

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

59 Stony Hill Rd
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on March 7th, 22 at Stony Hill fire Department with 31 members present.

Meeting was called to order at 19:40 hours.

Swearing in of officers by 1st Selectman Matt Knickerbocker

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Roll call was taken.

Previous month's minutes and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:
Read and accepted.

Chief:

John Baker

Chief's Report

February Call Stats

27 Calls

Thank you to everyone who came out to these calls. Individual call stats are posted in the radio room.

Call Types

MVA's 4	AFA's 5	Cancelled 8	Police Matter 1
Gasoline Spill 2	CO calls 1	Smoke Scare 2	Water Problem 1
Structure Fire 2	Medical Asst. 1		

Notes

Busy Month. We had 2 Structure fires. The first was a request for RIT to Newtown for a chimney fire that spread to the home. R2 responded with a full crew and stood by and was released. The second was a fire at 67 Stony Hill Rd. It was a small fire that we caught quickly because the fire alarm did its job. It was early on a Saturday and we got 2 trucks there quickly.

On March 1st we had a call for a dog that broke through the ice on a pond and needed to be rescued. We quickly responded and requested R! to the scene. We have no Ice rescue equipment in Stony Hill. That has to change. What if this was a child? We cannot wait for another department to act. We have several bodies of water in our district. Copper Square, Pond View, the

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twin pond on plumtrees, Bennett Property and Meckauer Park to name a few. I believe we need to purchase these rescue suits as soon as possible. I can see if I can find town money or if someone has ideas for private donations. I think we can start with minimal equipment for \$2,500. I have already secured training when the equipment is here.

Committee formed to gather further information.

Our push on recruitment is still on. Welcome to our most recent members. We have spent a lot of money recently on advertising. Direct mailers have gone out. The return right now is slow hopefully that will turn around when the weather warms up. Remember the free advertising... word of mouth. Take any opportunity to talk to people about joining. On calls or at events like the flower sale coming up.

There is a fire commission meeting tomorrow. It will be held at the Bethel Firehouse. The purpose of this is so the commission can tour the firehouse to see what they have for current apparatus and equipment. Conditions of the firehouse and any needs. The only other Item on the agenda is IT needs for both depts. Next month's meeting will be held at Stony Hill with the same purpose. The date will be set at the end of tomorrow's meeting. I will let you know when that is. We will need everyone's help to prepare for that meeting. This is our only chance to make a first impression on the commission. We need to clean all the apparatus, the bays and the firehouse. We should staff the firehouse during the meeting to get out quickly not to disrupt the meeting.

The town is switching to a new CAD system. I have made it known to the Police Chief that fire and EMS need to be considered when customizing this system for the town's needs. This will great upgrades to what we currently have. I am pushing for the mobile version of the CAD be put in all the I-pads and the call be auto populated into Emergency Reporting and EMS charts. This will make our jobs and the dispatchers jobs much easier.

No updates on the portable radios. I have requested a meeting with Bethel be scheduled to discuss the programing of them. I have also reached out to others for input to ensure they are programed as user friendly as possible with safety as a priority.

I haven't mentioned it in a while but the town has a portal the FirstNet Cellular system. A few members have it already and I have heard no complaints. It's thought AT&T. The monthly cost for the plan it what sold me. If interested see me for details.

Thank You,

John Baker

John Baker
Chief

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Assistant Chief/Training:

Patrick Magyar

Fit Testing scheduled for March 12th and March 21st

Chief Engineers' Report:

Matt Gunter

Truck maintenance to be scheduled

Keep trucks clean

Please keep up on your truck reports

Captains' Report:

Doug Evanuska

All food must be removed when done.

Blue light permits in radio room

Lieutenants' Report:

S6 Dave Bunting

Ordered batteries for portables.

Any issues or questions with radios or pagers, please let him know

S7 Zach Britton

Some air packs have gone out for service

S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.

Get gear cleaned. Check dates on all equipment.

Check your uniforms as well for parade season

Truck Reports

Engine 1:

Dan Spinella

No report. Wash truck when done with calls

Engine 3:

Chuck Cywin

No Report

Engine 11:

Jarrett Leonard

No Report

Rescue 2:

Jonathan Hart

Working on issue with light tower

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A3:
Chelsea Berg
No Report

Utility 5:
Oleg Iazzetta
No Report

EMS Report:
Jim Mangi

There were 91 calls for the month of February, 2022, giving us 205 calls for the year, compared to 162 in

2021 (a 27% increase). In February:

9 volunteers provided at least 16 hours of EMS on-call coverage.

21 volunteers made at least 1 call.

The top responding officers were:

o Chief John Baker with 20 calls

o Assistant Chief Patrick Magyar and EMS Captain Jim Mangi with 9 calls each

The top responding members were:

o Oleg Iazzetta with 14 calls

o Chuck Cywin with 12 calls

o Jonathan Hart with 5 calls

ERM made 47 calls as a complete crew.

ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 14 calls.

Of the 91 calls,

o 51 were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)

o 18 were ALS

o 5 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)

o 4 were treated and refused transport (include this number with BLS calls)

o 0 were treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2nd call, assist, or A3 OOS)

o 2 canceled en route

o 12 canceled prior to response

o 3 no patient found

o 2 dead on scene

o 19 were for Bethel Health Care

o 14 were for Maplewood of Bethel

o 12 were night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00)

o 1 first call covered by mutual aid.

o 5 were second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid.

The EMS use of lights and sirens is getting national attention. If you are a first responder to an EMS priority call, as quickly as possible determine if the patient is emergent and if not, advise dispatch to have units respond with traffic. When going to the hospital, lights and sirens should only be used if the time saved would have a clinical impact on the patient.

New Connecticut Statewide EMS Protocols will be released in the next few months. There will be

some significant changes, so we will schedule a drill to go over those. At this time, the ETA for release is 1 to 3 months.

Hospital inpatient and emergency department visitation policies continue to change based on COVID rates. The best option is to ask any potential visitors to wait about 1 hour after the patient is taken to the hospital, then have the potential visitor call and get instructions directly from the hospital. As of mid February, a support person for a patient was not even allowed to wait in the waiting room, so best that they call first to avoid having to sit in their car.

The first order of EMS duty shirts has been placed. Supply chain issues may affect ETA.

I hate to have to remind crews of this again, but if anything is taken off of A3 because of a problem with it, it MUST be labeled with the reason it was taken off, the date, and who took it off.

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We have been getting people to come out and complete crews, but I am not seeing people sign up for shifts. If a shift is not complete, it means that officers and others are standing by and that's putting a lot of pressure on a few people. I expect all members to be covering at least 16 hours per month. That's the equivalent of just two nights. We do need the overnights covered, but we have shifts on the weekend and in the evenings from 18:00 to 22:00. Start and end times of shifts can be modified to fit schedules as well.

Engineers: Please check battery expiration dates on the AEDs. Dates have been written on the outside of each battery. Replacements for expired/dead batteries are on order.

EMS Lt. Carney asked new members to please see him after the meeting, and reminded all members to wash A3 after calls.

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

Contact James if interested in becoming Fire Police

Safety Report:

Tom Galliford

April/May schedule physicals. Need to be done by July

Membership:

James L'Hernault

Mailing went out.

Public Relations:

Patrick Magyar

BMX track scheduling event CPR event

Website and store almost ready to go live

Grievance:

Bob Germinaro Sr.

No report

Board of Directors:

Jay Streaman

Chuck Cywin

Jon Menti

Correspondence:

None

Bills:

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None

By-Laws:

Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford,

No Report

Illness:

Ken Parciasepe

No Report

Fund Drive:

Tom Galliford

Working on 2022 donation letter

Special Activities:

Old Business:

New Business:

Annual Dinner – looking for someone to chair – Jim Lawlor

Easter Flower Sale April 15, 16, 17. Flower delivery April 14th TDB

Good of the Company:

Brotherhood in Action Food Drive 3/19

Bethel FD having Corned Beef dinner on 3*19 6 to 10to benefit Responder
Wellness, Inc.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Leonard, Secretary