

STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting
59 Stony Hill Rd
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on March 1st, 2021 at Stony Hill fire Department with 41 members present.

Prior to the start of the meeting, 2021 Officers sworn in with First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker.

Chief Baker presented Past Chief Galliford with an award for his years of dedication to the fire department.

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

X Previous month's minutes read and accepted

Treasurer's Report:

X Accepted

Chief:

John Baker

February Call Stats

14 Calls

Top 3 Responders

Chief Magyar **11**

Chief Baker **10**

Lt. Evanuska **7**

Non Officer

FF Bunting **4**

FF Hart **4**

FF Iazzetta **4**

Call Types

Automatic Alarms **4**

MVA **2**

Chimney Fire **1**

Canceled Enroute **6**

Gas Leak **1**

Notes

I want to address the recent arson incidents that happened in the state. An EMT by the name of Richard White was a suspect in fires started maliciously by using a Molotov cocktail at Hunter's Ambulance locations in Old Saybrook and Meriden. Roxbury volunteer Ambulance was also hit. He had worked or been a member at each of these locations. Rich White was an Employee of ERM and had done some shifts at Stony Hill approx. 2 years ago. Information of these attacks were quickly sent out through law enforcement agencies and OEMS. Bethel PD did provide security of the

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firehouse while Rich was still at large. He was taken into custody that same evening in PA. Fortunately, no one was hurt in these incidents. Few reminders about security do not leave bay doors open if no one is out there. Do not leave the apron to calls if the doors don't close. Our new door system is even more secure but. Do not share your fobs or access with anyone. Report anyone hanging around looking suspicious.

Jeff Matson, our local leader for ERM has decided to step down from that role and reduce his hours with ERM and accept another job offer. Jeff Has worked for ERM at Stony Hill full time for about 6 years and a local leader for 15 months. Jeff has done a great job for us during this time not only as EMT but assisting with training some of our new EMT's I wish Jeff good luck in his new career opportunity. ERM has already hired a replacement for Jeff and I meet him this Friday. ERM has had some turnover lately but is committed to maintaining coverage so you may see some new faces during the day.

Most people have met the criteria of eligibility to get the Covid vaccine and have completed their 2 shot vaccine process with little or no side effects. Please contact me if you still have not sign up and want to get the vaccine. While the Covid numbers are dropping the protocols have not changed for wearing proper PPE. Please continue to wear masks in the firehouse when near others. Wear appropriate PPE on Fire and EMS calls.

Last month we did our mandatory annual re-cert for Blood borne pathogens and medications that all responders must attend blood borne to go on calls. If you were unable to attend contact Capt. Mangi to schedule a makeup. I have continued to be in close contact with Chief McCollam. Right now mostly focused on budget concerns. This open communication is being maintained to strengthen the relationship between the 2 departments. Hopefully you will see more interaction of the 2 departments then in the recent past such as drills and classes.

We still have many open shifts to cover for the ambulance. This is not fair to the few who pick up the slack and don't allow it to roll over to Bethel when our ambulance sits here. Please make an effort to take a shift even if it's one week so others know it covered.

The fire commission process continues to move forward. There is a public hearing on it next week March 8th. I believe the town is going to finish this process before making a decision on any large purchases for the fire departments such as a new truck. The smaller requests are still being discussed.

Thank You,

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John Baker

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Chief

Assistant Chief/Training:

Shawn Amero

BFD is hosting a live burn on 3/28 in Fairfield.

April Elevator class has been changed to a 1 day lecture

Please let Shawn know if you will be attending.

Chief Engineers' Report:

Patrick Magyar

-Hurst tools on R2 & E3 were all inspected and serviced by Firematic, several of our hydraulic tools are considered obsolete by Hurst due to their age. Parts are no longer available. eDraulics (Battery powered Hurst Tools) have been requested in the upcoming budget. They are fast becoming the new standard.

-Anyone who is qualified to begin driver training on apparatus, please contact me so we can start arranging that.

-Please make sure apparatus are being cleaned after response. If you miss the truck, please take the time to sweep the bay while the truck is out.

-Engineers, please stay on top of your weekly checks. If you need help getting your checks done please contact me. Calibrate your meters.

Captains' Report:

Matt Gunter

Replacement couch scheduled to be delivered

Lieutenants' Report:

S6 Dave Bunting

No Report

S7 Zach Britton

No report

S8 Doug Evanuska

No report

Truck Reports

Engine 1:

Dan Spinella

No report

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Engine 3:

Bob Germinaro Sr.

No report

Engine 11:

Robert Leonard

No report

Rescue 2:

Jonathan Hart

No report

A3:

Jim Lawlor

Check entry way for sand and sweep it down.

Utility 5:

Jarrett Leonard

Water can added to driver's side compartment

EMS Report:

Jim Mangi

There were 73 calls for the month of February, 2021, giving us 162 calls for the year, compared to 178 in 2020 (a 9% decrease). In February:

- 15 volunteers provided at least 8 hours of EMS on-call coverage.
- 23 volunteers made at least 1 call.
- The top responding officers were:
 - Chief John Baker with 14 calls
 - Chief Engineer Patrick Magyar with 12 calls
 - Lt. Doug Evanuska with 9 calls
- The top responding members were:
 - Chuck Cywin with 12 calls
 - Chelsea Berg with 7 calls
 - Blake Bonnabeau with 5 calls
- ERM made 35 calls as a complete crew.
- ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 7 calls.

- Of the 73 calls,
 - 37 were BLS (do not include calls where care was transferred as they could be ALS)
 - 20 were ALS
 - 0 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)
 - 6 were treated and refused transport (include this number with BLS calls)
 - 3 were treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2nd call, assist, or A3 OOS)
 - 2 canceled enroute
 - 5 canceled prior to response
 - 2 no patient found
 - 2 dead on scene

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- 24 were for Bethel Health Care
 - 10 were for Maplewood of Bethel
 - 15 were night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00)
 - 0 were first calls covered by mutual aid.
 - 9 were second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid.
- Bethel EMS is offering to train EMTs to be vaccinators. Contact Jim Mangi if interested.
 - If you have not yet gotten HEPA filters for your first-in bag BVMs, please see Jim Mangi at one of the fire or EMS drills. You will need to have your first-in bag with you so it can be inventoried.
 - As a reminder, if you cannot find an EMS shift on When To Help that fits your schedule, please let Jim Mangi know and the start and end times can be adjusted.

As always, any suggestions, comments, complaints, questions or issues, please contact either EMS Captain Jim Mangi or EMS Lieutenant Ken Carney.

Fire Police:

James L'Hernault

Anyone interested in Fire Police training, please let James know

Safety Report:

Tom Galliford

All Interior Firefighters need to schedule physicals at AFC Urgent Care(next to Popeyes) as per email sent on 3/1/21.

Membership:

Ernie LeClercq

No report

Public Relations:

Patrick Magyar

Did a T-shirt give away contest on Facebook for residents who shoveled out a fire hydrant near their home. Mildly successful.

Please be mindful of what you post on social media.

Grievance:

Bob Germinaro Sr.

None

Board of Directors:

No report

Correspondence:

None

Bills:

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One for microphone for Zoom meetings. Ok to reimburse

By-Laws:

Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford, John Giambruno
The proposed change to a By-Law has been withdrawn.

Illness:

Ken Parciaseppe
none

Fund Drive:

Tom Galliford
Letters are going out.

Special Activities:

Easter Flower Sale – mandatory event. Signup sheet will be posted. Please sign up. Will need help on night flowers are delivered. In need of vases
Will be having a food drive to help Brotherhood in Action. Boxes will be in lobby.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Good of the Company:

None

Meeting adjourned at 20:12 hours.
Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Leonard, Secretary