

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2016

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

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

There were 16 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Dan Wuori, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016..

Treasurer's Report

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Thalyia Byrne to approve the Treasurer's Report.
We are at 69% of the budget spent.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Officer of the month: Car 3 swapped with Car 4. Gary has trainings for the month

- Was notified by the DMV that emission testing was due on our 12' flat bed trailer, the Quad, and U-50. After several phone calls and a trip to the emission testing facility, our vehicles are over the weight classification and exempt. Just need to have the new computer system at the DMV updated so we stop getting notification letters. All apparatus are current and registered.
- CDL drivers: Make sure your medical card info to the DMV is current. You are required to fax your CDL medical form to the state every 2 years. Had some issues with the legibility of the date of exam the doctor signed on some paperwork.
- To check the status of your license and medical info on file at the DMV:
<https://www.dmvselfservice.ct.gov/LicenseStatusService.aspx>
- The furnace was not working properly the other day. Tech from Bazzano believes the temp of the oil that day (-15deg) and the blower were suspect. Fixes were made and everything is working properly.
- After last months meeting and the request of the membership, I sent a letter to selectmen requesting a building committee be reinstated on a town level.
- March 19th is an EMS Symposium in Lakeville. EMS members interested please see Dan or myself to get signed up. Lunch provided.
- I am meeting with the BOF on the 8th to discuss funding for E-90s replacement.
- After the concerns of the salt and cleaning needed on the undercarriages of the apparatus, I found an inexpensive underbody wash design made from 1" pipe that connects to our fire hose. All parts to complete were under \$70. Make sure the surface you drive over is flat so the pipe does not bend.

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, March 8th 7:30p** -BOF meeting
- **Monday, March 14th 6:30p** NVFD drill, uniform fitting
- **Monday, March 21st 6:30p** NVFD drill
- **Tuesday, March 22nd 7p** - Colebrook FD size up class
- **Monday, March 28th 6p** NVFD officers meeting
- **Monday, March 28th 6:30p** NVFD equipment inspection
- **April 17th**, extrication with EMR class
- **April 25th**, - NVFD drill, doll house fire behavior simulator PJ Noorwood
- **Saturday, May 7th 9a** - Joint NVFD/NLCA meeting
- May 2016, Mass Casualty drill at Curling club, Details TBA
- **Saturday, August 6th** - Weekend in Norfolk. NVFD to Host Open house, Touch a Truck, Extrication demo, Lifestar landing. Light refreshments, popcorn, drinks.

NW area Chiefs:

March- brush fire equipment night at Lakeville hose-a review and demonstration of Zone department's brush fire equipment.

April- ladder operations- part 2 of Instructor Mangione's ladder ops class

Car 2:

No report

Car 3:

No report

Car 4:

No report

Car 5:

Damage to go buggy will be looked at.

Car 6:

No report

Car 7:

No report

EMS Captain:

Some members need to recertify their EMR certificates. See Danny.

Fire Police:

No report

Mechanics:

No report

Warden's:

Waiting for vests for the Explorers.

Explorers:

Uniform measuring on March 14 during the training.

Explorer Chief has requested equipment return from Tyler, NVFD President will peruse this.

Entertainment books will be sold by the Explorers.

LCD:

Going through the budget process.

Working to retool the way limited access driveways will be toned out.

Correspondence:

Parade invitations from Thomaston and Bantam.

Letter from "Friends of Arthur" Foundation, thanking the NVFD along with a donation.

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:**

Letter was sent to Selectmen requesting reformation of town building committee with NVFD input.

- **Insurance Committee:**

No report

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **By Law Committee:**

No report

- **Truck Committee:**

In the process of getting quotes for lights, lettering, siren, scene lights, striping, radio, to put the new Squad truck into service.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Rowland Denny to spend \$16,122.34 to 911 Emergency Supply to equip the new Squad 20 with lights, lettering, siren, scene lights, striping, radio, to put the new Squad truck into service. \$10,309.84 to come from Department unrestricted checking. The balance to come from the Trust Fund CD, pending Trustee approval. Passed unanimously.

Needs an upfront cost of \$10, 309.84 to begin work. They need the truck by May 1, 2016 in order to have the truck ready for Memorial Day.

- **Fund Raising:**

We need to do some, ideas will be accepted.

- **Parade Committee:**

No report

Old Business:

No report.

New Business:

Uniform fitting on Monday, March 14, 2016.

Daryl Byrne has returned his mobile radio.

Pizza restaurant no longer has a functioning sprinkler system.

Chief made a homemade underbody fire truck cleaner, you can just drive the truck over the device and clean the sand and salt off the under side of the trucks.

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Gary Bottom to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary