

STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2022

59 Stony Hill Rd
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on at Stony Hill fire Department with 28 members present.

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence – Mrs. Menti, mother of past chief John Menti

Roll call was taken.

Previous month's minutes and accepted.

Presentation from Dave Treadwell of the Exchange Club for the Firefighter of the Year awards. 2020 Honoree – Lt. Dave Bunting, 2021 Honoree – Chief Engineer Matt Gunter, 2022 Honoree – A3 Engineer Chelsea Berg

Treasurer's Report.

Chief:

John Baker

September Stats

Total Calls: 24

The reports in the radio room have been updated to see your individual stats.

Call Types

Structure fire(MA) 1 Auto Alarm 5 Canceled Enroute 8

Water Problem 1 Electrical Problem 1 Motor Vehicle Acc 3

CO Calls 2 Brush Fire 1 Odor of Smoke 1

Medical Assist 1

Notes

I'd like to thank the Danbury Exchange club for bringing back the Firefighter of the Year award. We are very grateful for this program that has been a tradition for many years and are happy it has returned after a 2 year absence due to Covid. There is a state wide recognition dinner at the Aqua Turf on Thursday night Oct. 20. I need a headcount tonight of how many member would like to attend

Call volume continues to be consistent, thank you to all who continue to come out. The rest of you, we still need your help. If you're not hearing calls or your pager is not working, see Lt Bunting. If you don't have Active 911, see Chief Magyar. As we get into the colder weather, call types will change. Furnaces will kick on, so CO calls may come in. Wood stoves will be used again, so chimney fires are possible. Slick roads due to wet leaves or ice will increase MVA calls. If you have any questions on these calls see Chief Magyar or any officer. We can help you or make it a drill.

EMS calls are continuing to increase. We are at call 980 for the year and on track for a new record high for year end. We are consistently responding to over 100 calls a month. That is a lot to ask of just a few people. I have seen a few new faces on the ambulance

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and hope to see more. If possible, we should be freeing up the fire officers to be available for other calls.

Remember when A3 is on a call and we get another call (it's happening more and more) come down and take U5 to the call. Then you have a radio and first in bag to do patient care till the transport ambulance arrives.

Firefighters, please check the compartments on all apparatus for familiarity. You need to know where to find things in a hurry at a scene. Things get moved to make room for other things. We have another Edaulic ram on order. We just put into service a battery powered PPV fan. We are soon going to have ice rescue suits on the R2.

AAA Emergency will be here tomorrow morning to do the annual flow testing of all air packs and RIT packs. If any officers have one assigned to them, be sure it is here for the test. They test one truck at a time so if a call comes in be sure it has packs on it.

Training. We currently have 4 students in fire I, 4 students taking EMT, 1 in fire II and 1 in Fire Service Instructor I. Good luck to all of them. We have a lot of knowledgeable members here, please help them in any way you can. We also have several members in the testing phase of their certification. I am all about following through. Please schedule your tests ASAP and give it your best shot. If you don't pass, that's ok. Let us know what you need help with, study, and try again.

This month is our Annual Dinner. Due to covid we have not been able to have this in a couple of years. Thanks to Jim Lawlor for making this happen by getting all the plans made. If you have not attended one before, it's a great time. It's a semi formal dinner where we mingle and present awards from the previous year and discuss the years to come. We will also need a head count for this as well.

I am happy to see new faces around the fire house and in classes. We need to continue our push for new members. Thanks to those who are making this happen by attending the community events. Remember calls are not the only thing we do. You need to make an attempt to go to events as well. This is a department effort. We had the Fall Festival this weekend. We have an opportunity at Blue Jay Orchards for more possible new members. If you have friends or neighbors they may want to join, give them an application.

Other events coming soon will be the food drive just before thanksgiving.

Thank You,
John Baker
Chief

Assistant Chief/Training:
Patrick Magyar

Chief Engineers' Report:
Matt Gunter

Working on getting tires for R2. Become familiar with where equipment is on the trucks. Let him know if you need help with anything.

Captains' Report:
Doug Evanuska

Bay door to be replaced

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Lieutenants' Report:

S6 Dave Bunting

Any radio or pager issues, let him know. New radios and pagers coming soon.

S7 Zach Britton

No Report

S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.

No Report

Truck Reports

Engine 1:

Dan Spinella

No Report

Engine 3:

Chuck Cywin

No Report

Rescue 2:

Jonathan Hart

Working with Chief Engineer for tires. New equipment coming soon.

A3:

Chelsea Berg

No Report

Utility 5:

Oleg Iazzetta

No Report

EMS Report:

Jim Mangi

There were 102 calls for the month of September, 2022, giving us 966 calls for the year, compared to 765

in 2021 (a 26% increase). In September:

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

21 volunteers made at least 1 call.

The top responding officers were:

- o Chief John Baker with 25 calls
- o Chief Engineer Matt Gunter with 17 calls
- o EMS Captain Jim Mangi with 12 calls

The top responding members were:

- o Chris Carlson with 34 calls
- o Rick Johnson with 30 calls
- o Chuck Cywin with 25 calls

ERM made 29 calls as a complete crew.

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ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 29 calls (29 not a typo, ERM was on 58 calls).

Of the 102 calls,

- o 51 (41+3+7) were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)
- o 37 were ALS
- o 3 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)
- o 7 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 2 canceled en route
- o 3 canceled prior to response
- o 1 no patient found
- o 2 dead on scene
- o 0 were for Fire Standby
- o 34 were for Bethel Health Care
- o 13 were for Maplewood of Bethel
- o 22 were night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00)
- o 2 were first calls covered by mutual aid.
- o 6 were second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid.

ERM gave notice earlier today (10/3) that they will be unable to staff one of the shifts on Wednesday (10/5) so if you are around during the day, please keep an ear open.

Coverage is needed multiple nights this week. Please sign up on WhenToHelp or contact S5. If you can cover a regular weekly shift, let S5 know.

COVID is on the uptick again. The latest COVID booster, the "Bivalent vaccine", includes protection against the Omicron variant. You are eligible for this booster if you have completed the initial series of COVID vaccinations, and it has been at least 8 weeks since your last initial dose or booster.

The EMS Drill on October 17th will be Assisting The Medic.

All EMS field trainees please remember to complete evaluation sheets and get them to Lt. Carney after you go on calls.

Some calls were not entered in the EMS Log book this past weekend (10/1 and 10/2). Please check the log book if you were on any calls.

The Binder Lifts are out of service and have been removed from A3 because the leg straps are missing. Lt. Carney will be checking into replacements.

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

No Report

Safety Report:

Tom Galliford

Please get you Physicals done. Let him and the Chief know if you have had an accident or injury at the firehouse. Keep warm weather gear with your turnout gear.

Membership:

Eugene Reelick

No Report

Public Relations:

Patrick Magyar

Grievance:

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Bob Germinaro Sr.
No Report

Board of Directors:

Jay Streaman
Chuck Cywin
Jon Menti

Provided update on EMS companies

Correspondence:

Thank you letters from Newtown Combined Fire Companies and First Congregation Church of Bethel

Bills:

None

By-Laws:

Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford,
No Report

Illness:

Ken Parciasepe
No Report

Fund Drive:

Tom Galliford
Mailing went out. Checks have been coming in.

Special Activities:

Upcoming events

- National Night out, Tuesday, October 4th from 5 to 7
- Food Drive, Saturday, November 19th from 8 to 3
- Santa Run, Saturday, December 17th from 9 to 2

Old Business:

Hollandia's Fall Festival. Thank you to everyone who spent sometime and helped out, and a special thanks to those who spent multiple hours there.

Annual Dinner Update – Jim Lawlor
Sunday, October 16th from 4 to 9 at Anthony Lake Club.

New Business:

Election of officers. Nominating committee should start to get things set up and to have a list of potential officers for the November meeting.

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Good of the Company:

First Responders Yoga classes,

Raffle Prizes Drawing for the Fall Festival

Meeting adjourned at 20:45 hours.
Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Leonard, Madame Secretary