

STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 1st, 2022

59 Stony Hill Rd
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on at Stony Hill fire Department with 41 members present.

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll call was taken.

Previous month's minutes and accepted.

Treasurer's Report.

Chief:

John Baker

July Call Stats

39 Calls

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

Call Types

Cancelled 12	Auto Alarm 7	Good intent 2	Structure
Fire 1 (Newtown)	MVA's 2	Brush Fire 5	Electrical
Mutual Aid 4	Problem 2	CO Alarm 1	Oil Spill 1
		Medical Assist 1	

Notes

July was a very busy month. We did 20 call more than the previous month. Key highlights, we went to a house fire in Newtown for water supply. We are being called more and more for mutual aid to both volunteer and career towns. July was very dry. We had 5 brush fire calls.

One of the cover assignments was to Newtown to allow all the Newtown Fire Depts. to attend the funeral service for Chief Halstead of Sandy Hook. We had a crew for E1 there from 7am till 7pm. Thank you to all who helped out. It meant a lot to them.

We have 4 members in the Bethel Fire I class: Connor, Oleg, Nick and Jonathan. Good luck to all of you. We are here to help and support you. We have a lot of people in the testing phase of becoming an EMT. Again, we are here to help and support you. If you are at this point you should be

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going on EMS calls as a trainee and remember we have a staff here for the ambulance that is more than happy to help you pass.

Thanks to Dan Spinella on getting our new recruitment EZ-up canopy. It came out great. It's in the bay we can set it up to see. I know we have some upcoming opportunities to use it.

I have seen a lot of posts on our social media sites. This is mostly due to Chief Magyar. He uses his own photos or ones sent to him. These all have to be checked to protect personal information.

E11 was advertised in the paper with no luck. The town has asked us to provide a broker to assist in selling it.

Nothing new from the fire commission. There may be a special meeting in August.

The town is taking over our computer needs. We should have new computers in the radio room soon. They will have monitoring software on them so remember that when doing personal browsing.

Thank You,

John Baker

Assistant Chief/Training:

Patrick Magyar

August drills/training – 8/8 – training to be held at Danbury Fire School
EOM – basic rope and knots drill

Planning on scheduling another drill at the BMX track in September

Chief Engineers' Report:

Matt Gunter

R2 needs new tires. Disabled the phone in multiple trucks

Captains' Report:

Doug Evanska

Fridge in bay broken. Will look into getting a new one. Under new business, motion passed for funds for new fridge.

Lieutenants' Report:

S6 Dave Bunting

No Report

S7 Zach Britton

45 minute bottles have been labeled. Phasing out 30 minute bottles.

S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.

All gear has been logged in. Let him know if you swap anything so it can be entered.

Truck Reports

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Engine 1:

Dan Spinella

No report

Engine 3:

Chuck Cywin

Meter out of service. Please put SCBA back in place when done with call. No A/C in front.

Rescue 2:

Jonathan Hart

Working on new tires. Added new tools and rope sets.

A3:

Chelsea Berg

No Report

Utility 5:

Oleg Iazzetta

No Report

EMS Report:

Jim Mangi

There were 118 calls for the month of July, 2022, giving us 742 calls for the year, compared to 576 in

2021 (a 29% increase). In July:

10 volunteers provided at least 24 hours of EMS on-call coverage.

26 volunteers made at least 1 call.

The top responding officers were:

o EMS Captain Jim Mangi with 24 calls

o Chief John Baker and Fire Captain Doug Evanuska with 15 calls each

The top responding members were:

o Chuck Cywin with 28 calls

o Rick Johnson with 21 calls

o Chelsea Berg with 17 calls

ERM made 42 calls as a complete crew.

ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 22 calls.

Of the 118 calls,

o 61 (38+7+16) were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)

o 38 were ALS

o 7 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)

o 16 were treated and refused transport (include this number with BLS calls)

o 6 were treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2nd call, assist, or A3 OOS)

o 1 canceled en route

o 13 canceled prior to response

o 2 no patient found

o 1 dead on scene

o 0 were for Fire Standby

o 39 were for Bethel Health Care

o 4 were for Maplewood of Bethel

o 23 were night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00)

o 3 were first calls covered by mutual aid.

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o 14 were second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid.

More members are signing up and more EMS shifts are being covered. This helps reduce the stress on everyone when we know shifts are covered, and allows those regular responders to better fill in where there are gaps. I expect all members to begin picking up shifts if they are not doing so already. Everyone should be covering at least 24 hours per month.

When approaching the ED entrance on Hospital Avenue, activate the ambulance's emergency lights. This is per Nuvance's request due to incidents with vehicles exiting the garage.

The EMS drill will be August 22nd this month since August 15th will be truck preparation for the Bridgewater Fair. The drill will be Skills Verification which is required to renew your EMR or EMT certification. We will need manikins and we are unable to find our adult CPR manikin, so if anyone knows of it being loaned out, please let me know.

Call numbering remains an issue and still has to be tracked manually. When adding a call to the EMS Log Sheet, please check Active911 to be sure there are no missing Stony Hill EMS calls that need to be log before your call.

The washing machine has been connected and is working. This is for any non-fire clothing. Any gross contamination should be hosed off first. Rags should only be cleaned if they have been used for washing, and should not have any wax or grease on them.

We had good turnout for the BMX event in early July. Thanks to all who helped.

Karissa Sampson, Rob Sarnelli, and Victoria Ferreira will be taking the EMT course in Newtown beginning in September.

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

Safety Report:

Tom Galliford - Physicals

Membership:

Public Relations:

Patrick Magyar

We have been invited to the Summer Festival at the Congregational Church on Aug 6th. Thomaston Parade is also on Aug 6th.

Planning another Pet First Aide class for October as well as a Safe Sitter Class.

Grievance:

Bob Germinaro Sr.

No Report

Board of Directors:

Jay Streaman

Chuck Cywin

Jon Menti

Had meeting with the billing company to go over year over year payments.

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Having a meeting with EMR to discuss staffing issues.

Correspondence:

Thank you cards from Debbie Studwell for the flowers while she was in the hospital and from the Verdi family along with a donation to the fire house for help due to a fall.

Bills:

None

By-Laws:

Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford,
No report

Illness:

Ken Parciasepe

Fund Drive:

Tom Galliford
Another mailer going out in September.

Special Activities:

Thomaston Parade August 6th. Parade at 18:00, leaving firehouse around 16:00
Bridgewater Parade August 19th. Please let Patrick know if you are going. Will be work detail that week to clean trucks. All are welcome to help.

Old Business:

Annual Dinner Update – Jim Lawlor
Sunday, October 16th from 4 to 9 at Anthony Lake Club.
4H Famers Market – can set up table for Mailbox signs – need someone to contact them and run with it.
Bethel Sidewalk Sale – Bob G – very slow.
Tax abatement – still working with BFD to present to town.

New Business:

Position for Treasure shall be put to vote. New Treasurer was voted in.
Need new fridge for bay. Motion approved. Doug will work on getting new fridge.

Good of the Company:

James L'Hernault, request to change his status to honorary granted.
September meeting to be held Wednesday Sept 7th.

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Meeting adjourned at 19:35hours.
Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Leonard, Secretary