

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

November 5, 2012

PRESENT: M. Henry, W. Miga, A. Sivistri, M. Belensky, C. Hoyt, B. Dieffenbacher, R. Serowik, G. Roberts, J. Hardik, F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar, B. Bealo, S. Bealo, K. Miga, A. Green

CALLED TO ORDER: 17:40

MINUTES FROM 10/01/2012 **ACCEPTED:** Motion by A. Silvestri, seconded by B. Bealo

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$14,201.94
General checking: \$11,895.75

Activity: \$5161.89
2% Money: \$8483.28

Total checking: \$26,097.69

Motion to accept: J. Drotar, seconded by G. Roberts

We have a tentative schedule for preparing the budget for next year. I need help from the chiefs for the outlook plan.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

On Saturday Borrowed Freedom had their fundraiser here. Thanks to everyone who showed up for the work detail. They were very appreciative of the help.

There was a birthday party here yesterday and the people gave us a \$25 donation.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Information disclosure policy is complete and will be posted on the website.

Door at Station 2 should be repaired by the end of the month; just waiting for materials.

A work session will be held for completing the electrical work on the bay doors at Station 1 on 11/17/2012 at 9 a.m.

We are looking into obtaining more gear racks for Station 2, which will be placed in the bay area.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Although we were missed by the storm, things went great overall. I apologize if people thought there was a delay in getting information passed along. I don't have everyone's e-mail addresses with me when I am working to pass e-mails along quickly. I only received a small amount of requests to be deployed; there was a thought that it was a private selection and it WAS NOT. There are requirements when certain equipment is requested. The biggest confusion is for SEFU requests; two members and both have to be green-tagged. I am working on a BOG for this with the state-required items, plus additional items C. Hoyt and I thought would be good to have from our experience last year in Delaware County and with Chris's and Jack's trip to Long Island. I am also working with the Board on the company financial obligations, making sure those deployed don't have to use their own money. This is somewhat new for us and is a work in progress.
- Maine and Union Center run card changes have been submitted for a few weeks now. I will let you know when they are in effect. A special thank you to Chief Hoyt for arranging and attending meetings and exchanging emails with Maine so that mutual aid training and automatic mutual aid for calls will actually be a reality and not just us talking about it. I am sure this will be more than successful. Thanks again, Chris!
- Remember that when the officer on a truck, whether it is an officer or senior member, gives an assignment to do something it must be completed as requested. Crew freelancing will not be tolerated.
- New high-temperature gloves were purchased for the chimney kits; one pair in each kit.
- Thank you to those who were involved in designing and mounting the Blitzfire monitor on the Squad. It came out great and is very functional. Thanks Again!
- Everyone has seen the new Rescue training dummy on the floor at Station 2. That was purchased with FEMA money, obtained by the County. By law it is available for any FD or PD to use.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

- B. Dieffenbacher asked C. Hoyt for a description of what he saw during his deployment and Chris gave us a rather detailed description.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Endicott has a 1.8 million dollar deficit. They have the potential to lose 9 people from their department to retirement in January. It is possible that we may be asked to help them out more, depending upon what happens between the union and the village.
- Their low manpower could affect our FAST team; we might have to ask for one from Endwell or Maine. Please keep this in mind when responding to calls.

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

EMS:

- I sent out some updates regarding Image Trend for proper coding and dispositions. There are a few changes which are effective immediately.
- All BLS medications are updated and expiration dates written on the outside of the packets. Send me an e-mail if you open one from the EMS and pumper tanker in first-in bags so that I can replenish and reseal them.
- Thank you to D. Hill for facilitating the idea of joint training with Union Ambulance. This will hopefully enhance our relationship with them, so that our members will be given meaningful tasks when they respond to calls when Union is already on the scene. They are interested in our rehab program and would like to learn about that. Some are interested in attending the live burn on Saturday.
- BLS protocol update (regional) is important and I need about 3 hours for this. I need to hold this before the end of the year. Everyone who is an EMT and above needs to go through this. Date is TBA.
- CPR training will also be held before the end of the year; this will be open to everyone, including auxiliary members. Certification is good for 2 years.
- I have jobs for EMTs for in Windsor and Berkshire through AmeriCorps. These are 1-year positions starting no later than the end of this month. There are many benefits; see me if you are interested.
- There are many people in our community who are dependent upon electronic medical equipment. Broome County Health Department is trying to keep an updated list of these people in the event of a prolonged power outage, but this list is very dynamic and difficult to keep current. NYSEG also has this information. Due to HIPAA, this information cannot be provided to us prior to an emergency, but during storm conditions we would be responsible for transporting these people to medical shelters or checking on their condition. Please keep this in mind.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Please remember to drop me an email or do a paper report if you are not going to do the computer report. During standby for a department and only one or a few people show up, just send me an email so I can put you in the report.
- There is a follow-up Image Trend meeting tomorrow night which I will be attending.

AUXILIARY:

- Everyone should have received an invitation for the company Christmas party on 12/15/2012. Please respond whether you are coming or not.
- A party for the company children will be held on 12/08/2012; the location is TBA.
- Auxiliary will attend the live burn on Saturday.

SAFETY OFFICER:

- Winter is on our doorstep, so dress properly and stay hydrated!

MAINTENANCE:

- Tanker is OOS due to a possible tank leak at the rear dump. Met with Jim Harris from Har-Rob today to identify the issue. We are confident that this issue will be covered under warranty by United Plastics, the tank manufacturer. The Tanker will be going to Syracuse tomorrow morning for repair.
- Horn Ring on steering wheel of PT 53 and hand lights will be replaced or repaired tomorrow.
- New bulbs were purchased for scene lights on the Squad.
- Winter tires will be put on the brush truck soon.
- With the winter weather rapidly approaching, please use caution on roadways. Please don't let fuel go below three-quarters of a tank on the large apparatus. A little less than three-quarters on the small apparatus is okay.
- Brush truck's chain saw has been repaired again and will be picked up this week.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Everything is in service.

TRAINING:

- Live burn on Saturday, 11/10/2012. Dress warmly.
- Tomorrow night will be training with Maine at Station 1. I am not sure of the schedule for the next couple of months.
- FASNY Class is 11/27/2012 in Johnson City and this will take the place of our training.
- We are looking for training ideas once the run cards with Maine are complete.
- Training hours are up to date and on the web.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT: No report.

Monument has been turned over to the Boy Scouts for an Eagle project. They have to do the whole thing from start to finish and will take care of this.

Maine-Endwell High School is going to be building their homecoming float at Station 2 from starting 10/08/2012 to 10/11/2012 after school, then from 10/15/2012 to 10/19/2012. A. Green and/or H. Sunderlin-Green will be present to supervise.

Thanks to A. Green for ordering the food for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: M. Henry

NUMBER ATTENDING: 15

VOTING: 14

TIME ADJORNED: 20:37

NEXT MEETING: 12/03/2012

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**