

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

September 7, 2022

59 Stony Hill Rd  
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on at Stony Hill fire Department with 31 members present.

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence – Retired Bethel Dispatcher May Ann Broderick

Roll call was taken.

Previous month's minutes and accepted.

Treasurer's Report.

**Chief:**

**John Baker**

August Call Stats

**28 Total Calls**

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

**Call Types**

Cancelled 8	Auto Alarm 8	Brush Fire 1	Station
Coverage 3			
MVA's 4	Illegal Burn 2	Electrical Problem 2	Medical
Assist 1			

**Notes**

August continued to be a dry month. Area towns started to implement water conservation campaigns. We had 1 significant brush fire in Redding along the reservoir. We also covered stations in Danbury, Brookfield and Redding while they were fighting brush fires.

I had a meeting with Mike Kronick, who is the Fairfield County Fire Warden. He is tracking any Brush fire we go to, to collect data and create a map to give to the state. If a fire is large enough to need the state to be involved don't hesitate to call.

We several members in classes right now. We have 4 in the Bethel Fire I class Connor, Oleg, Nick and Jonathan. They are all doing well. We have 4 taking the EMT class in Newtown, Rob, Karissa, Victoria and Ignacio. Good luck to all of you and were and here to help and support you.

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The new CAD system is in the tablets on all the apparatus. The app is called Nexresponder. This is an extension of the CAD used in dispatch. Now you will have access to the complete narrative on calls, mapping to see where each apparatus is. You have the capability to update your status. This does not replace active 911. I still want you to use it to let other know if you are responding.

I had a meeting with the Danbury Exchange Club and they would like to resume honoring our firefighter of the year as they did prior to the covid pandemic. They will honor this year's recipient as well as the 2 years that were missed. The following members are my picks to receive the firefighter on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Aqua Turf.

2020 Lt Dave Bunting

2021 Chief Matt Gunter

2022 Engineer Chelsea Berg

Due to the cost of Honoring 6 people (3 from Bethel) is too much to do the local dinner this year. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

Attire is full dress uniform

Town IT is installing Bethel's Computers we should see them next.

We are still working with Utility Communications to get the new portables programed.

Nothing new from the fire commission there will be a special meeting in September.

Thank You,

**John Baker**

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Chief

**Assistant Chief/Training:**

**Patrick Magyar**

4 students in FF1, making good progress. 4 started the EMT class in Newtown.

Planning a drill at Hollandia with Eugene – more to come.

Gripoist training with CT Custom Fire Training to be held on 10/24.

Gas meter class with Flashfire on 11/28

Working on dates for live burns.

Any ideas, please let him know

**Chief Engineers' Report:**

**Matt Gunter**

Waiting for sensor for E 3. Working with vendor for tires for R2

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**Captains' Report:**

**Doug Evanska**

Hose drill getting fixed

Getting estimates for A3 garage door

**Lieutenants' Report:**

**S6 Dave Bunting**

Any issues with Radios or pagers, let him know.

**S7 Zach Britton**

Nothing to report

**S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.**

No Report

**Truck Reports**

**Engine 1:**

**Dan Spinella**

No Report

**Engine 3:**

**Chuck Cywin**

Make sure to reseal SCBA correctly

Make sure you have a good seal on tanks.

**Rescue 2:**

**Jonathan Hart**

No Report

**A3:**

**Chelsea Berg**

Clean exhaust filter. Watch gas gauge. Any issues please let her know.

**Utility 5:**

**Oleg Iazzetta**

No Report

**EMS Report:**

**Jim Mangi**

There were 122 calls for the month of August, 2022, giving us 864 calls for the year, compared to 671 in

2021 (a 29% increase). In August:

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

24 volunteers made at least 1 call.

The top responding officers were:

o Assistant Chief Patrick Magyar with 22 calls

o Fire Captain Doug Evanska with 19 calls

o EMS Captain Jim Mangi with 17 calls

The top responding members were:

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- o Rick Johnson with 24 calls
- o Chelsea Berg with 16 calls
- o Chuck Cywin with 13 calls
- ERM made 52 calls as a complete crew.
- ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 16 calls.
- Of the 122 calls,
  - o 66 were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)
  - o 34 were ALS
  - o 9 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)
  - o 9 were treated and refused transport (include this number with BLS calls)
  - o 8 were treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2nd call, assist, or A3 OOS)
  - o 4 canceled en route
  - o 8 canceled prior to response
  - o 2 no patient found
  - o 2 dead on scene
  - o 1 were for Fire Standby
  - o 35 were for Bethel Health Care
  - o 17 were for Maplewood of Bethel
  - o 23 were night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00)
  - o 2 were first calls covered by mutual aid.
  - o 12 were second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid.

Please act on any flags added to your patient records in emsCharts. Open flags on a chart can delay processing and billing.

Another reminder to not contact dispatch early when going en route, arriving on scene, transporting, and arriving at the ED. These times are tracked and inaccurate times can cause issues, and if you announce arrival at the ED early, you may be dispatched again while you are still caring for the patient, which can make it look like a missed call.

The United Way's King of the Hill Race is tomorrow, September 8th, and Stony Hill has been requested for EMS standby in the corporate park. I would like to see a full crew for A3, and additional EMS members also take U5. Since this is the King of the Hill Race, if we can get a fire crew to bring Engine 1, I think that would make a good showing. Please be at the station by 17:30 and the apparatus should leave for the corporate park by 17:45.

Nuvance is once again holding in-person Trauma Lecture Series. The next one is September 20th at 17:30 in Creasy Auditorium. One CME will be awarded. Some of these are intended for ALS level providers, but BLS providers would still find it beneficial.

Please announce your EMS certification when responding so we know when we have full crews.

September's EMS drill will be announced later.

If protocol issues are encountered on scene, focus on patient care and then notify S1 & S5.

EMS Captain Mangi introduced new EMS members in attendance (Sampson, Sarnelli, Reyes). As always, any suggestions, comments, complaints, questions or issues, please contact either EMS

Captain Jim Mangi or EMS Lieutenant Ken Carney

**Fire Police:**

**Eugene Reelick**

**Safety Report:**

**Tom Galliford**

No Report

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**Membership:**

**Public Relations:**

**Patrick Magyar**

Working with Eugene on some new ideas for recruitment and retention.

**Grievance:**

**Bob Germinaro Sr.**

No report

**Board of Directors:**

**Jay Streaman**

**Chuck Cywin**

**Jon Menti**

Discussion on EMS staffing companies.

**Correspondence:**

Thank you letters

**Bills:**

None

**By-Laws:**

**Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford,**

No Report

**Illness:**

**Ken Parciasepe**

Sent flowers for Mary Ann Broderick's funeral

**Fund Drive:**

**Tom Galliford**

No report

**Special Activities:**

Sunday 911 United Ride we meet at the FD then move to old Hawleyville and 302 to salute the riders as they pass by.

Members should wear SHFD Tees and when at the intersection, safety vest shall be worn.

**Old Business:**

Annual Dinner Update – Jim Lawlor – signup sheet in the radio room.

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 9 at Anthony Lake Club.

**New Business:**

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Congratulations to Chris Carlson and Connor Meehan for passing there EMT.

Up Coming dates to remember – November Food Drive, December Santa Run  
Dates and times TBD.

Request to sponsor a hole at the PD Golf Tournament

**Good of the Company:**

Meeting adjourned at 21:30 hours.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Robyn Leonard, Madame Secretary