

Board of Firewards Meeting

January 4, 2007

Firewards present: D. Bowles, J. Hartley, M. Norcross, H. Remick

Firefighters present: Chief Solomon, Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. Teryek, FF Bowles, FF Streeter

Public Present: David Baril

Meeting Opened at 19:44

Minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were accepted with several corrections.

Application: The Application of David Baril was reviewed and conditionally accepted by the Firewards.

Old Business:

No news yet from the wetlands scientist on the South Tamworth Land

Chief Solomon reported that there was a delay on delivery of the new airpaks. It is being worked out. Worst case scenario is Fire Tech and Safety brings packs up for training next week, if the new packs have not yet been delivered.

Chief Solomon reported that the web site is doing well. Cost to run it will be \$99.20 a year. Chief Solomon suggested we take that on after Town Meeting. Also Chief Solomon suggested we post Firewards meeting minutes on the site. The Firewards had no problem with that.

The foam pro on engine 2 failed again. Capt's Bross and Teryek flushed it out and have it working again. It appears that the foam is gumming up and may need to be fully flushed from the system. We will keep an eye on it for now.

D. Bowles asked about the capital improvements plan. Chief Solomon reported that he had met with Herb Cooper again and believes we are now all on the same page and that the proposed repairs and upgrades to the existing buildings are the most cost effective thing to do at this time.

Chief Solomon reported that the W4s and I9s are now all set and all 2006 checks have been issued. Still have Greg Reppucci and Mike Baumann to give out.

J. Hartley asked about station assignments. Chief Solomon reported they are not all set yet. That has been placed on a back burner due to the budget process and other things due in January.

Discussed swapping radios, antennas for the portables and looking at other radio cases.

D. Bowles opened a discussion on better defining the Chief's responsibilities and the Firewards responsibilities. Also requested a monthly activity report from the Chief. Chief Solomon stated he has no problem doing that, but with the number of things that need to be done in January, it may not be ready for the February Firewards meeting.

Chief Solomon informed the Firewards of the dates and times for the budget meetings. Also noted that the workers compensation insurance went up again. Discussion on the workers comp insurance and how it is figured for the Fire Department ensued.

New Business:

The Jaws have been moved to Hose 1. Suggestion was made that we all look at it after the meeting is over.

Chief Solomon had several SOGs needing revision.

SOG 201, Motor Vehicle Accidents, was revised for the Jaws being on the Hose truck and the new Ambulance. Firewards approved changes.

SOG 203, Carbon Monoxide Incidents, was changed for the Ambulance and the meter being on Engine 1, not Engine 2. Firewards approved changes.

SOG 204, Small Fluid Spills, was changed to better align it with NH DES rules on disposal of hazardous waste. This was reviewed with DES by the Chief and they were happy with it. Firewards reviewed and approved the changes.

Chief Solomon proposed SOG 106, Harassment. This SOG adopts the Towns Harassment policy and applies it to the volunteers. There was discussion on the Selectmen being the investigators for this. The SOG was approved by the Firewards.

Chief Solomon noted to the Firewards that he had billed the Reach the Beach Relay for our coverage of their event back in July. The bill had been paid and \$330.00 was returned to the general fund. For 2007 there is supposed to be better communication prior to the event which will hopefully reduce the problems caused by the race.

Chief Solomon noted that there a Barnstead Firefighter died on duty on December 29th. The funeral is this Saturday. He will put out an announcement and post the information on the board.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:46