

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

59 Stony Hill Rd  
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on November 6th, 23 at Stony Hill fire Department with 30 members present.

Meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Pamela Evanuska and Rose Rubino

Roll call was taken.

Previous month's minutes and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:  
Read and accepted.

**Chief:**  
**John Baker**  
**October Stats**

Total Calls: **24**

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 <b>8</b>	Canceled Enroute <b>4</b>	Good Intent <b>2</b>
Motor Vehicle Acc <b>5</b>	Outside Fire <b>2</b>	Mutual Aid (Brookfield) <b>1</b>
Medical Asst. <b>1</b>	Smoke Scare <b>1</b>	

**Notes**

October was a busy month. We were dispatched to the highway 3 times. We went to Brookfield for RIT for a structure fire. We had several motor vehicle accidents, a few requiring extrication and stabilization. Brookfield had such a bad extrication they needed all their available EMS resources. Our ambulance was requested to cover their town and did 2 call for them. Each of those accidents I noticed everyone wearing safety vests. Great job. With inclement weather coming these accidents can be more prevalent if you are not sure what to do or how to use the equipment on these calls, ask.

We are into Chimney fire and CO call season. We put new chimney fire kits on both E1 and E3. Get familiar with how they work. Also, engineers make sure all your meters are charged and calibrated. We've sent a few out to get sensors replaced.

We finally have both the new stretcher and powerload in service. There are many new features to the new stretcher so if you didn't attend the drill the Stryker salesman was here to train us, have someone go over it with you. Also, if you are not sure how to use the stretcher and powerload if they fail that is a good refresher.

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TOWN CLERK  
BETHEL, CT  
2023 NOV 27 A 10:44

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The iPad in the back of the ambulance has a cracked screen again. Please be more careful using it. When not in use, put it back in the docking station. We will look at getting a screen protector prior to getting repaired. This was never reported. If you break something just tell me. There are no consequences for accidents.

Our 4 Students that are in Bethels Fire I class are all doing well. They still have a few months to go so please support them anyway you can. We can do additional hands-on training here as needed.

We had a great time Honoring Rick Johnson as our Firefighter of the Year both at Anthony's Lake Club and the Aqua Turf. We are working on getting medals and pins for the recipients who never received them.

The town sponsored a Battle of the Badges football game for breast cancer awareness. This was such a great time and a lot of fun. Thanks to all who participated. The police came to win and so did we. The game went into overtime and ended in a tie! Thanks to Cody Smith of Bethel Fire for being the team captain and coach. This Event was a big success and I'm sure we will do it again next year.

We had our annual Halloween Pancake Breakfast after a long absence due to Covid. Thanks to Jim Lawlor and his team for getting the raffle prizes and the setup of the community room. Thanks to everyone who came out to help from cooking to serving to cleanup. It was a success despite the rainy weather.

We have several events coming up before the end of the year. Such as the food drive at Big Y, Santa run and the chiefs drill. As always, all members need to participate to make these happen.

Thank You,  
John Baker  
Chief

**Assistant Chief/Training:**

**Doug Evanuska**

FF1 class going well

Classes to be set up for CO Meters and chimney fires

**Chief Engineers' Report:**

**Matt Gunter**

Please wash trucks when done with them

Both batteries for LUCAS device going out of date and need to purchase more.

Motion passed to replace both

**Captains' Report:**

**Dave Bunting**

No Report

**Lieutenants' Report:**

**S6 John Cole**

New pagers to be here soon

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

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**S7 Jonathan Hart**

All packs were air flowed tested. All passed  
Let him know if any issues

**S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.**

New jackets are here.  
Any rips or tears, let him know.

**Truck Reports**

**Engine 1:**

**Dan Spinella**

No Report  
Fill tank when  $\frac{3}{4}$  or less  
Wash truck when done with calls

**Engine 3:**

**Chuck Cywin**

Gas meter out for repair  
Check fuel when done with truck  
Make sure everything is put back they way you found them  
Throw out any garbage when done with truck

**Rescue 2:**

**Zach Britton**

No Report  
Make sure everything is put back they way you found them  
Make sure radios are turned to the correct channel

**A3:**

**Chelsea Berg**

List of items given to Jim M  
Fill tank when at  $\frac{3}{4}$ .  
Wash after using

**Utility 5:**

**Nick Devita**

No report

**EMS Report:**

**Jim Mangi**

There were 107 calls for the month of October, 2023, giving us 1021 calls (914+107) for the year, compared to 1091 in 2022 (a 6% decrease). In October:

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

23 volunteers made at least 1 call.

The top responding officers were:

- o Chief John Baker with 21 calls
- o Chief Engineer Matt Gunter with 16 calls

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o Assistant Chief Doug Evanuska with 14 calls

The top responding members were:

o Chuck Cywin with 20 calls

o Rick Johnson with 14 calls

o Oleg Iazzaetta with 8 calls

ERM made 52 calls as a complete crew.

ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 6 calls.

Of the 107 calls,

o 57 (42+4+11) were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)

o 28 were ALS

o 4 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)

o 11 were treated and refused transport (include this number with BLS calls)

o 1 treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> call, assist, or A3 OOS)

o 1 canceled en route

o 16 canceled prior to response

o 0 no patient found

o 2 dead on scene

o 1 Fire Standby

o 25 for Bethel Health Care

o 17 for Maplewood of Bethel

o 16 night calls (between 22:00 and 06:00)

o 2 first calls covered by mutual aid.

o 7 second (or additional) calls covered by mutual aid.

EMS Training for November will be an MCI drill presented by James Cooper on November 20<sup>th</sup> at

19:00 which will be worth 2 CMEs.

Brookfield is offering a refresher course that will cover the 20 Core EMT hours, and which also will cover in full the CT EMR requirements. An email was sent out with details on 11/5. This is an option if you are not able to fulfill your CME requirements in time.

The blood demo in October was eye opening. We learned towels and cloths can contain much more blood than expected. We still have fake blood left over so we can do this demo again for those who did not see it.

The LifePak 500 AED on A3 is past its service life, per Stryker. I asked for the Stryker rep to send info, but this is a likely upcoming expense of around \$2500.

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

Captain Jim Mangi or EMS Lieutenant Ken Carney.

**Safety Report:**

**Tom Galliford**

Have extra winter gear on hand

Ice melt will be on all trucks

**Fire Police:**

**Eugene Reelick**

No Report

**Membership:**

**Eugene Reelick**

No report

**Public Relations:**

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**Nick Devita**

Thank you to all who helped out at all the events in October  
Food drive on November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Grievance:**

**Bob Germinaro Sr.**

No report

**Board of Directors:**

**Chuck Cywin**

**Tony Rubino**

**Jay Streaman**

Need to schedule meeting to discuss Medicare accounting practices

**Correspondence:**

None

**Bills:**

None

**By-Laws:**

**Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford,**

By Law change – to be posted for the month and voted on at next meeting

**Illness:**

**Ken Parciasepe**

No Report

**Fund Drive:**

**Tom Galliford**

Donations coming in

**Special Activities:**

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

Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Food Drive at Big Y from 8 to 3

Stuff a Cruiser with the Bethel PD on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business:**

Pancake Breakfast Sunday 10/29

2024 Elections are coming up. Start thinking if you would like to run for a position.

**New Business:**

Santa Run will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> – more info to follow

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**Good of the Company:**

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