

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2017

Chief Matthew Ludwig presented his Annual Report.

Elections Followed.

Elected:

President – Paul Padua
Vice President – Thalyia Newman
Secretary – Judy Ludwig
Treasurer – Jeff Rydell

Board of Trustees

Richard Byrne
Ted Hinman
Ron Zanobi

Fire Chief – Matthew Ludwig
1st Assistant Chief – Brian Hutchins
2nd Assistant Chief – Jon Barbagallo
Captain – Gary Bottum
EMS Captain – Dan Wuori
Lieutenants
Car 5 – Steven Hutchins
Car 6 – Rowland Denny
Car 7 – Brad Funk
Mechanics
John Hutchins
Ken Ludwig

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary

**NVFD Annual Chiefs Report
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During the fiscal year 2016/2017 the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department responded to 131 calls for service.

25 – Auto Alarms	3 – CO (Carbon Monoxide) Emergencies
17 - Motor Vehicle Accidents	3 - Chimney Fires/Furnace Malfunctions
13 - Burnt Food Incidents	2 - Trees across the road
10 - Building Fires	2 - Dumpster/Dust Collector fire
10 - Medical Assists	2 - Nothing Found Calls
9 - Wires Down	1 - Assist State Police
8 - Station Coverage Requests	1 - Vehicle Fire
8 - Cancelled Enroute	1 - Rekindle
7 - Search & Rescue/Ropes	

The FY 2016/2017 Departmental statistics are as follows:

1,982.25 - Staff hours from dispatch to incident completion

1,790.41 - Staff hours of Non-Incident departmental activities

1,503.75 - Staff hours of Training

5,276.41 - Total recorded staff hours logged by NVFD personnel in 2016-2017

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 town's volunteer fire department.

As I've said in previous years, there is always something happening down at the fire house. The year started with Norfolk Squad 20 being placed into service with a community housing ceremony during the first annual "Weekend-In-Norfolk". Many members contributed their time and expertise so that every possible detail was put into this truck to make it as user friendly as possible.

The department was able to sell the old Brush Truck F-150 chassis thru a sealed bid, online auction for over double the blue book value which greatly assisted financially in finishing the brush truck retro-fit project onto the existing Utility-50 Dodge chassis. This re-fit was completed in-house and under budget by the many talented members of this department.

After years of preparation and hard work by the NVFD Truck Committee, their efforts came to fruition in January when the Town of Norfolk signed a contract with Toyne for a new pumper to

replace our 32 year old Engine 90. Special thanks to the citizens and boards who understood the necessity to support the purchase of a vehicle specifically suited for the tight driveways in Norfolk by approving this expenditure.

After hundreds of deaths in Connecticut, the state mandated that all 1st our responders carry Narcan to combat Heroin overdoses. With the help of our EMS Captain Daniel Wuori, we were able to secure this life saving antidote for the engines, and provide training for our medical responders. Combined with the 5 new medically trained members this year, we are able to add one more service to help our community if the need arises.

The NVFD would also like to acknowledge the support that the Explorers give to the membership of the NVFD which is always appreciated. Going into their 33rd year of service, this program is vital in sparking interest and filling the roles and ranks of the department later in their firefighting and volunteering career.

The commitment of our membership does not go unnoticed; our efforts are appreciated and even applauded by both our residents and those in neighboring towns.

We have welcomed 4 new members to the rank and file this year and continue our membership drive. We always look for new members that can offer assistance in any capacity. Help is always needed, from firefighting to administrative functions; we encourage anyone with a desire to help our community's 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew J. Ludwig', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew J. Ludwig

Fire Chief

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