

## **Department Board Meeting 02.16.26**

Department Meeting was called to order by President Chris Bylund. The minutes from January's meeting on 01.19.26 were read by Secretary Mary Yates. Motion to approve January's minutes was given by 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Richard Petersen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allison Taylor. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

No new Member applications.

### **Chief Roger Bissen**

- Winter party uniform shirts. Does everyone have patches? Department – Kyle. Name badges – Keaton, Traci, & Jack. Extra tabs for the year joined? No one.
- Job shirt update – Troy & Kyle got theirs approved. Received invoice today.
- Signed form with The Agency. They are work comp insurance. Do we have a policy in place for physicals? Need to get a physical every two years. Call Occupational Health at Myrtue. Tell them you need a physical for HFD.
- Multi ray on 33 is working fine.
- Ordered 4 new ice commander suits
- 30 is back tonight. It was the fuel pump, alternator, and air bag.
- Engine 32 – getting new gauges and work light on Wednesday
- Remington would like to have a tour of their plant. Set for Mar 16<sup>th</sup>.
- FDIC – nothing has changed
- Storm Spotter class is Mar 19<sup>th</sup> in Panama
- July will be a busy month between the Fourth, County Fair, Races & Ragbrai
- Chief's Conference is Feb 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> in Manchester
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> for mid-year
- Convention in Manchester – anyone going?
- FF1 class. 14 tested – 6 passed both tests, 6 passed one test or the other, 2 did not pass – these are “normal” results. Those in class don't feel confident enough to pass – would like a class here. Roger will check with Russ to see what the specifics are in order to change to a class here.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Bruce Blum:**

- Ice rescue – passed a brochure with contact info on divers – can have Comm Center contact them.
- Can we get the bathroom remodeled to have just a shower in it before Ragbrai? Or maybe a shower stall. It was recommended to repaint it. We can look into it for Ragbrai.
- We need to reduce cussing in meetings. We also need to show respect for other firefighters.
- John Olson with OFD passed away. He went to school in Harlan. Do we want to send something to the funeral service?
- A motion was made to train our firefighters in house and pay our instructors. Would like to have a standard that if we train here, every student has to test out. This would be up to the instructors.

Is Field Staff accepting applications? Roger & Russ are Field Staff. Roger will discuss with Russ. No one seconded the motion and the motion died. A discussion was had to have a class at Harlan Fire to finish this class. We have all the props. Instructors were asked who could teach the class – Justin, Chad & Ryne. Richard and Mary would help. Others who are not instructors asked if they could help. It was discussed that Roger can be the lead instructor with Chad and Ryne teaching. There can be additional instructors. Roger has an Instructor book. We don't have to make a motion to have the class. We will just have it.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Captain Ryne Nelson:**

- During Ice rescue, it was recommended to get signage at Prairie Rose
- Get new suits and trash the old ones
- Are there expiration dates on life vests? As they wear
- Need helmets – have 4 will get 3 more
- Need longer poles
- Are we going to get new rope rescue rope? Do we need life safety rope- expiring?
- We have one yellow rescue ring, do we need more?
- Justin is getting 33 halogen lights converted to LED. The telescopic pole on the light tower has been oiled – it works now.
- AAR field fire in Shelby – trying to patch is difficult. Using a regional channel? Stay on the channels for each department. Don't patch – it is terrible.
- Can we have a full scale training with the dive team some time in the future.
- Can we have a racetrack class. Jerad Hanson has a whole day class. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Richard Petersen will talk to him.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Russ Lacy:**

- Need to do ImageTrend reports. When you are done, mark it ready for CQI. We need to do reports with ANY patient contact. If you do skills, do the report. Russ was told we are missing reports.
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> is the EMS Conference
- 5 people need CPR – Russ, Richard, Traci, Chris & Mike
- There are 3 squads in the SCAS bays. These are set up for ALS. The squad outside was for BLS. Our med bag will be on top of the fridge for us to grab when we take a squad. Maybe we can have SCAS leave the key with our bag? Also, Russ will talk to Kenny about not having people park in front of the squad outside.
- Taking EpiPen out of the bag. They are all expiring and won't be replaced.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Justin Schechinger:**

Gone

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Richard Petersen:**

- When you drive POV, try to drive to the station instead of the scene.

### **Fire Calls**

Thank you – Field Fire on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> from Gayle Rihner

### **Good for the department:**

When we drive 26 and are hauling the SUV, we are driving the speed limit, correct?

Can we use the blue house off of Hwy 59 for training? Uninhabitable, so probably not. Can we teach the vent class out at the house so we don't have to use props but will have an actual house. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Richard Petersen will check. We are having PRI teach that night.

### **Meeting adjourned.**

Submitted by Mary Yates, Secretary

*These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and are subject to Department approval at the next regular meeting.*