

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 2, 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 27 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Kerry Yelsits, Todd Miller to accept the Minutes of May 5, 2025.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 79% of the Town Budget, bills still coming in before year end.

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

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

It has been a busy gosh darn month. Thank you everyone for all your help. This was a banner year for Memorial Day participation.

If you are available to respond to emergencies, please do so. The last two calls attendance was exceptionally light. Auto alarms can turn into structure fires very easily. Let us not become complacent.

For anyone who is not aware, the voters of the Town of Norfolk have approved of the new fire station. A huge thank you to everyone on our building committee, the towns building committee, and everyone else who has contributed in any way. These people have been working tirelessly to make sure the needs of the department are taken seriously.

Tomorrow, June 3rd, is the Canaan pool fill. T100 and one engine to be a fill site have been requested. We are leaving the station at 1745 to be at CFC headquarters by 1800. All help is appreciated.

Weekend in Norfolk is the first weekend in August. Put your thinking cap on as to what we would like to do. Last year was well received and nice to change it up. Thoughts?

August 10th at Land of Nod Winery in Canaan there will be an event for children with cancer. We have been invited to attend with any apparatus we would like to bring. More details to follow.

This month's training officer is Car 1

June 16th is the after-action meeting for the BD Hazmat incident. 1800 at Litchfield County Fire School

Nascar is coming to the northwest corner of Connecticut, and we have been asked to help. The variable sign trailer will be going this week. The EM trailer will be heading over prior to the event and on site until the end. June 27th and 28th E40 and T100 have been requested to stand by at Falls Village fire station to cover Falls Village and Cornwall. If you can help, even for 1 hour, please text car 1 at 860-485-3981. There will also be a sign-up sheet up at the station.

Car 2:

Thank you to everyone for your help on Memorial Day. It was fantastic to see so many people helping and complete Brian's list way ahead of schedule. There were 143 runners this year, The most we've had in over 10 years.

Annual Physical time at AFC in Torrington. Due by August 25th per the by-laws. Add the DOT physical ONLY if you are expiring. Also, don't wait till the last minute to get an appointment.

Polo shirts are in and for departmental events. Remember: khaki pants, black shoes for marching

Radio cutover done. The 098 Norfolk 800 talk group is live where there's coverage. Car 3 added that when using the radios, please say the channel you are using, so that others can find you.

Use Response to talk to LCD.

FireTek is the preferred method to sign enroute.

Limit your radio time, LCD is busy. Command and Response are reprioritized so everyone will hear you in the county.

Pager programming adds response on channel 2 so you can hear truck traffic and updates when enroute

Remember to change batteries in portable radios. If you used it on a call, swap it out for the next person.

Red books in the apparatus have been updated with the channels and zones in case we are activated on a strike team or task force

Car 3:

Pump testing is coming up at the end of the week. Check on the morning, weather related issues would cause postponement.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

EMS Captain:

No Report

Public Relations:

Next Monday, Fire School is hosting food truck, with vendors, from 6-10 pm.

Field Day on Wed. June 4 at Botelle, E40 will be there all day.

Fire Marshall:

Nascar, thank you to everyone who will be participating. Keith will get tickets for those who wish to attend, see him to sign up, 2 per person.

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Richard Byrne for \$50.00 to replace plates and napkins used for Open House.

- **Fund Raising:**

No Report

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Town approved the new building. Town is getting funding organized. Construction manager will be creating 18 packages for quotes. More info will be available mid-July. Once bids are opened,

we will have an actual price. Once construction starts, need to come up with plan for parking during calls, the entire back lot will be off limits. Stuff in shed needs to be moved out.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Donation request forms are available, see Ashley.

- **Truck Committee**

No Report

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

Parade announcement for East Hartland.

Donation from Kingsland with \$500.00 donation for Scholarship.

Letter from Midwest fire with \$1000.00 donation

M/S/P Steven , Karl to move the \$1000.00 into the “truck stuff” line item.

Old Business:

Grant received for rope rescue has been used, remaining balance needs to go somewhere.

June 21 from 9-noon, Pine Meadow drill.

Daryl reported he received an Email from state of Conn. June 16, 2025, no longer need the physical paper card, the medical provider will submit to the state. Go to the CT Portal to check this out for CDL drivers.

Dan reported that email has been sent to all fire chiefs with a survey asking people to fill it out to see what screening people want. Does not guarantee anything. More information will be coming. Dan is working with HHC to see if some services can be donated. One paid and one volunteer department will be chosen.

New Business:

Two applications for membership. Isabella Gregor for active Interior and Harry Bennett as a Cadet member.

Ted is offering a HazMat Class June 25, 2025, at Ambulance Barn, 6:30

Richard thanked everyone for Memorial Day help. \$3600.00 for bush fires has been received and it is being put into the town general fund.

Paul will not be at July meeting.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary