life saving equipment in the field to have available for the residents of Norfolk during a cardiac event.

In September, the Norfolk VFD had the honor of being recognized by Howard Gnome to receive the Governors proclamation for Firefighters Day.

The mission of the NVFD is of multiple avenues for helping others. Again last October, the NVFD raised funds thru Breast Cancer awareness T-Shirt sales and donated the entire proceeds to the Norfolk Children's Foundation in memory of Laverne Barbagallo.

We continue to give support to the residents of Norfolk by assisting with limiting vehicle access on Maple Avenue during Halloween night and assist with and offer events that bring the community together. From Karaoke Night, the annual tree lighting, Breakfast with Santa, and Santas Special Delivery, to the Memorial Day Parade, the FD open house, and organization of the 38th 5-Mile Road race in which the NVFD gave \$6000.00 in scholarships to help local students this year.

Several members took initiative and conducted Fill-the-Boot collections in the center of town this year which was a great success, while other members oversaw and assisted with the installation of a dry hydrant on Wheeler road to help protect the homes in rural northern Norfolk. After research, restructuring, and the re-gridding of our responses, we are finally able to be notified on dispatch of the 150+ limited access driveways in town which require our smaller pumper's initial response for quick access during emergencies.

Our Explorer Post 952 continues to move forward with new members and training. Our post advisors and membership instill pride and dedication to every member that serves. Keep up the good work!

This year we were able to have the entire exterior of the station and outbuildings painted in addition to the interior. A small face lift after 20 years to maintain and brighten our quarters for all that occurs within these walls.

There's always something happening down at the fire house these days, and the commitment of our vast membership does not go unnoticed...word gets around. We welcomed 2 new members to the rank and file this year and continue our membership drive, looking for new members to offer assistance in any capacity. From firefighting to administrative functions, we encourage anyone with a desire to help our communities' emergency services to apply.

In closing I would like to thank the Town of Norfolk and the citizens we serve, for without their generosity and continued support we would not be the department we are today!

In Service,



Matthew J. Ludwig

Fire Chief

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