

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2022

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

There were 25 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P**Richard Byrne, Dan Wuori to accept the Secretary's Report of Feb. 7, 2022.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are at 84% of the Town Budget.

**M/S/P**Richard Byrne, Thalyia Newnanto accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

Weekly Training times: 6p at the FH, 6:15p lesson plan, 6:30p leaving or lesson beginning.  
-Car 7 Justin

**Chiefs report:**

Thank you to the crew that took the engine to Torrington resident 5-year-old Mason Geros Birthday drive by who needed a heart transplant. The kindness you showed him and his family speaks volumes of this department. It is upsetting to report that 2 days later he passed away. The kindness and love shown by our department and over 400 trucks and others will be ever lasting

Nice work at the North Canaan house fire. Crews did a good job

Congratulations to Martyn for being sworn in as our Fire Police. He's taken the 10-hour Traffic Incident Management (TIM) class.

Thanks to Barbagallo and Senator Witkos for getting the FH Facebook page back up

Radios: New 800MHZ portables are in service and on the engines.

- TAC2 is our testing channel for 60 days (April'ish) before the state will turn on our talk groups to monitor the amount of bandwidth we will use on the state core. After our testing period we will use our 800Fireground talk group.
- The 800 talk group channels are unable to scan with the VHF channels.
- Officers discussed radio operations. When responding to all calls keep a portable on TAC2 to communicate with each other while enroute. Use the truck mobile to hear updates from

LCD on Dispatch & Command. When you get on-scene use our VHF fireground channel or NW interior as we currently do. Nobody should be using an 800channel/Talk group when you're in an IDLH atmosphere/wearing an SCBA.

- When on scene the Incident Commander will need 2 radios to monitor incoming apparatus on TAC2 and VHF channels.
- A box for spare batteries is in 20,30,& 40. Unable to put bank chargers in the apparatus due to how batteries are charged and reconditioned.
- 27 Portables in total. Please keep them and their VHF counterparts in their assigned truck as they are programmed accordingly.
- All officers have 800MhZ portables (8)
- Emergency Management (2) 800MhZ portables
- Fire Marshal (2) 800MhZ portables
- S20 (3) 800MhZ portables and (2) VHF portables
- E30 (3) 800MhZ portables and (3) VHF portables
- E40 (3) 800MhZ portables and (3) VHF portables
- B50 (2) 800MhZ portables & (1) VHF portable w/Headset
- E90 (2) 800MhZ portables
- T100 (1) 800MhZ portables & (1) VHF portable
- 1 spare 800MhZ portable for the station

With the new radios in the apparatus, we have 2 base stations & 8 mobiles. Want to sell both bases & 3 mobiles and to keep spares for the officers. Looking at maybe \$150 each, \$250 for each base station

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Steven Hutchins to sell the old 2 base stations for \$250.00 each and 3 mobile radios for \$150.00 each.

NLCA has requested FD assistance to all calls at 284 Greenwoods Rd. West due to driveway conditions until May 1st.

Soft shoulders & spring weather. Don't drive and sink in the dirt.

Meadowbrook Knox Box was sent back for repair. Also: it will have 2 sets of access keys to facilitate access on floors by 2 teams.

Going to have quad confidence class as weather turns nice. 2-hour Weekend slots. Dates will be text out a week prior.

### **Training:**

- Live burns & Fire school nights have been scheduled, please mark your calendars
- VFIS Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Program on May 12-13, 2022, at *the Litchfield County Regional Fire Training School in Torrington, CT.*

### **Important Dates:**

- Monday, March 14th 6p - NVFD Weekly Drill
- Sunday, March 20th 8a - Cold Water rescue drill

- Monday, March 21st 6p - NVFD Weekly Drill
- Monday, March 28th 6p - Apparatus/Equipment Inspection & Officer meeting
- Monday, April 4th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Saturday, April 30th 8a-12n - "Norfolk" Live Burn at the Fire School
- Saturday, June 4th (16:00-17:30) Arthur Rosenblatt's celebration of life on the town green.
- Monday, June 13th 6:30p - "Norfolk" Theatrical smoke at the Fire School
- Monday, August 15th 6:30p - "Norfolk" Theatrical smoke at the Fire School
- Saturday, September 17th 12n-4p - "Norfolk" Live Burn at the Fire School
- Monday, October 17 6:30p - "Norfolk" Chimney fires at the Fire School

**Car 2:**

Incentive committee met, see Brian if you want to know what you're getting.

**Car 3:**

Looking to put Road Race committee back on the agenda.

**Car 4:**

No Report

**Car 5:**

No Report

**Car 6:**

No Report

**Car 7:**

Training will be on the new radios for the next two weeks. Cold Water rescue on March 20.

**EMS Captain:**

Two AED pads are on order.

Ambulance squad is very small and 8 people are on vacation, may need assistance.

**Fire Marshall:**

Aquarian water project on Mountain Road will be continuing.

Greenwoods gate has put in an application to change from a B&B into apartments.

Two tablets are in the Fire Marshall budget, will be compatible with NVFD.

### Mechanics:

New light bulbs in for the tower on E40, battery was dead on tanker, was put on a charger, seems okay right now, keep an eye on it.

### Cadets:

No Report

### LCD:

No Report

### Committee Reports:

- House Committee:

No report

- Fund Raising:

No Report

- Insurance Committee

No Report

- Building Committee

Architect sent out another design, met with Matt Riiska, new building proposed to be built on west side of property and then tear down current firehouse. Moving forward.

- Anniversary/Birthday Committee

Committee is working on filling out forms for state for a raffle. Need a list of all town organizations.

Moving forward with cornhole tournament.

- Road Race Committee

Looking to get members together for assistance.  
Looking into getting a Food Truck for the event.

### Correspondence:

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**M/S/P** Daryl Byrne, Steven Hutchins to spend \$192.00 purchase 1 dozen micro spikes for the department to come out of Town Budget.

Looking to do a quad confidence training at the Ludwig farm once the weather gets better.

**M/S/P** Justin Zarzycki, John DeShazo to spend \$120.00 to purchase 12, \$10.00 gift cards from the Berkshire Store to award 1 card a month for a non-officer who has gone above and beyond during the month.

See guidelines that have been drawn up. This money is to come from the bottle return funds, department funds.

Request from Jenna Brown wants to know if the NVFD wants to sell food for the Friday night town events as a fund raiser. Need to get more information from organizers as to what events are being planned. Paul will call and get information. Need to get a committed list of people willing to work at the event. More information and decision will be made at the April meeting.

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary