

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

March 4, 2010

Firewards present: D.K.Bowles, D. Littlefield, H. Remick, J. Hartley

Firefighters present: Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. D. Teryek, FF J. Tavares, FF E. St. Jean, FF M. Baumann, FF P. Rich, FF J. Baumann, FF S. Bross, Capt. D. Bowles.

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:40

Minutes: Minutes of the February 4, 2010 meeting were accepted as amended by J. Hartley, 2nd by H. Remick. All in favor.

Old Business:

It was mentioned that 6E1 was still out of service, due to the warranty leak repair on the tank. J. Bowles mentioned that they are replacing the entire bottom of the tank.

D. Littlefield spoke with M. Norcross, who said he could not attend tonight's meeting. M. Norcross requested that we ask if Chief Colcord had got the pager back from Joann Rainville. Chief Colcord was not present, so there was no further information.

D.K. Bowles advised everyone that FF S. Finman had broken his ankle and was unable to attend trainings and FF S. Ruhf broke her toe and was also unable to attend the meeting.

New Business:

J. Bowles discussed that he checked on 6E1 to see if there was any work we should do to the truck while the tank is out of the body. He discovered steel plates on top of the frame that are in need of cleaning and painting to keep them from rusting. It was suggested to have a few people to help do it.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles brought up the concerns about the VIP stipend and how it was interfering with member's opportunity to receive social service benefits. The VIP money is taking away from the amount of benefit awarded to the member from the social service departments. Asst. Chief J. Bowles proposed SOG#112: Volunteer Incentive Program. The SOG outlines the basis of the program and a notable change is that VIP awards are based on ALL department activities. Discussion ensued. D. Littlefield asked that we clarify the "fixed annual amount" statement in 112.1.1. Change made to add "total" after the first "The" 112.1.1. It was decided that Asst. Chief J. Bowles will stop by the Health and Human Service office in Conway to discuss this issue and help clarify the purpose of the VIP to them. D. Littlefield made a motion to accept SOG#112 as amended, J. Hartley seconded. All in favor.

J. Hartley mentioned that he had a citizen come up to him and they mentioned their disdain with seeing Dept. members using the pressure washer for personal use. J. Hartley explained to the citizen that it was a form of compensation to members for the duty they serve. J. Hartley further explained that he would bring this to the Fireward's meeting for further discussion. Discussion ensued. It was determined that we would advise the members of the concern.

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D. Bowles mentioned that Roland Libby passed away. Roland was a retired Asst. Chief of Ossipee Corner and a Fire Warden. Visiting hours are on Saturday 19:00 at Lord's Funeral Home in Wolfeboro and the funeral will be on Sunday at Tuftonboro Four Corners. It was asked if some members were attending to represent the Dept. Some members will attend. The Firemen's Club will donate flowers on behalf of the Dept. and Club.

D. Littlefield spoke about next weeks training. Training will be a relay consisting of establishing water supply and deploying a line and knocking down a faux fire. Also, as time allows we work on donning SCBA for time.

D.K. Bowles mentioned that he was speaking with Bob Abraham and Bob mentioned that he received an email from a Dept. member saying that we did not have Safety Vests for working near traffic. D.K. Bowles advised Bob that we have two on every truck and further mentioned that if there was a member unaware of this that they should speak to another member to learn where they are.

D. Littlefield noted that Chief Colcord was on National Guard duty from March 2nd-7th. He further asked if it would be possible for Chief Colcord to furnish the Board with an updated schedule of his Guard duty, understanding that it may change without moments notice.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 20:56 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.
Submitted by DL