

**STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

59 Stony Hill Rd  
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on September 9, 2020 at Stony Hill fire Department with members present.

Meeting was called to order at 17:30 hours.  
Roll call was taken.

X Previous month's minutes read and accepted

Treasurer's Report:  
XAccepted

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**Chief Engineers' Report:  
Patrick Magyar**

New tires have been installed on Engine 1 as per NFPA guidelines.  
A new engineer will be announced for Engine 3 in the next week.  
Please continue to do weekly apparatus checks. Contact me with any issues.

**Captains' Report:  
Matt Gunter**

**Couch still being worked on. Coming Fri.**

**Lieutenants' Report:  
S6 Dave Bunting**

None

**S7 Zach Britton**

9Volt batteries are on trucks.

Air Packs tested this month.

**S8 Doug Evanuska**

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**Gear fitting being done.**

**Truck Reports**

**Engine 1:  
Dan Spinella  
None**

**Engine 3:  
Patrick Magyar  
None**

**Engine 11:  
Robert Leonard  
None**

**Rescue 2:  
Jonathan Hart  
All good**

**A3:  
Ken Carney  
None**

**Utility 5:  
Jarrett Leonard  
None**

**EMS Report:  
Jim Mangi**

Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Company EMS Report for September 2020 Presented by EMS Captain Jim Mangi on September 9, 2020 There were 84 calls for the month of August, 2020, giving us 664 calls for the year, compared to 683 in 2019 (a 3% decrease). In August: • The top responding officers were: o Fire Lt. David Bunting and EMS Lt. Kenny Carney with 10 calls each o Chief Engineer Patrick Magyar with 9 calls • The top responding members were: o Chuck Cywin with 13 calls o Dan Palumberi with 7 calls o Chelsea Berg with 5 calls • ERM made 37 calls as a complete crew. • ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 12 calls. • Of the 84 calls, o 45 were BLS o 25 were ALS o 4 were RMA's o 8 were treated and refused transport o 0 were treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2nd call, assist, or A3 OOS) o 1 canceled enroute o 2 canceled prior to response o 3 no patient found o 0 dead on scene o 35 were for Bethel Health Care o 8 were for Maplewood of Bethel o 15 were night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00) o 2 were first calls covered by mutual aid. o 9 were second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid. • During storm Isaias, some calls were incorrectly numbered by dispatch, and some were incorrectly assigned to PCRs by Stony Hill crews. During large scale incidents, please take the time to verify call numbers and times. If something seems off, follow-up later with dispatch. • If you report to the station for standby during a fire call, inform the fire officer of the EMS members who stood by, or contact dispatch and have them punch an EMS call number. • Nuvance continues to be concerned with Patient Care Records (PCRs) not being completed within the time specified by state statute and Nuvance policy. Per CT statute, trauma PCRs must be written and submitted within 12 hours from arrival at ED. Per Nuvance policy, all calls where an "alert" is called (trauma, cardiac, stroke) must be completed BEFORE LEAVING THE HOSPITAL unless you are dispatched for another call, in which case the PCR must be completed at the hospital after that call. Failure

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to follow these policies puts Stony Hill at risk of having our medical control suspended or revoked. I expect ALL other PCR's to be completed within 24 hours. • Some members have still not completed the mandatory 8 minute naloxone training video. If you have not watched it, it's only 8 minutes. Get it done. If you cannot log in to EMS1Academy or FireRescue1Academy, or you do not see the assignment, contact S5. • For those who are and wish to remain NREMT certified, please check your EMS1Academy profile and verify that your correct NREMT certificate number is listed. Use your EMT or EMR certificate number, NOT your EMS ID. Any EMS1 courses you take before that information is entered will need to be manually entered later on the NREMT site, versus being able to import them automatically. Thanks to Ahjeetha Shankar for working through that process. • September's EMS drill will be real-time call walk-throughs (Monday, September 14, 2020). As always, any suggestions, comments, complaints, questions or issues, please contact either EMS Captain Jim Mangi or EMS Lieutenant Kenny Carney.

**Chief's Report:**

**Assistant Chief/Training**

**Sean Amero**

**Live burn 9/28.**

**Flashfire 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October.**

**Safety Report:**

**Tom Galliford**

**Physicals, trying to work with some companies to get done.**

**Flu clinic October 4 and 5.**

**VNA, 9/26 for flu vaccines for firehouse.**

**Chief:**

John Baker

Chief's Report for September

August Call Stats

59 Calls

Top 3 Responders Non Officer

Chief Magyar 46 FF Hart 20

FF Hart 20 FF Leclercq 19

FF Leclercq 19 FF L'Hernault 12

Call Types

Fires 3 Weather Related 3

Motor Vehicle Accidents 6 Public Assist 3

Gas Leak 1 Illegal Burn 4

Fluid Spill 2 Good Intent 2

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Electrical Problem 11 Canceled Enroute 6

Building Damage Assess 1 Odor of Smoke 6

Automatic Alarm 5 Mutual Aid (Brookfield) 1

Notes

Good Evening,

Covid remains the topic of the year. I hope everyone and their families are well. We still continue to operate but under CDC guidelines. Mask must be worn outdoor training is preferred for ventilation. Distancing as much as possible. The community room continues to be closed to outside use. Disinfecting surfaces should still be done on a regular basis.

Our call volume saw an increase in August due to tropical storm Isaias. This cause wide spread road closures and power outages. Many residents were out of power for over a week. Stony Hill Fire Dept was opened as a charging station and a place to get potable water. Thank you to

everyone who came out and responded to Fire and EMS call during this time even when you may not have had power yourselves.

Schools and colleges are attempting to open their fall semesters if you are returning to school let the President or myself know so we know where you are and if we need to change your status. We would love to see you back during breaks.

PPE donations from the state have stopped. We have plenty at this time. Although Covid numbers are leveling in CT, we should not become complacent. Please wear proper PPE based on protocol and dispatched information.

I know we are overdue for annual physicals. I am working with our Safety Officer to find the best location. I will also confirm the date for flu shots for those interested.

There will be a 9/11 memorial ceremony on Friday at 6:30pm at the municipal center. Class B uniforms dept. Tees if you do not have one

**Membership:**

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**Ernie LeClerg**  
**The following are new members.**  
**Daniel Palumberi**  
**John Sherry**  
**Mikayla Evanska**

**Public Relations:**  
**Patrick Magyar**  
**None**

**Grievance:**  
**Robert Leonard**  
**None**

**Board of Directors:**  
**Correspondence:**  
**None**

**Bills:**  
**None**

**By-Laws:**  
**Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford, John Giambruno**  
**New changes voted on and passed unanimously**

Proposed by law change # 1: change wording for Application for membership: . Article III Section 2A: Current wording: All applications for membership shall be proposed at a regular meeting. In the event an applicant fails the physical, has a criminal record as reported by the Connecticut State Police Bureau of Investigation the applicant will be dismissed CHANGE TO: All applications for membership shall be referred to the Membership Committee for initial application review and background check. The applicant shall be given a copy of the By Laws to read and become familiar with the organizations requirements. -----

Proposed by law change #2: Update procedure to accept a new probationary member and remove the "voting in" requirement. Article III Section 2B: current wording: Each application for Firefighter shall be referred to the membership chairman, the President, the Chief, the Assistant Chief and the EMS Captain for consideration of membership. The membership chairman shall initiate the appropriate background checks and arrange for a meeting of the prospective candidate with the officers prior to the regular monthly meeting. The membership chairman shall request the candidate to read the By-Laws loaned to the applicant. The President shall cause the application to be voted upon at a regular monthly meeting. Voting shall be by ballot with a two-thirds majority of members present to qualify for membership. A new member will be on probation for a one-year period after which an automatic vote by the membership will be taken. An affirmative ballot from two-thirds or more of the members present is required for confirmation of membership. During this period, they shall not have voting privileges. CHANGE TO: Section 2B: The membership committee shall initiate a meeting of the applicant with the Department Officers to determine their eligibility for membership. After review by the Department officers, all applicants will be required to submit themselves for a criminal background check by the Connecticut State Police Bureau of Investigation. The Officers shall then accept or reject the application for membership. A new member will be on probation for a one-year period. The applicant will receive documentation to complete their physicals. Upon successful completion of their physical, they will be presented to the company as a probationary member for 1 year. \*\*\* Section 4A, 4B, & 4C EMT member application & Section 7A for Associate Member shall be revised to reflect same wording. Proposed by law change # 3: Dues (to clarify that dues should be paid in advance so that here is less confusion and a rush during elections for the Treasurer to collect the dues) ARTICLE VII Dues Section 1. The annual dues for all members shall be \$2.00 per month, payable in advance. Section 2. Any member 3 months arrears in his dues shall receive a

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notice of such a delinquency from the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall notify such members at the fourth and fifth months, if the back dues are not paid by the sixth month, the Secretary shall write a letter of suspension. Section 3. Any suspended member may make application for reinstatement within 30 days and pay \$1.00 plus all back dues they owes to be reinstated by a majority vote of the members present. If dues are not paid after 30 days the member will automatically dismissed from the Company. They may reapply to the Company at any time and must meet the requirements and obligations of any new member. CHANGE TO: ARTICLE VII Dues Section 1. The annual dues for all members shall be \$2.00 per month, payable in advance. Dues shall be paid in full by the April monthly meeting of the year due. Section 2. Any member 1 month arrears in his dues shall receive a notice of such a delinquency from the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall notify such members and if the dues are not paid by the June, the member shall not be considered "In Good Standing" until such time they are paid. Any member who has not paid their dues by the December Meeting shall not be eligible to vote at elections. Section 3. DELETE SECTION Any suspended member may make application for reinstatement within 30 days and pay \$1.00 plus all back dues they owes to be reinstated by a majority vote of the members present. If dues are not paid after 30 days the member will automatically dismissed from the Company. They may reapply to the Company at any time and must meet the requirements and obligations of any new member

**Illness:**

**Ken Parciaseppe**

None

**Fund Drive:**

**James L,Hernault**

**We need someone to take over this position.**

**Special Activities:**

**Food drive is still on.**

**Old Business:**

**None**

**New Business:**

Radio upgrade letter.

**Good of the Company:**

**None**

Meeting adjourned at 18:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millie Tortora, Secretary