

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2023

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 30 members present

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the April 3, 2023 meeting was accepted with the correction to change Brush Tank Committee to Brush Truck Committee.

**M/S/P:** Dan Wuori, Kerry Yelsits to accept the minutes of April 3, 2023.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Close to 100% of the Town Budget.

**M/S/P:** Matt Ludwig, John DeShazo to receive the treasurer's report.

**Officer's Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

-Joint FD/EMS Meeting Saturday, May 13th 9a **Motion:** \$50 for refreshments (Dept funds)

**M/S/P:** Matt Ludwig, Mike Listorti to purchase refreshments for the joint meeting not to exceed \$50.00 out of department funds.

- EMS training this Thursday at 7p. Patient moving

- Saturday, May 13th 1p Eversource class with the power trailer. Only 60-90 min. Please mark your calendars to attend. Open to EMS members too.

- Litchfield County Chiefs meeting Monday, May 15th 6p at the curling club. **Motion:** \$250 funds for refreshments (Dept funds)

**M/S/P:** Matt Ludwig, Justin Zarzycki to purchase refreshments for Monday, May 15 not to exceed \$250.00 out of department funds.

- Winsted hosting and EMT class May 16 to July 22. (Tues/Thurs6-10/Sat8-4) see C1 to sign up

- The bear is back and loves our trash cans. Pickup is Friday morning

- There is a pump operator class at the academy on July 8th & 9th. See C1 to sign up. Currently 4 signed up.

- Brush truck chassis is here and now registered. It will be going out as it's different components arrive.

Lettering, Tires, Body, Lights, Skid. Final completion by September/October.

- Insurance covered equipment claim. Orders are being placed. Have not heard about time cards yet.

- Thanks to everyone that was at the live burn. These drills not only hone in our interior skills but the exterior work that needs to take place simultaneously managing ladders and hose lines. We can't train enough for a job that could hurt or kill us and we all need to be on the same page. Please mark your calendars: Next school trainings are Monday June 19th & August 21st (theatrical), and Saturday Sept 30th 12n-4p (Live Burn)

- Road race open house supplies & a recruitment sign for the easel. **Motion** for \$600 (Dept funds)

**M/S/P:** Matt Ludwig, Richard Byrne to purchase road race open house supplies and recruitment sign not to exceed \$600.00 out of department funds.

- Sign-ups/duties are at the firehouse for the set-up, open house, & road race . Please pick a duty and time frame to that you're available. Memorial Day events run from 7a to 2p, everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

There is a list of all jobs that need to be done, please sign up on the list that is posted in the Firehouse.

- June 7th 6p is the EMS Appreciation dinner at the Harwinton Golf club

- PID 5-Gas meter is in and in the orange case on S20 for now. Same 4 gases as other meters with the 5th being a PID to measure VOCs, Volatile Organic Compounds in PPM. Never let it suck liquids. Use the particulate filter if it's a dusty atmosphere. Air pump pulls 3sec/foot. 10' of hose in the case takes 30sec for readings to stabilize. Charging is the same cord as the 4-gas meters.

Examples of VOCs:

- Gasoline, Diesel, Benzene, Automotive products
- Paints, Paint Strippers, Stains and other solvents.
- Wood preservatives
- Pesticides.
- Personal care products.
- Aerosol sprays.
- Cleaners and room deodorizers.
- New cabinets, furniture, and beds.
- New carpets, rugs, and wood floors
- Cleansers and Disinfectants.
- Moth repellents and air fresheners.
- hobby supplies.
- dry-cleaned clothing
- Ethylene Glycol
- Hydrogen Peroxide.
- Strychnine.
- Sodium Cyanide.

- Going to schedule a hazmat refresher and meter class this summer at the FD. Date TBA.

- The Veterans have moved the end of the Memorial Day parade to the fire house. Many more people will be coming thru the station. Clean up is Saturday the 27th at 12noon. Equipment inspection at 11a

- Review of the Taskforce & Strike teams were in: coordinator drills will be happening thru the summer with the teams.

### **Task Force 81 (Winsted Area)**

Engine Co (1 Officer, 1 Driver, 2 certified Interior FFs)

**Strike Team 81 (Winsted Area)**

Engine Co

Tanker

Alternate Brush Truck

**Task Force 82 (NW Area)**

Not involved

**Strike Team 82 (NW Area)**

Engine Co

Tanker

Brush Truck

**Task Force/Strike Team 83 (Southern County)**

Not involved in either

\*Reminder to have a bag packed and ready to go with clothing, socks, and food in the event we are asked to respond.

**Important Dates:**

- Thursday, May 4th 7p-9p - (EMS DRILL) Patient moving
- Monday, May 8th 6p - NVFD Drill
- Saturday, May 13th 9a - NVFD/NLCA Joint breakfast meeting
- Saturday, May 13th 1p-3p - Eversource electrical safety class at NVFD
- Monday, May 15th 6p - NVFD Drill/County Chiefs Meeting/Training at Curling Club
- Monday, May 22nd 6p - NVFD Drill
- Saturday, May 27th 11a- Apparatus/Equipment Inspection
- Saturday, May 27th 12n-3p - Fire house clean up
- Monday, May 29th 7a-3p - Memorial Day parade & Road race
- Monday, June 5th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, June 19th 6:30p - Fire School Theatrical smoke, Skill building
- Saturday, July 15th 6p - North Canaan Parade & Fireworks Standby
- Saturday, August 12th 5p-9p - NVFD Silent Auction
- Monday, August 21 6:30p - Fire School Theatrical smoke, Skill building
- Saturday, September 30th 12n-4p - Live Burn

**Car 2:**

- Thank you to those who came down to get fitted for gear.

**Car 3:**

- Live burn was good
- Everyone should make an effort to attend the Eversource Electrical Safety class on Saturday, May 13, 1 pm-3 pm.
- Go Buggy is at New Boston

**Car 4:**

- No Report

**Car 5:**

- Training for the month
  - 5/15- Curling Club
  - 5/22- Hose Line

**Car 6:**

- Please make an effort to come to events when you can.
  - We want to spread the work out over all members so we don't burn people out.

**Car 7:**

- No Report

**EMS Captain:**

- No Report

**Public Information Officer:**

- Curling club sends their thanks.
  - They would like to provide us with dinner one Monday night.
- Emergency management conference went well.
  - We received compliments from DEEP

**Fire Marshal:**

- No Report

**Mechanics:**

- No Report

**Cadets:**

- No Report

**LCD:**

- Elections were held and things will remain the same.

**Committee Reports:**

**House Committee:**

- Chili will be served on Saturday 5/27/23 during cleanup for Memorial Day.

**M/S/P:** Paul Padua, John DeShazo to purchase groceries to replenish the chili not to exceed \$50.00 from department funds.

**Fundraising:**

- No Report

**Insurance Committee:**

- No Report

**Brush Truck Committee:**

- No Report

### **Building Committee:**

- No Report

### **Anniversary Committee:**

- We need your help! We are getting some great prizes in, but we need more help in soliciting donations.
  - We have the potential to make a significant amount of money
  - Matt will send out the list again. Please take a look to see what businesses still need to be asked
  - Any questions please reach out to Matt or Ashley

### **By-Law Committee:**

- No Report

### **Correspondence:**

- Thank you letter from Erick Olsen for our response to the tanker spill.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Hub Talk:**

- Went well.
  - Questions asked by those in attendance were great.
  - Suggested that we have another talk, but have it at the FD and send out personal invites.

#### **T-Shirts:**

Mistake Shirts: Stadium Systems gave them to us free of charge. If you would like one, please stop by the FD and pick some up.

Correct Shirts: Working on setting up a time to hand them out.

### **New Business:**

#### **Memorial Day:**

- Veterans decided to have the parade end at the Fire House.
  - Still working on a plan for the buses
  - Engine 40 will be relocated to ambulance HQ.
  - We will find a place for the veterans truck for the end of the parade.
- Please sign up for a shift during the weekend. Please make sure you are not double-booking yourself.

### **New Member Application:**

- Chris Smith has submitted his application. We will vote next month.

**M/S/P:** Paul Padua, Matt Ludwig to adjourn at 7:39 pm.

Ashley Allyn  
Pro Tem