

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Annual Meeting
August 27, 2018

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

There was a moment of silence for past and deceased members.

Chief Matt Ludwig presented his Annual Report to the membership.

Judy Ludwig ran the elections. The following members were elected.

Executive Officers

President – Paul Padua
Vice President – Thalyia Newman
Secretary – Katie Hester
Treasurer – Jeff Rydel

Board of Trustees

Richard Byrne
Ted Hinman
Ron Zanobi

Line Officers

Chief – Matthew Ludwig
1st Asst. Chief – Brian Hutchins
2nd Asst. Chief – Jon Barbagallo
Captain – Steve Hutchins
Lieutenants

Car 5 - Rowland Denny
Car 6 – Brad Funk
Car 7 - Mike Fox

EMS Captain – Dan Wuori

Mechanics

John Hutchins
Sam Newman

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary

NVFD Annual Chiefs Report
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During the fiscal year 2017/2018 the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department responded to 154 calls for service.

35 - Motor Vehicle Accidents	3 - Cancelled Enroute
25 - Automatic Alarms	3 - Station Coverages
23 - Cooking Fires (Burnt Food)	3 - Storm Stand-Bys
13 - Medical Assists	2 - Cellar Pump Outs
13 - Wires Down	1 - Heating Fuel Leak
8 - Building Fires	1 - Propane Line Break
7 - Brush Fires	1 - Ice Rescue
5 - Search & Rescues	1 - Carbon Monoxide (CO) Incident
4 - Chimney Fires	1 - Ruptured Hot Water Expansion Tank
4 - Trees Blocking the Road	1 - Gunshots mistaken for a transformer explosion

The FY 2017/2018 Departmental statistics are as follows:

1,990.91 - Staff hours from dispatch to incident completion

1,463.97 - Staff hours of Non-Incident departmental activities

1,827.54 - Staff hours of Training

5,282.42 - Total recorded staff hours logged by NVFD personnel in FY 2017-2018

The membership of the NVFD continues to log many hours of training to meet annual State, Federal, and OSHA requirements. We respond to emergencies, ensure our equipment is in good working condition, and support the community as we manage the many facets of our town's volunteer fire department. As I've said in previous years and still to this day, there is always something happening down at the firehouse.

In 2017/2018 the NVFD membership was busy responding to accidents and several building fires in and out of town, in addition to the many other calls for service. These emergencies come at all times of day and night. Without the members continued dedication to training and quick responses, the outcomes of these incidents and the lives affected would be greatly impacted.

The members of the NVFD are always helping the Norfolk Community where we can and even in towns fifty miles away. Most notable in May of this year, the NVFD assisted the community of Brookfield during their time of need for two days after a severe weather "Macroburst" decimated most of their town trapping residents, destroying homes, and damaging vehicles. NVFD Members responded when called in the early morning hours with the Regional Task Force and working under Brookfields command, cut their way through hundreds of downed trees, checked houses, and made contact to let citizens know help was close by and provided comfort to people that hadn't been able to call or see anyone for more than twenty-four hours. Several seemingly small gestures by responding members on those days provided a lifetime of memorable gratitude from these residents in their time of need.

The NVFD Truck Committee project that started six years ago came to fruition with the delivery of Engine 90 in October. Driven across country from Iowa by two members back to Norfolk, This final apparatus completed a three truck replacement/refurbishment project enhancing the Fire, Brush, and Rescue services for the foreseeable future of this department. I want to express my sincere gratitude to every member and supporter that assisted along the way in making this feat possible.

The membership of the NVFD also works tirelessly throughout the year staffing and managing many fundraisers sponsored by the department. With the communities support, our hard work and labor,

made the purchase of a state-of-the-art SCBA compressor, storage tanks, and fill station possible. We were able to replace an outdated aging unit with subpar safety features completely on our own, using no tax dollars.

The grounds of the firehouse changed their look this year with removal of the old ambulance building. Discussions are taking place within the NVFD Building committee, reviewing the assessment and architect report from 2012, and working on establishing a town committee to move forward with plans for a renovation and expansion of the current station that meets State and Federal standards to properly house the lifesaving tools and apparatus the community of Norfolk so heavily relies on.

The NVFD is not all about firefighting, our members pull together several times a year continuing the departments public relations with many of the Town events and outreach programs to bring the citizens together and further support the mission of the Fire Department and the Town of Norfolk.

The NVFD would also like to acknowledge the support that the Explorers give to the membership which is always appreciated. Going into their 34th year of service, this program is vital in sparking the interest in young adults and filling the roles and ranks of the department later in their firefighting and volunteering career.

The commitment of our membership does not go unnoticed; our efforts are continuously appreciated and even applauded by both our residents and those in neighboring towns.

We have welcomed 6 new members to the rank and file this year and continue our membership drive of neighbors helping neighbors. We always look for new members that can offer assistance in any capacity. Help is always needed, from firefighting to administrative functions; we encourage anyone with a desire to help our community's emergency services to apply.

In closing I would like to thank the Town of Norfolk and the citizens we serve, for without their generosity and continued support, we would not be the department we are today!

In Service,

Matthew J. Ludwig
Fire Chief
Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department