

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2021

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 21 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John DeShazo to accept the Secretary's Report of February 8, 2021.

Amend minutes to include the need to investigate the purchase of a laptop computer for the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 84% of the Budget.

M/S/P John DeShazo, Richard Byrne to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Training to the 3 LTs & Captain this month.

- Radio update: Being engraved and programmed. Final programming list was submitted on Feb 19th.
- Skating/BonFire/S'mores was well received by the community. Thanks to everyone for coming out in support.
- The House passed HR 133, the FY 2021 omnibus, which made Rep. John B. Larson's Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) permanent. It exempts from taxation the nominal recruitment and retention benefits volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel receive from their communities. IE incentives.
- Massachusetts departments are reorganizing their alarm responses & mutual aid requests to include more CT towns.
- Station security: a disgruntled ERM employee went on a rampage, firebombing EMS facilities in CT. He had ties & access to several local facilities as an employee. As a precaution with his

targets unknown at the time, CSP was posted at our station watching the FD and & Ambulance Headquarters. Suspect was taken into custody in Pennsylvania.

- Last few equipment checks we've found keys in the ignition being left on. Squad 20 sat for 3 days with a dead battery. Please double check that keys and battery switches are in the **OFF** position.

- End of year expenses. See Cars 1, 2, or 3 with ideas

- \$4,250 complete mobile install in all apparatus and base station (Split with current and next year FY)
- \$3,919 Cold Water equipment (2 Reels 300'&550', Rescue Board, Awls, 4 PFDs)
- \$2,900 Ram XD for E40 (looking at July DEEP Grant)

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, John DeShazo to purchase cold water rescue equipment not to exceed \$3919.00 from Town Funds.

- Lots of training opportunities coming up at the fire school. Dates below

Important Dates:

- Monday, March 8th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (Haz-Mat at Sewer plant)
- Monday, March 15th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (Sexual harassment, Bloodborne)
- Tuesday, March 16th 6:30p - 9/11 memorial committee
- Monday, March 22nd 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Monday, March 29th 6:00p - Equipment/Apparatus inspection, Officer Meeting
- Monday, April 5th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, April 19th 6:30p-9p (S&R, Hose line advancement, Smoke Machine at Fire Academy)
- Sunday, May 2nd 12n-4p - Live Burn at Fire Academy *Norfolk*
- Tuesday, May 18th 7p-10p - **Virtual at FH**, Haz-Mat awareness
- Monday, June 21st 6:30p-9p (Vehicle fires, propane props at Fire Academy)
- Monday, August 23rd (S&R, Hose line advancement, Smoke Machine at Fire Academy)
- Saturday, Sept 18th 8a-12n - Live Burn at Fire Academy *Norfolk*
- Monday, Oct 18th 6:30p-9p (Chimney fire prop at Fire Academy)

Available training:

- Flashfire: An evening of Saws. Ventilation & metal cutting (3hours), possibly with Canaan
TBA

In-Person at LCR Fire School: **Fire School Spring/Summer classes, see C1 to enroll in these classes**

- Cold Water Rescue (March 11th, 7p-10p, March 13th, 8a-4p)
- HazMat Ops Refresher (April 18th, 8a-4p)
- NIMS 300 (May 14th 6p-10p, May 15&16, 8a-4p)
- Pump Operator (June 12 & 13, 8a-4p)
- Rope Rescue 1, June 11, 12, 13 (6p-10p/8:30a-4:30p)
- Rope Rescue 2, June 25, 26, 27 (6p-10p/8:30a-4:30p)

Car 2:

Thanks to everyone who came to the incentive committee meeting while he was in Michigan.

Car 3:

Jon was activated for Roxbury arson call on Saturday night. One of the things that came out was that they had never preplanned their firehouse. We will be discussing and preplanning our firehouse.

Car 4:

Anybody have training ideas, see Steven. Going to do some interior training due going to the fire academy next month.

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

Blood born airborne pathogens and sexual harassment training on March 15 at 6:30.

Ambulance was notified that 2 people picked up on a call potentially had COVID but results are pending.

Fire Marshall:

Tao Confucianism is still working on the property.

Notification that the fire alarm at Infinity Hall is offline.

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

Budget for next year has been approved, very small increase to the Town.

A survey will be going out to every service about LCD, requesting everyone's input about the radio system. Trying to improve radio communications. Should be out this week.

There was an extraordinary amount of overtime expenses due to COVID.

New town taken on has dictated that they have their own dispatcher, that also caused overage.

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **Fund Raising:**

Lots of compliments on the shirts this year. Sales were not as good as maybe next year have to increase the price to \$20.00. There was a \$265.00 profit from the Breast Cancer shirts. Compliments to Ashley for her coordination

M/S/P Daryl Byrne, Steven Hutchins to donate \$265.00 Norfolk Children's Foundation.

- **Insurance Committee**

Kerma policy has been updated. Need to fill out a new beneficiary form.

- **Building Committee**

Meeting is next Wednesday, March 10. Have sent out 5 packets for architect RFQ.

Anyone with ideas for new firehouse, see Matt, Paul, Ron, Sandy with your ideas.

Tues. March 9, 6:30 pm to have the internal firehouse committee meet to share ideas that need to be brought to the Town Firehouse committee. All members welcome.

Sept. 11th Committee

Met on 2/16/21, brainstorming ideas, will be meeting 3/16/21 at the Firehouse, anyone is welcome to attend.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Treasurer's laptop is not functioning very well. Cost of laptop and software in the neighborhood of \$900.00.

M/S/P Mike Listori, Richard Byrne to purchase a new laptop and software for the Treasurer not to exceed \$1000.00 pending Trustee approval.

M/S/P to adjourn.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary