

Harlan Fire Department Meeting 03.16.26

Department Meeting was called to order by President Chris Bylund. The minutes from February's meeting on 02.16.26 were read by Secretary Mary Yates. Motion to approve February's minutes was given by Board Member Jacob Hazen and 2nd by Captain Ryne Nelsen. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

No new Member applications.

Harlan Fire Department went into a closed meeting at 2010. Motion to go into the closed meeting was given by Chad Butler and 2nd by 1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy. All were in favor or motion. Motion carried. Motion to return from the closed session was given by Captain Ryne Nelsen and 2nd by 1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy at 2052. All were in favor or motion. Motion carried.

1st Assistant Chief Bruce Blum:

- The Fire Department doors will be locked during daytime hours.
- Rescue Skills weekend Mar 27th-29th. Kyle, Logan, & Chad. 2 rooms are booked.
- Battery operated fan. Have parts ordered. When they come in, he will let us know.
- Two carbide chains. Cannot get chains for the DeWalt saw. They don't make them. There are four chains on the truck. (One is on the saw.) 2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger states to use the gas powered saw. Clean the saws after each use. Take both batteries when using the saws. Captain Ryne Nelsen suggested we get another gas powered saw. Chain was destroyed.
- 32 – over the weekend the pump valves were drained. The cables need adjusting. Be sure to pull it out just a bit if needed.
- Remington Seed Tour was supposed to be tonight. They are closed at night so the tour will need to be during the day. If anyone is interested, let Bruce know.
- Roger said there is supposed to be a 4-H station tour on Wed at 1630. We will need to make popcorn. If anyone can help, let Bruce know.
- We will need to pull together as a team and keep moving forward.

1st Captain Ryne Nelson:

- Would like to know if the iPad was approved? It is another point of contact. Officers need to have access to emails. We can use it for BlackLineLive (can read gas meters) which is just a matter of logging on. Can use it for inventory, etc. We can put it near the TV for IAR. President Chris Bylund will look into pricing.
- We need more premixed fuel for the saws. 2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger will take care of this.
- 33 – moved plug & patch to the R3 compartment. Ram Fan is on top of pull out tray in R2. Expired items have been thrown away. Truck list has been noted. Ice rescue suits are up top of the racks. Be careful with the new kits – it has paperwork in there. 1st Assistant Chief Bruce Blum stated we need to number the suits. We need three more water rescue helmets.

- Gervais noted that the antique truck is very dusty in the shed and there is a need to throw away a lot of “stuff”. Drifters Car Club (Missouri Valley) want to do a “fire” side. They might be willing to help us rebuild the antiques. Might want to discuss with them. Car show is Jun 6 – they would like a fire truck there if possible.

1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy:

- Epi Pens will stay in the bags.

2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger:

- Went through gear. A lot is expiring. Ethan’s gear has all expired. Coats, pants, helmets, and boots are expiring. A priority list will be made and the budget will be checked to see what we can get. There are the Shelby County Endowment Fund and Farm Credit Services grants. There is also the IFA grant that reimbursed \$3700 for those who joined after Dec 2024.
- Alex Blum noted there are grants for 8 sets Wildland/Structure gear for those who need them. Not sure about the boots and helmets – Chief Roger Bissen was talking about buying more.
- 2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger will figure out budget, work on grants, and take to the Board. Those that need new gear: Bruce B, Mike K, Jacob H, Mitchell L, Troy R, and Mary Y. Hudson M, Andy M, and Shawn B were the newer ones. Kyle M got new gear. When they finish FF1, they get fitted for gear.
- On the pagers, adjustments can be made on the volume if needed. Let him know if you have any questions.
- Name plates that were found in Chief’s office were distributed. Madi needs name plate with her new name on it.
- Alex Blum wanted to know where deliveries are supposed to go – City Hall.
- 28 has been drained.
- Captain Ryne Nelsen stated that 30 kicks on. The air bag has been fixed.

3rd Lieutenant Richard Petersen:

- Not here.

Fire Calls

Good for the department:

- Patrick Gaul – he is taking the Vent saw home to deep clean it.
- 1st Assistant Chief Bruce Blum – Roger sent a text message – did everyone get the tax credit letter that wanted it? Mitchell, Kyle and Alex

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.