

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

59 Stony Hill Rd  
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24 at Stony Hill fire Department with 29 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.

**Chief:**  
**December Stats**

Total Calls: **38**

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 7	Canceled Enroute 9	Good Intent 1
Motor Vehicle Acc 2	Brush Fire 1	Electrical Problem 2
Medical Asst. 3	Smoke Scare 1	Gas Leak 1
CO Call 1	Furnace Problem 2	Oil Spill 1
Water Problem 3	Cover Brookfield 1	Vehicle Fire 1
Animal Rescue 1	Structure Fire 1	

**Notes:**  
**Happy New Year!**

Thanks for all you did in 2023 and Hoping for an even better 2024. Total fire calls for 2023 was 333 and EMS was approx 1,259. Chief Evanska continues to do a great job setting up quality drills and involving both depts. Please continue to bring to our attention drills you'd like to see of what you need help with. The focus in 2024 will continue to be recruitment. We still need more Firefighters and EMS. Tell everyone you know, solicit at all events. We will talk to anyone. We are looking into some new technology for the firehouse. We will be getting message boards to display lots of information such as, current calls, weather, events, helpful tips and new personnel.

We may also be looking to change our firehouse software. Due to increasing costs and compatibility issues we are looking at other options besides Emergency Reporting. First Due is what we are leaning towards. Area depts are using it and they also have their own alerting system so Active 911 may also be replaced. We will keep you updated

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2024 JAN 30 P 3:11  
TOWN CLERK  
BETHEL, CT

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Please refer to the email Chief Evanuska's on upcoming events such as Fit testing. If you are an interior firefighter, you need an annual fit test. We also have cold water rescue training coming up.

December was a busy month. As you can see we had a little bit of everything: From the big structure fire on Greenwood Ave to a brush fire on the Newtown line to pump outs from the heavy rains.

Congratulations to Chief Evanuska on passing his Fire Service Instructor I class and Congratulations to Chief Rubino on his appointment to the Fire Commission.

We are no longer dependent on cable for our internet. We are now on the CT fiber optic network at no cost to the town. This means we will be dropping Xfinity business for internet and TV. Capt. Bunting will be looking into Streaming Apps to take its place. If anyone has Ideas let him know. We will be sure to have local news and sports.

Our 4 Students continue to do well in the Fire 1 class. They recently had their live burn in New Haven and are now doing Hazmat.

Thanks to those who came out to the Santa Run. We were able to get all 3 trucks out with a Santa down every street in the district. By about noon. Always get to see kids' faces light up when they see Santa and it's great for the community to see us.

Thank you to all who came to the Chief's drill. It was great to see everyone in a party setting and thanks for all the great appetizers and desserts.

Thank You,

***John Baker***

John Baker  
Chief

**Assistant Chief/Training:**

**Doug Evanuska**

Training will be posted on the shared calendar  
Ice Rescue training  
Blood Born and Fit testing

**Chief Engineers' Report:**

**Matt Gunter**

A3 back and parts replaced  
E3 – ordering new part  
Please wash trucks when done with them

**Captains' Report:**

**Dave Bunting**

Pest control to investigate where mice are coming in  
Let him know of any repairs that are needed

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**Lieutenants' Report:**

**S6 John Cole**

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

**S7 Jonathan Hart**

Packs are back from testing  
Let him know if any issues

**S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.**

Gear getting sent out for repairs  
New gear and uniforms to be ordered  
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**

No Report  
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:**

**TBD**

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

**A3:**

**Jim Lawlor**

Issue with stretcher battery  
Fill tank when at  $\frac{3}{4}$ .  
Wash after using

**Utility 5:**

**Vanessa Durate**

No report

**EMS Report:**

**Jim Mangi**

compared to 1301 in 2022 (a 3% decrease). In December:  
11 volunteers provided at least 24 hours of EMS on-call coverage.  
26 volunteers made at least 1 call.

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The top responding officers were:

- o Chief John Baker with 37 calls
- o Assistant Chief Doug Evanuska with 13 calls
- o Lt. Jonathan Hart with 12 calls

The top responding members were:

- o Rick Johnson with 17 calls
- o Chuck Cywin with 10 calls
- o Michael Frank and Oleg Iazzetta with 9 calls each

ERM made 56 calls as a complete crew.

ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 28 calls.

Of the 134 calls,

- o 68 (4+11+53) were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)
- o 42 were ALS
- o 4 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)
- o 11 treated and refused transport (include this number with BLS calls)
- o 5 treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> call, assist, or A3 OOS)
- o 2 canceled en route
- o 16 canceled prior to response
- o 0 no patient found
- o 2 dead on scene
- o 0 Fire Standby
- o 40 (36+4) Bethel Health Care
- o 24 Maplewood of Bethel
- o 17 night call(s) (between 22:00 and 06:00)
- o 2 first call(s) covered by mutual aid.
- o 12 second (or additional) call(s) covered by mutual aid.

Please remember to keep track of your own calls especially if you believe you may be close to the full member or property tax rebate thresholds.

Currently the call requirements for full members are at least 10 EMS calls and at least 35 total calls for Stony Hill. For your property tax discounts, you need 50 points total, and that can include calls you do for Bethel so be sure to track any Bethel calls you are on as well.

To ensure you get credit for EMS calls, please verify that you get added on the paper log sheet in the radio room. If you respond to the scene but then are not needed for transport, you can stop by the station and add yourself to the log. Don't assume that the other person on the crew, paid or volunteer, knows your full name.

We will be contacting Bethel EMS after their elections to see if we can attend their upcoming CME drills.

Any EMS member considering becoming a fire member should attend the SCBA fit testing. As always, any suggestions, comments, complaints, questions or issues, please contact either the EMS

Captain or EMS Lieutenant.

**Safety Report:**

**Tom Galliford**

Emailed AfterAction report – make sure radios are on Fire Ground

Snow – take it easy getting to the fire house for calls. If on night call, plan to stay overnight.

Have extra winter gear on hand

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Ice melt will be on all trucks

**Fire Police:**

**Eugene Reelick**

No Report

**Membership:**

**Eugene Reelick**

No Report

**Public Relations:**

**Nick Devita**

1/6 ROTC tree pickup

**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,**

Working on some new

**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.

Santa run Special thanks to the few members that came out and helped ROTC Christmas Tree pickup Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. See Nick for details

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**Old Business:**

Stuff a Cruiser with the Bethel PD on Saturday December 9th  
Annual food drive at Big Y

**New Business:**

Election of Officers for 2024 to follow this meeting  
Chief's Drill  
Election of offices for 2024

**Good of the Company:**

2024 Dues now due  
Easter flower sale Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Emily Kurland resignation

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

Special meeting held prior to January Monthly meeting to resolve issues with  
December Elections.

Election Discrepancies:

#1 Nick DaVita, removed as S7 Lieutenant as he did not meet qualification.

-Jonathan Hart to replace him

#2 Rick Johnson, removed as EMS Lieutenant as he did not meet qualifications

-Chelsea Berg now EMS Lieutenant  
- A3 Jim Lawlor  
-R2 TBD