

STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

59 Stony Hill Rd
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on May 1st,23 at Stony Hill fire Department with 32 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:
Read and accepted.

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2023 MAY 30 A 8:09
TOWN CLERK
BETHEL, CT

Chief:
April Stats

Total Calls: 21

The reports in the radio room have been updated to see your individual stats for the month and year to date..

Call Types

Automatic Alarm 5	Canceled Enroute 2	Machine Fire 1
Medical Assist 1	Motor Vehicle Acc 1	PD Assist 1
Good Intent 1	Water Problem 1	Smoke Scare 1
Gas Leak 1	Wires Down 1	Structure Fire 1(MA) Shelton

Notes

April was a diverse Month. We went to Newtown for a large brush fire and we are part of the county mutual aid response plan which was activated for the refuse fire at Oak Ridge in Shelton. A tanker task force was needed from Northern Fairfield County. A crew with E1 as well as tankers from Mill Plain, Redding, Brookfield and Ridgefield went down to assist with a tanker shuttle. We alone dumped 10,000 gallons of water.

As you can see we have received our new powerload for A3. Chief Gunter is working with Stryker and Eastford to schedule a time to install it that works for all and will have the least amount of down time. The stretcher is expected to be in sometime in June.

We are still moving forward on converting phone systems to VOIP. The town will be here to run wiring this week to run a camera system and wireless internet. Once that has been completed we can look at streaming options and drop the cable bill. Phone lines will move to the fiber optic lines and we can drop Frontier. This should be a significant savings to the town

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We are still waiting on the AED's we had purchased for the fire Apparatus. Please keep checking the current ones, knowing the pads are expired.

Thank you to all who helped at the flower sale. It was a great success. Not only did we sell out and people got there Easter flowers, it is a great way to connect with the community

We hosted the Fairfield County Chief's Meeting this past month. Thank you to everyone who helped with the set up and clean up. We showed that we are a class act. Great firehouse, equipment and especially members.

We have 1 student currently on fire 1 Emily. She is doing great per the instructors The class ends with the written June 1st. Keep up the good work.

Bethel EMT/EMR class is going well. We have 8 students in this class. As the class progresses to where they can be a productive member of the crew, they will be expected to pick a night as a trainee to transition to a EMT/EMR. We need to focus on getting full crews each night. We should have enough certified members to make this happen.

We have several events coming up Memorial Day Parade & Picnic, Annual Dinner, and Shreddit Event. Please sign up if you're attending these great events. They're all a good time. But we need an accurate headcount

Communication. We put out alot of information in several different ways Email, Everbridge (phone texts) and Active 911. If you are not receiving any of these, let an officer know. We are working on upgrading our new member packets to get more information to the new members faster. Remember communication is a 2 way street. Per the Bi-Laws if you can't make a meeting you email the president if you can't make a drill you notify the chief. If a text message says reply YES that you received this message, then reply. Especially the polling type messages. If you're responding to a call, use Active 911. If you have questions or need an email ask.

The use of U5 to respond to EMS calls. Please don't take this if you are not certified. Take your personal vehicle. Unless it is a cardiac arrest and you have a valid CPR card or man power is needed. You don't want to show up first and be expected to give aid and can't. This also has meds and equipment that other vehicles don't have such as Narcan and suction. This can go to other calls while A3 is on another call.

Thank You,
John Baker
Chief

Assistant Chief/Training:

Doug Evanuska

Drills to be scheduled

Rope Rescue drill to be scheduled in July

Chief Engineers' Report:

Matt Gunter

E 3 & 1 out for maintenance

R2 going out for maintenance

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A3 Oil change scheduled

Captains' Report:

Dave Bunting

Doors in bay have an issue with the locks

Dishwasher, stove and gym equipment to be serviced

5/15 – cleaning for Memorial Day. bring shovels and other tools

Any other issues, let him know

Lieutenants' Report:

S6 John Cole

No Report

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

S7 Jonathan Hart

New mask on E 3 officers seat. Ask any questions you have

Do SCBA check weekly

Let him know if any issues

S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.

Let him know if you need parade uniforms

Make sure to clean your gear after every use.

Truck Reports

Engine 1:

Dan Spinella

Fill tank when $\frac{3}{4}$ or less

Wash truck when done with calls

Engine 3:

Chuck Cywin

Back from service – items have been fixe

Air Packs – put them back where you took them from

Turn radio back to fire ground

Rescue 2:

Zach Britton

Going out for service

Air Packs – put them back where you took them from

Turn radio back to fire ground

A3:

Chelsea Berg

Fill tank when at $\frac{3}{4}$.

Wash after using

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Utility 5:

Nick Devita

No Report

EMS Report:

Jim Mangi

There were 90 calls for the month of April, 2023, giving us 374 calls for the year, compared to 392 in 2022

(a 5% decrease). In April:

- Due to the month ending on a Sunday, responder stats were provided after the meeting.
- 3 volunteers provided at least 24 hours of EMS on-call coverage.
- 27 volunteers made at least 1 call.
- The top responding officers were:
 - Chief John Baker with 20 calls
 - Assistant Chief Doug Evanuska with 15 calls
 - Fire Captain Dave Bunding with 6 calls
- The top responding members were:
 - Rick Johnson with 17 calls
 - Chuck Cywin with 10 calls
 - Emily Kurland with 8 calls
- ERM made 39 calls as a complete crew.
- ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 20 calls.
- Of the 90 calls,
 - 40 (34+1+5) were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)
 - 38 were ALS
 - 1 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)
 - 5 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)
 - 4 canceled en route
 - 7 canceled prior to response
 - 1 no patient found
 - 2 dead on scene
 - 0 were for Fire Standby
 - 15 were for Bethel Health Care
 - 14 were for Maplewood of Bethel
 - 17 were night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00)
 - 1 first call covered by mutual aid.
 - 4 were second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid.
- A3 Engineer Berg notified me that she has no issues to report this month.
- EMS Lt. Carney notified me that he cannot attend tonight. Please keep him updated on your EMS education status.
- If you open any deliveries, not just EMS supplies, please verify the order against any packing slip, check off items received, and the sign and date the packing slip. If you are not willing to take the time to do that to help verify the items we received, then please do not open any deliveries.
- Due to my new work location, I am not back in town until after 18:30. I would like to have one or two people assist with attending the monthly EMS Supervisors' meeting, which is via Team, so you can attend from home. I want to see Stony Hill represented, and let me know of any issues discussed that affect Stony Hill. The EMS coordinator, Blair Balmforth, sends out detailed

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minutes, so other than advising me of important topics, you don't even have to take notes. Please contact me after the meeting or at shfdems@gmail.com if you can help out. (Post meeting note: Dave Bunting, Donna Ball, and Debbie Studwell will assist with this).

· There are upcoming EMS courses for EMTs. Contact Capt. Mangi to enroll to become an EMT or to upgrade from EMR.

As always, any suggestions, comments, complaints, questions or issues, please contact either EMS

Captain Mangi or EMS Lieutenant Carney.

Fire Police:

Eugene Reelick

No Report

Safety Report:

Tom Galliford

Interior members need to have physicals done by June 15th. Will be sending out where to get them done and the required paperwork.

New 4 story building going up at 48 Stony Hill Rd. went over fire safety and hydrants on site with builder

Membership:

Eugene Reelick

2 new members

Has put together packets for new members

Public Relations:

Patrick Magyar/Nick Devita

Pet CPR scheduled for May 7th

Grievance:

Bob Germinaro Sr.

No report

Board of Directors:

Chuck Cywin

Tony Rubino

Jay Streaman

No report

Correspondence:

Received thank you cards

Bills:

None

By-Laws:

Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford,

No Report

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Illness:

Ken Parciasepe

No Report

Fund Drive:

Tom Galliford

2023 fund drive letter has gone out. Includes a QR code on letter to do directly to the Website.

Donations coming in

Special Activities:

2024 will be SHFD's 75th Anniversary. Committee:– Jon Menti – Chairman, Tony Rubino and Jay Streaman looking at locations. Scheduled for Oct 18th, 24 at the Amber Room.

2023 Easter Flower Sale April 6,7, 8 and 9 – was a great success. A big Thank You to everyone who came out and helped.

Memorial Day Parade May 21st - sign up sheet in the radio room

Annual Dinner May 12th sign up sheet in radio room.

Please sign up for both events by May 1st,23

4th of July Road Race

Old Business:

Pet CPR to be held in May

Shreddit fund raiser 6/17

Pancake Breakfast – flyer to be done. Help needed with getting donations

Tunnel to Towers 5K June 25th. More info to follow

New Business:

New chairs for the meeting room as many of the existing chairs are showing their age. – need to inventory and them replace.

Dues – voted to suspend permanently – By-Law change to be one and posted

Good of the Company:

June 10th Blood Drive at the Municipal Center

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Leonard, Secretary