

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
April Monthly Reports  
April 6, 2020

There was no monthly meeting due to COVID-19. Officer's reports have been submitted.

**Secretary's Report**

The March Secretary's report will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are at 82% of the budget.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

Officer of the month: Car 20 Wouri

- We were notified that Russell J. O'Connor, Jr. died January 6, 2020, at home, after a long battle with neuroendocrine cancer. Russ was the President of the family business, O'Connor Bros, Sand and Gravel, of East Canaan, started by his uncles and father, and had worked with the company for 43 years, retiring in 2012. We received a letter from his attorney. We were included in his will and notified that he left \$10,000 to the fire department. I recommend putting this contribution in the general fund to be used to assist any future truck refurbishment or replacement but will wait till an actual meeting to hear other suggestions.

-COVID-19: Members are doing a great job of disinfecting the apparatus and frequently touched surfaces after calls and limiting members in the cabs. Area Departments are also all taking a similar approach to safeguard members from infection.

- Limited number of N95s in-house, we received 20 from Torrington Area Health and 50 Surgical Masks. more PPE is on order thru Emergency Management. We are to have all patients during incidents wear a surgical mask to reduce airborne transmissions. N95 Masks used will become yours until they are soiled. Place each used one in a paper bag with your name on it and Sanitation will be done at the UV cabinet at the ambulance HQ. Handle with gloved hands until cleaned. Do not use chemical spray on the mask, this ruins them.
- COVID-19 can only enter your system thru your eyes, nose and mouth. Do not touch your face with dirty hands. Be aware of cross contamination from your cell phone, car keys, gas pump handle, door handles, pressing buttons on the store debit card machines, tools, or waking thru a sneeze or cough in a store. Remember to Watch your hands!
- Still limiting cabs to 4 members or less and only sending necessary engines to incidents. Cabs have Lysol wipes, Lysol spray, and hand sanitizer for use before,

during and after incidents. Soap and water are still the best method to keep clean. Please Save the sanitizing gel for when soap and water is not available.

- Stand by requests will be done “in-house” and we are not requesting other departments to cover our station to prevent cross contamination.
- In the event we do have an exposure VFIS has added a rider to its Accident & Sickness policy “Covering” the medical expenses and weekly income of those members quarantined due to an exposure at a covered activity.
- CIRMA will cover if the Torrington Area Health orders a member to Self-quarantine that was wearing proper PPE and took BSI precautions. Think of it like the seatbelt... if you don't wear provided PPE, you'll have a fight for coverage.
- We were given 20 Tyvek disposable Gowns for free from Brian Bannon at ThermaXX, LLC in West Haven.
- I've asked Kathy to sanitizing the station weekly in addition to the monthly cleaning focusing on door handles, switches, knobs. She will not do the radios or apparatus, that is our responsibility.

- The alarm at 626 Doolittle Rd: the numeric 626 was on file incorrectly with alarm company and is listed as 624 on all town records. There is no #626, Hence why E90 was not requested for a limited access response. It has been corrected.

- The new Genesis E-Combi-Tool is here and in service on S20. A Thank you letter was sent for making this rescue tool purchase. Monthly Check sheets have been updated.

-Lancier tool donation update: waiting on the school to have a meeting to discuss.

- FEMA AFG Regional Radio grant was submitted. Won't hear anything till May-June.

- Live Burn this month is cancelled, unknown about the May Car fire burn. Going to keep hope for the September burn at the Fire School: Open to all interior exterior and cadet members

LTs: come up with 1 fireground scenario to focus on. Members: think of a skill you'd like to work on and talk to an officer so we can cover it.

- Saturday, April 11th live burn is **cancelled**
- Car Fire & Grill Fire Training at fire school Monday, May 18th 6:00p **Pending** (Norfolk FD for 5:45p)
- Saturday, September 26th 7a-12n **SAVE THE DATE** (Norfolk FD for 7a)

-Firefighter 1 classes (**Pending**):

- Fall Class: Aug 17th to Dec 21st (Mon/Wed & every other Sat/Sun)

-We will play each week by ear regarding drills and will text out whether or not we can facilitate an outdoor scenario drill.

-Lastly, if any member or family member needs anything fire or even non-fire related, please contact one of the chiefs and we will help each other out.

**Firehouse committee has been chosen by the Selectmen:**

Matt Riiska (Selectman)

Jeff Tarrant (BOF)

Ron Zanobi (NVFD)

Lou Barbagallo (Citizen)

Grant Mudge (Citizen)

### **Important Dates:**

- Monday April 13th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (pending)
- Saturday, April 18th - EMS extrication class at Town Farm (pending)
- Monday, April 20th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (pending)
- Monday, April 27th 6p - NVFD FIT Testing cancelled, Equipment/Apparatus Inspection, Officer Meeting.
- Saturday, May 2nd 9a -NVFD/NLCA Joint Meeting (Pending)
- Monday, May 4th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, May 18th 6p - NVFD Drill (**Car fires at the fire school \*propane prop\***)
- Saturday, September 26th 7a-12n - **LIVE BURN at the Fire School (7-12n)**

### **Car 2:**

The gear we ordered should be here any day now. Unless they have reprioritized the shipping for other stuff.

1 set of gear was repaired for a significant cost savings.

And once this nonsense is done, we need to light a fire under the family picnic to get social again with our homies!

### **Car 3:**

- Both quad and backpack blower were tuned up and fixed at New Boston. New tires installed, everything else looks good on Unit 70. The backpack blower was able to have the throttle control repaired and is back in service.
- Things are busy as expected with Emergency Management. Thanks to the FD and the Town Crew for getting the message sign up to the Village Green and programmed.
- Itac/Icall radios have been checked and working. We have a cache in town if they are needed. Both Car 3 and Car 10 have one. Norfolk EMS has one and there are another 3-5 in the EMD trailer if needed.
- As of right now, Fit Testing scheduled for Monday, April 27 is postponed. When the CT Fire Academy gets back up and running, I will reschedule.
- As a general reminder, The Selectmen's office has many resources available should any Norfolk citizen need assistance during this emergency. This includes, transportation issues, housing, food, financial concerns, etc. Please reach out to them to see how they can help. That also goes for our FD family. If you need anything, reach out to the Chiefs and we will help in any way we can. Even if that means Car 4 needs a roll of toilet paper...

**Car 4:**

Remember typical occupancy signs are off the table right now with kids home from school just because there are no cars in the driveway be mindful of this for structure fires / co calls. also all equipment that comes off the trucks needs to be wiped down, firefighting tools / extrication tools, tic's, anything you touch.

**Car 5:**

No Report

**Car 6:**

No Report

**Car 7:**

No Report

**EMS Captain:**

The new first responder run forms in silver box Squad 20 and in Engine 40, they are in same pocket as AED in zippered pocket. Keeping EMS supplies stocked as well.

**Mechanics:**

No Report

**Cadets:**

No Report

**LCD:**

No Report

**Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **Fund Raising:**

No Report

- Insurance Committee

No Report

- Building Committee

No Report

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

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NVFD Secretary