

Harlan Fire Department Meeting 06.15.26

Thank you to Jackie from Globe Life Family Heritage for being here.

Department Meeting was called to order by President Chad Butler. Chad asked for any additional nominations for President from the floor. Reopened. This was not done at the previous meeting. A motion was made to cease nominations by Chris Bylund and 2nd by Allison Taylor. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried

The minutes from May's meeting on 05.18.26 were read by Secretary Mary Yates. Corrections – on 29's air cleaner. We will not be getting the filters from salvage yards. It was talked about the hospital looking into. It is the air cleaner housing instead of filters. Motion to approve May's minutes were given by Captain Ryne Nelsen and 2nd by Allison Taylor. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

No new member applications.

We do have a resignation letter from Roger Bissen and a request to be moved to honorary. A motion was made to move Roger Bissen to honorary by Chris Bylund and 2nd by Allison Taylor. A discussion was had. Drug and alcohol policy in our By-laws & Constitution. Provided information of the situation. There was a concern that Roger was on duty at a training event. Do we have another revote after his Court date in late June? We will have a private vote and will text all members that are not here and give them 15 minutes to respond.

1st Assistant Chief Bruce Blum:

- Old radio out in the bay – Butchy will take care of them.
- Flight breakfast – be at HFD at 7 am so we can be there at 730 until 11. Take 34. Anyone that can help Russ would be appreciated. Jacob and Mary stated they were available.
- Convention camping – pay for it by July 1. It is already paid. Need to get with Butchy to get information and registration by August 1. Noted as going – Butchy, Traci, and Richard.
- Physicals need to be obtained. (Richard, Justin, Mike, Madi, Patrick, Ryne, Traci & Mary)
- The gator is back in service. It had a bad left rear wheel bearing. It was paid with a credit card. An oil change was also done.
- ALERRT Training was cancelled for this month. It was moved to July 11th & 12th. Need to sign up if you want to go.
- The City would like to know why the FT Fire Chief would need to be an EMT? FT vs PT? Why? Chief goes to lots of medical calls. He has an AED. He is usually on scene first. They get paged a lot. FT is here 40 hours a week. PT won't always be here. It was also asked why we want the FT Chief to have FF1, FF2, Inspector I, Officer 1, and Instructor 1. Gervas would like to have some of these qualifications moved to preferred

or recommended. Recommend we require FF1, FF2, EMT. Preferred, recommended, or need to get in a certain time frame – Instructor, Officer 1 in 3 years

- Ragbrai Committee has asked for the large flag displayed from the aerial on Sunday. It takes a truck out of service, we will be busy, and the truck will not be seen where we can put it. No!
- There will be a hose demo on Thursday, June 18th at 6 pm by a Snap Tight representative. They will go over low flow hose and nozzles. Where should we do this? – High School on the south side. Looking at a demo because the trend is low pressure nozzles. The FEMA grant is due June 22. We won't make the grant date. We won't be able to hook up to other departments with low pressure. Won't hurt to do the demo.
- What changes do you want to see for this department? This will be deferred until next meeting.
- Are we going to have the Lieutenant position? We will fill after we know what is going on with the Chief's position.
- Fire House grant – should know in the next couple of weeks if we got this grant. July 9th is the next application.
- Shawn from Alpha Omega to look at the drain that's leaking from the bathroom – looking for water leak.
- Light in basement is out in the bathroom. Light in sump pump room is not working. Need to fix before Ragbrai is here. Set up months ago – 50 people here
- 9-10 traffic cones were broken on the call. Progressive will not pay for damage on cones due to other vehicles.
- Hall of Flame – Aug 13 through Aug 23, 2026 at the Iowa State Fair. Aug 19th is booked – Chris – if you want to help.

Votes were counted.

1st Captain Ryne Nelson:

- Seeks are on four bank charger in 33. There are singular chargers – put two on 32 and on 28. 2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger will look into it and will send a text.
- Prairie Rose boat capsizing – ice rescue suits – move to faster spot to get in rotation. Can we move stuff up and have the ice rescue suits be more accessible.
- 33 needs to be reworked so it is more user friendly. Air bags on 33 are above spare cylinders. Might need new air bags. Want to reorganize. Is it OK if the Fire Officer's reorganize the trucks?
- Inventory note – Logan has app/website (Target Solutions). Can use the app instead of using the paper. Something to consider.
- Dry hydrant still under water at Prairie Rose.

Vote was done as the time limit is up. The votes were counted. There were 11 “yes”s and 10 “no”s. Roger will move to honorary status. With that Chad resigned and asked to be put on honorary status.

1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy:

- EMT – paperwork is in all medical bags to fill out for transfer of care, patient signature’s, vitals, etc.
- Everyone’s CPR cards are needed. Please put in the bin near the computer in the Officer’s office.

2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger:

Will wait to do his report until next meeting.

Fire Calls

Not done.

Old Business:

Nothing done.

New Business/Good for the department:

- Does anyone have any comments for the Department of State Fire Bureau – need additional information. Switch FF1. Fix Zicada System. Cannot log in to FF1. July 11th to do the HazMat.

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.