

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2019

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

The President asked for a moment of silence for our past, deceased members.

There were 25 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P**, Todd Miller, Rowland Denny to accept the Secretary's Report of December 3, 2018.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are at 78% of the Town Budget as of 1/7/19.

**M/S/P**, Rowland Denny, Steve Hutchins to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

Officer of the Month: Car 1 - chimney fires and spotted dog usage

- Moment of silence for Dick Osborne. Passed away Dec 20th at Geer. Bunting will remain hung in his honor
- Welcome to the Fire Cadets. 1st department meeting as a reorganized unit.
- SCBA Storage Tanks are back, and in-service. Compressor also calibrated, Tanks and rack are brand new. Remainder of the bill can be paid to MES now

- Spring FF1, FF2, and Exterior FF class. See me if interested. Have 2 for FF2 right now
- DEMHS Sump Pump has a 90deg fitting now to prevent hose kinking. It's the departments & labeled as such, don't let it go if the pump is requested out of town, so we don't lose it.
- Region 5 Dive team has suspended operations due to lack of insurance. Goshen and CSP are our main dive resource
- New Fire School Training Opportunities: NVFD covers the expense, see Car 1 to sign up and for approval.
- Annual Live Burns in the Spring (May 4th) & Fall \$50/pp. Choose either a Morning or Afternoon sessions. Prerequisite of FF1 for live burns
- Fit Testing \$10/pp 1st Wednesday of each month 6p-9p
- Haz-Mat Awareness April 23rd & 25th 7p-10p \$20pp
- Haz-Mat Ops Refresher \$50/pp March 21st 7p-10p & March 23rd 8a-4p
- OSHA Refresher Blood Borne, HazCom, Fit test \$40/pp March 12&14 7p-10p
- Intro to the Company Officer: 10 Wednesday nights starting Feb 13th 6p-10p \$165/pp
- Q-Endorsement Prep class. (2) weekends. \$150/pp. Date TBA
- NIMS ICS 300 (March) & ICS 400 (September) classes
- Looking into Knox box access by the Ambulance & Meadowbrook. Recommend a 2nd box for EMS inside the lobby, and a multi-key box for the FD, so we can evacuate multiple floors at the same time.
- The Stone Bridge over Mountain Rd (just in from Rt272) was rated poor and we were advised to keep ALL apparatus off of it. "No commercial truck" signage will be installed. Use Westside to Mountain for access until the bridge is repaired. E40 & T100 weigh 24Tons each, B50 (5ton) & S20 (6ton)
- Apparatus responses. Wires down w/ No smoke or arching only gets S20 & B50.
- Greenwoods Rd West @ Blackberry St retaining wall. DOT is preparing an emergency Detour plan should the wall fail. Details TBA
- Stipends were released as budgeted
- Council Meeting: Membership bi-annual review & Budget prep. Will email for dates.

- Incentive forms MUST up to town hall by Feb 1 if you want an August 2019 check or tax rebate.
- W9s must be updated as well. Copies here at station
- Incentive committee meeting this month. Get your extra credit sheets to Brian before January 22nd
- We were awarded the Walmart \$1000 grant for 3 Spotted Dog monitors and white boards for the station. Training overview this month with car 1
- Winsted Auxiliary for Community Health funded \$23,420 for a new cutter & spreader. Will be doing a big PR event once we have the tools. A Thank you letter has been sent
- Lucas CPR Thumper 4-year Service Contract. \$360annually
- I've sent an inquiry to the status of the Fried dough funds we sold to the Lions
- Mechanic area, apparatus, and station cleaning: Looking for a new station and need to keep things looking presentable when people walk thru. Please pick up when you're done.
- Please remember to rinse the trucks off after calls.

#### Important Dates:

- Monday, January 14th 6:30p - NVFD Drill Chimney Fires & Spotted Dog use
- Monday, January 21st 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Monday, January 28th 6p - NVFD Equipment inspection & Officer Mtg
- Monday, February 4th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Thursday, March 7th 6p-9p - DEEP Brush fire training at the fire school

M/S/P, Matt Ludwig motioned for \$70 of town funds to be used to purchase 2 pairs binoculars, Rowland Denny second.

#### Car 2:

Incentive Committee to meet January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm snow date for 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Extra credit forms at the fire house to be filled out, leave in Car 2's box.

**Car 3:**

- Squad 20 went in for preventative maintenance.
- Check dates for gas meter calibration let Jon know if any were missed.

**Car 4:**

Brush truck light bar may need to be replace in the near future, it's working for now.

**Car 5:**

Reminder to extend straps on packs, to be check on equipment check nights.

**Car 6:**

No Report

**Car 7:**

No Report

**EMS Captain:**

No Report

**Mechanics:**

No Report

**Cadets:**

No Report

**LCD:**

No Report

## Committee Reports:

- Rescue Tool Committee:

Need to find a vehicle to test final tool on.

- House Committee:

No Report

- Fund Raising:

- Thanks to everyone that participated on Christmas Eve for the Santa delivery. \$465 was raised.
- Discussion about new Santa suits at next month's meeting.

- Insurance Committee

- 2018/2019 CIRMA policy & Insurance coverage. Emailed to membership. Copies available at station
- CIRMA Beneficiary designation forms need to be updated and returned to town. Copies at station

## M/S/P:

- Building Committee

No Report

## Correspondence:

- Holiday card from residents of the sunset ridge garage fire with a \$75 donation.
- \$100 donation and card from Nina Ritson.
- Donation from The John & Eve Thew Foundation.

**Old Business:**

M/S/P, Anita Turner voted into membership.

**New Business:**

M/S/P, Jeff Rydel motioned for \$380 to be spent on 1000 thank you cards, Matt Ludwig second.

- Application for Ashley Allyn to be voted next month.
- Ideas for tasks for General Members to be discussed out council meeting.
- Stadium systems quoted \$14 each for 36 red, white, and blue shirts.  
Designs to be discussed and voted on at next month's meeting.

M/S/P Rowland Denny, Jon Barbagallo to adjourn at 7:42.

*Katie Hester*  
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NVFD Secretary