

STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

59 Stony Hill Rd  
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on February 5th, 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:**  
**January Stats**

Total Calls: 30

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 9	Canceled Enroute 6	Weather Standby 1
Motor Vehicle Acc 7	Water Problem 2	Traffic Control 2
Illegal Burn 1	Gas Leak 1	

**Notes:**

Thanks to Selectman Carter for coming down and swearing in the officers of 2024.

January was mild call wise. Quite a few accidents but were relatively minor. Rain still was the big weather event causing a couple of pump outs

Nothing new to report on the fire commission. They approved the recommendations of the independent study stating we need a ladder truck in Stony Hill. We'll see where that goes with the board of selectmen and board of finance.

EMS commission has also been meeting to discuss streamlining EMS in Bethel; nothing is changing right now. But we are looking at the paramedic program and mutual responding between the departments.

The installation of security cameras has started. When completed, there will be cameras outside on all 4 sides of the building, inside in the bays, the hallways, in the radio room, dayroom and the community room. No they do not record sound.

Last month we did SCBA and N95 fit testing. If you did not get tested, let chief Evanuska your availability. He will look into a makeup date.

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2024 FEB 28 P 1:02  
TAMM CLEVER  
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Congratulations to Nick DeVita for passing his Fire Service instructor I class.

Brookfield has started an EMT class and we have 2 members taking it. Good luck to them.

Our 6 Students have completed the Fire 1 class. They all passed their practical skills test. They have taken the written exam and are awaiting their results.

Thank You,

*John Baker*

John Baker  
Chief

**Assistant Chief/Training:**

**Doug Evanuska**

Training will be posted on the shared calendar

A house was donated to the FD to use for drills. Will be scheduling a drill

**Chief Engineers' Report:**

**Matt Gunter**

Tools missing on the rescue, please put them back where you found them  
A3 making a noise.

Please wash trucks when done with them. Make sure gas is full.

**Captains' Report:**

**Dave Bunting**

Pest control to investigate where mice are coming in

Waiting on replacement coffee maker. Temp in use.

Working on punch list of items to be repaired around the house

Let him know of any repairs that are needed

**Lieutenants' Report:**

**S6 John Cole**

Chargers coming in

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

**S7 Jonathan Hart**

All airpacks are good. Will be sending out again later in the year.

Let him know if any issues

**S8 Bob Germinaro Sr.**

Gear inventory. Please let him know if you have 2<sup>nd</sup> set

Let him know if there are any changes to your gear

Any rips or tears, let him know.

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**EMS Captian's Report:**

**Jim Mangi**

There were 132 calls for the month of January, 2024, giving us 132 calls for the year, compared to 114 in

2023 (a 16% increase). In January:

- 13 volunteers provided at least 24 hours of EMS on-call coverage.
- 25 volunteers made at least 1 call.
- The top responding officers were:
  - Chief John Baker with 32 calls
  - Lt. Jonathan Hart with 15 calls
  - EMS Lt. Chelsea Berg with 12 calls
- The top responding members were:
  - Michael Frank with 15 calls
  - Chuck Cywin with 14 calls
  - Paula Muhfeld with 6 calls
- ERM made 59 calls as a complete crew.
- ERM completed the crew with an EMT on 21 calls.
- Of the 132 calls,
  - 59 (42+6+11) were BLS (do not include transferred care calls as they could be ALS)
  - 42 were ALS
  - 6 were RMA's (include this number with BLS calls)
  - 11 treated and refused transport (include this number with BLS calls)
  - 6 treated and care transferred (Stony Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> call, assist, or A3 OOS)
  - 5 canceled en route
  - 20 canceled prior to response
  - 2 no patient found
  - 0 dead on scene
  - 0 Fire Standby
  - 43 (42+1) Bethel Health Care
  - 23 Maplewood of Bethel
  - 16 night call(s) (between 22:00 and 06:00)
  - 5 first call(s) covered by mutual aid, 4 of which were while A3 was OOS.
  - 13 second (or additional) call(s) covered by mutual aid.
- Our call numbers are likely higher in part due to the new dispatching procedure where Stony Hill is immediately dispatched for some Bethel second calls. Many of these result in Stony Hill being canceled en route or before responding.
- The EMS drill on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 will cover new EMS Protocols. Medic AJ Matturro will be presenting. All EMTs and EMRs should attend.
- For those in need of the Human Trafficking Awareness course for re-certification, we will be attending Bethel's drill on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 18:30. I will send out a notice before the end of February as we MUST provide the number of attendees in advance so when you received the notice please respond so we get a head count. A live video connection is being looked into and we'll have an update on that later for those members who may be out of town on that date. As always, any suggestions, comments, complaints, questions or issues, please contact either EMS Captain Jim Mangi or EMS Lieutenant Chelsea Berg.

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**EMS Lieutenant's Report**

**Chelsea Berg**

Drill 2/19 – AJ to discuss new EMS protocols  
3/8 - at BFD – Human Trafficking Class – this mandatory  
Study sessions scheduled for Thursday evenings maybe Sunday as needed  
Power handle on stretcher broken

**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**

Put packs back  
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:**

**Rick Courchene**

No Report  
Make sure everything is put back the way you found them  
Make sure radios are turned to the correct channel  
Fill tank when at  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Wash when done with calls

**A3:**

**Jim Lawlor**

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

**Utility 5:**

**Vanessa Durate**

Fill tank when at  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Wash when done with calls

**Safety Report:**

**Tom Galliford**

No Report

**Fire Police:**

**Eugene Reelick**

No Report

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**Membership:**

**Eugene Reelick**  
No Report

**Public Relations:**

**Nick Devita**  
Easter Flower Sale

**Grievance:**

**Bob Germinaro Sr.**  
No report

**Board of Directors:**

**Chuck Cywin**  
**Tony Rubino**  
**Jay Streaman**  
CMS survey and meeting  
EMS commission recommendations  
Mutual Aid Agreements

**Correspondence:**

None

**Bills:**

None

**By-Laws:**

**Ken Parciasepe, Tom Galliford,**  
Working on some new  
No Report

**Illness:**

**Ken Parciasepe**  
No Report

**Fund Drive:**

**Tom Galliford**  
No Report

**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.

Easter Flower Sale – Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Flower delivery on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Please come out to help.

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**Old Business:**

Dues are due

**New Business:**

Election for Rescue 2 Engineer – Rick Courchene nominated and all in favor.

**Good of the Company:**

2024 Dues now due

Easter flower sale Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 20:45 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Leonard, Secretary