

## Harlan Fire Department Meeting 05.18.26

Department Meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Bruce Blum. The minutes from April's meeting on 04.20.26 were read by Secretary Mary Yates. Motion to approve April's minutes were given by Captain Ryne Nelsen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Blum. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

No new member applications.

Received letter from Richard Petersen. He would like to step down as 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant and remain a "black" helmet. We will open up applications for this position. Do we want to fill the another Assistant Chief, another Captain, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant position? Anyone can apply. We will talk about a standardized interview. Officers will be in the interview. Stipulation for officer is FF1.

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

- People need new bunker gear – Dan Wood of State Fire Marshalls – do they need certified gear. No, they cannot go into the Hot zone but can have expired gear. Traci and Troy would not need gear. Two others stated they did not need new gear. Hopefully, Fire House Subs grant comes up for boots and helmets.
- Bike Night – May 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, they want a truck and the big flag. If anyone can do it, we need to be there by 430-500.
- Westside Lounge – May 30<sup>th</sup> – they are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – would like to have their barricades filled with water. Don't have a time. Bruce will reach out.
- June 5 is Relay 4 Life – Jacob, Alex, Chad, Allison, and Keaton were maybes. Ryne will be up there and could probably help.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Log cabin days – if you can help Russ, that would be great. From 9-3.
- Fire House Grant was applied for – boots and helmets.
- Dinner on meeting nights – should we eat at 8 when we start the meeting? Yes.
- Gator is out of commission – need by Ragbrai – work on it in June – need to get quote. Take it to Manning. Schedule now if going to John Deere. We will approve repairs. Ask if we can delay payment?
- Box for FF1 testing – move in front of steamer, put the skid in the hose tower.
- Parts are in for the battery operated fan. Notified Justin.
- Physicals are needed – Richard, Justin, Mike, Madi, Troy, Patrick, Ryne, Traci, Allison, & Mary. Need to get them scheduled.
- Talked to Lori from IWCC. Took ladder 28. Truck would not be useful on the south side of the building if the building caught on fire. We can get in there with 34 on south side and 32 on the west side to hook up to fire connections.
- Camping – Butchy, Traci, Richard – has to be paid July 1.
- Flags for Memorial Day Weekend – Friday at 5 or 6. Ryne, Madi, Troy, Mitchell, Chad, & Keaton. Will need to find maps and print them off.
- Anyone available to present the wreath on Monday? Pick up the flags and put a flower on them?
- Pick up flags Wednesday during the day – Chad, Mary, & Keaton.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> Flight Breakfast. Russ will go down. If you can help, that would be great.
- July 8 & 9 – CPR Recert in meeting room.

- Active Attack Integrated Response course - teaches how to work together in warm zone – June 13 & 14. All day class. They need certain number of students from each department. If you can only do one day, it will probably be ok. Need to sign up.

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

- Need a couple of people certified on fire extinguishers – need to get people trained. Let Ryne know if interested. It costs \$200/person. Might be a week long course. Bruce will check into course and cost for state and federal certifications after course.
- Siamese to hydrant on truck – can we pull until they are redon? Leave on truck. Need to figure how long of hose we need.
- Went through stuff upstairs. Radio equipment is no good. No hand helds – toss or see if the county might want them. DNR parks might want them, or we need to get rid of them.
- Use expired stuff for training - Tri County and other stuff. Will go through stuff and anyone can have it when we are done.
- 29 blew power steering line. Replaced in 2030.
- Vent saw – working on it. Everyone liked the saw at training night. Would like a smaller bar though.

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

- Gone – sent text stating that the backboards need to be put back upstairs or in the HazMat trailer. We need to keep the gowns and the PVC pipe used for kid's day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Justin Schechinger stated they will put those things back. Gowns and blankets will be put in totes.

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

- He took the day off to get 29 up and running. The air cleaner was plugged. NAPA does not support or recommend this filter. O'Reilly was surprised we still had it – had to be cleaned manually. The air filter was switched. When it gets clean, he will text so others can learn how to clean it. It needs inspection after every fire call. If it is dirty, we need to clean it. It was suggested to go to salvage yards to obtain filters. He will get a quote from NAPA. We might be able to get it off a different website. Do not drive it excessively.
- 28 has a broken lens. No parts store has the lens. We can try Amazon. It was suggested to go to Ashley and use their Amazon account. We can send the link to them to order. Receipts were taken to City Hall.
- Keaton and Ryne helped Justin. Do we sign in when we work on vehicles? Yes
- Basement cleaning? – the treadmill needs to come out. The light is out in the bathroom – need to see if it is just the bulb. If so, it needs to be replaced. The kitchen needs to be scrubbed. It needs cleaning supplies.
- Are there people staying here for Ragbrai? Yes, Cedar Rapids and NY departments reached out. They slept in the basement.
- 34 – need to go through that truck. Do we need stuff on that truck? Wildland tools need to be taken off or moved? Every truck should have a hi-rise pack (1 ¾ inch). None of the trucks have 2 ½ inch hose – just rolls here and there. There is no attack line – everything was moved. Do we want another divider to lay another section. Put 2 ½ attack lines on each truck. Next big grant available – request 2 ½ inch hose should be a priority. FEMA grant opens tomorrow. 3 lines failed in hose testing.
- Kids day at Prairie Rose – run as high as you can – truck likes to die out. No primer pump.
- HMU wants more hose – we don't have any hose to give them.

- Grant – 2 ½ inch hose, low pressure nozzles, 1 ¾ inch hose. Should we sell 3 inch hose? Include ages of hose, it will help in the FEMA grants. Put LDH on there – get more. Alex will figure out how many feet of hose we need.

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

- Nothing.

### **Fire Calls**

### **Old Business:**

- Dry hydrant at Nishna Bend is not good.
- Hog barn fire – use dry hydrant at Prairie Rose. Multiple departments cannot hook into the dry hydrant – opposite of ours. Some use CAM lock. Invite other departments to train.
- F500 – Exira has a warehouse if we ever need more.
- Kimballton has jaws now, but no training. Invited to our training. They have no cribbing. Should we donate some of ours? Yes

### **New Business/Good for the department:**

- FEMA grant opens tomorrow – can use for anything we want. 5% matching – look into hose and nozzles. Open May 19<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gervas does not do government grants. Bruce will reach out to others for those. Board officers should talk about it and bring it back to the department. Need demographics for grants. Start on grant tomorrow. Can save as you go through the grant process. Need stats, etc.
- Few structure fires we have had, we have done good even though we had low numbers. Show up if you can. Other departments have shown up to help.
- Missing piece for the fan. Don't have batteries but it will run with the cord. Put the old cord real with the fan.

### **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.*