

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2025

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 29 members present.

Scholarships were presented by Ron Zanobi.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Richard Byrne, Justin Zarzycki to accept the Minutes of July 7, 2025.

Treasurer's Report

No report tonight, Town is changing up their budget reporting. Will be presented next month.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

August 16th fireworks at Norfolk Country Club. Meet at the station at approximately 2045. S20 B50 needed for the standby.

It is physical time for NVFD. Lots of members have already gone for theirs. Please make an appointment and have it completed by election day.

NVFD banquet will be October 11th 5pm-9pm +/- at the Canaan VFW. Price of food has gone up drastically. I would like to make a motion not to exceed \$2300 out of department funds with trustee approval.

We will be doing sign-up sheets for all activities that we will be conducting or participating in going forward. Friday night on the green, Weekend in Norfolk, Silent auction etc. etc... Please stop at the station periodically if you wish to help. This will cut down on burn out of members and give everyone the opportunity to help.

Hose testing is scheduled for Wednesday August 6th at 0800. We have not received word that it has been pushed back.

We have received the DEEP matching funds grant that we applied for some time ago. We will be purchasing large diameter hose valves.

Litchfield County Fire Chiefs Cancer subcommittee is ready to kick off their pilot program for cancer screenings and are looking for donations for the cause. Minimum donation is \$100, and it is a just and noble cause. We donate to a lot of different causes, but this is a good one. I would like to make a motion to donate.

Car 2 is the drill master this month.

A council meeting is needed prior to elections. If you are on the council, you will receive an email tomorrow.

Winsted parade August 23rd. Trucks leave at 1700

Take the correct forms, filled out, with you.

Oct. 11, 2025, is NVFD Banquet at the Canaan VFW, cost for food is approx. \$28.00 per person.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Justin Zarzycki to spend up to \$2,300. for the meal, to come from department funds, pending trustee approval.

Firefighter cancer screening is open to 1 member from each department in Litchfield County. Looking for donations from departments to offset cost of the program.

M/S/P Brian Hutchins Todd Miller to donate \$250.00 to Litchfield County Chiefs for cancer screening clinic. Discussion to increase the amount donated. Motion amended to increase amount from \$100.00 to \$250.00.

Car 2:

Litchfield County Regional Fire School added two "Q" Endorsement driving classes to their fall schedule. Firefighter I, Exterior Firefighter, Firefighter II. See a chief if interested.

Step 1 of the AFG PPE grant is underway. We need manufacturer dates for current gear in service (helmets to boots). Please fill out a date slip and get it back to Car 2 ASAP. Looking to have it in 2 weeks for submission. 42 sets, potentially \$210k (19 interior, 23 exterior)

Airpack grant status: Tentative ship date of Dec 5, 2025. Merry Christmas?

Annual dinner recognition & years of service awards. Price covers the next 5 years of these awards. Motion for \$655 (dept funds)

Fire school has put out their training in the fall. 2025 AFG PPE Grant for gear, need assessment for what our gear looks like, condition, and how old the gear is. Fill out paper and text to Matt Ludwig with information. ASAP

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Steven Hutchins to spend \$655.00 for recognition awards to come from department funds, pending trustee approval.

Car 3:

Sign-ups for events. If enough people don't sign up, we will not participate in the event.

A box is being built for the brush truck, being made in South Windsor. E40, doors are being repaired by Gowens and Knight. Will be getting cost. E20 is showing a 'check engine' light, if it happens to you, put it on the board, with date, and name, or you can use the form provided.

George has made some recommendations for E20. E30 and E90 have both been repaired. Keep an eye on the water gauge of E30, if it's low, fill it!

WIN – lots of inquiries about how our department operates, none of the people spoken with were from Norfolk, most came from outside of town.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

Saturday, 9:00, Steven and Justin will be at fire house setting up

Car 6:

No Report

EMS Captain:

Anyone who needs CME, Sharon Hospital is offering.

Public Relations:

Jon and Richard did presentation of lessons learned at gas spill, went very well, will do it for CT Department of Homeland Security.

FD has been asked to look at the hydrants at the new development to see if they are adequate. Need to contact Aquarian Water.

Fire Marshall:

No Report

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

Meeting was cancelled, new format to report issues at calls, ne Help Desk. Brian is looking into this.

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No Report

- **Fund Raising:**

Breast Cancer shirts, do we want to do it this year. Did not make a profit last year, no place to sell them. Stick to online store, that way we would make a profit.

M/S/P Paul Padua, Brian Hutchins, to spend \$600.00 for Breast Cancer shirts, the bank does sell them for us. To come from Department Funds, pending Trustee approval. Ryan will be contacted to see if we can sit in front of the Berkshire Store to sell shirts.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Quotes came in over budget, building committee is working with the Selectman's office to make it work. Next meeting is Thursday with the Construction manager.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Down to last month. Silent Auction is Sept. 6, 2025. We need people to get items for auction. Ashley has forms to give to stores for tax credit.

- **Truck Committee**

No Report

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

Received a grant from AKC fund for soft goods for the new firehouse.

Old Business:

Joe Brown was voted into membership as an Active

Thank you from Martyn for all the support.

New Business:

Norfolk Ambulance is having it's scramblance at the Country Club. Brian will make up a team of Brian, Scott, Gary and William Hutchins, and Matt Ludwig and Brad.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary