

Harlan Fire Department Meeting 07.27.26

Department Meeting was called to order by President Jacob Hazen. The minutes from June's meeting on 06.15.26 were read by Secretary Mary Yates. Motion to approve June's minutes were given by Chris Bylund and 2nd by 2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

New application for Brandon Gray was discussed. He needs to complete the application in order for it to be considered. 1st Assistant Chief Bruce Blum will contact him.

Motion to accept Chad's resignation and move him to honorary was made by 1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy. 2nd by Mike Kienast. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried. Vote was made by raising hands. It was unanimous. Captain Ryne Nelson asked if Chad could remain on TriCounty since he is honorary. Need to check.

Zach Jensen put in his resignation verbally and asked if he could keep the key card to fire department. A motion was made by Alex to accept the resignation. Chris Bylund 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Alex motion to allow Zach to keep his key card. Chris Bylund 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

1st Assistant Chief Bruce Blum:

- 28, 33, and 34 have all been repaired.
- Power washer has been fixed. Do not run pink soap through it.
- Did not get the Fire House grant.
- FT & PT Chief's job description's have been approved. They will advertise for both to see what we get. They are looking at wages now.
- What improvements do we want to see for the department? Need to fix the divide. Organization and leadership. Get more people from the community.
- Thank you for everything you do!

1st Captain Ryne Nelson:

- Thanks for showing up. Use IAR if possible.
- Are radios and pagers working? Some are tripping but not going off. Can we use the old pagers? Will have Alex L look into.
- Bomgaars and school's alarms are going off. They are working on it.

1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy:

- New Project Austin child. Look at the QR code.
- Did a great job at Ragbrai. Had 6 patient contacts. We assisted on 10-12. Good job!
- End of year sheet showed 0.37%. Need to get Image Trend reports done.

2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger:

- 28 has damaged cones on it. Will email Ashley to get cones replaced.
- Need to put radio batteries in the budget. We will get a number of batteries that we will order each year. Maybe try for the grant next time.
- Still working on the vent fan. It is still not fixed but we can use it.
- Working on IAR to put all the hydrants in.
- Justin will be gone for training next week.
- Gator needs a cable. It has been looked at. They will set it up for grass fires. They will leave the windshield off.

With Zach leaving, this leaves a Board Member spot open. We will vote on it next month.

Fire Calls

Read and corrected.

Old/New Business/Good for the Department:

- Acada system (new FF1) – need to sign up. Zach Neff took over. There will be lots of changes.
- Captain Ryne Nelsen said he took bags of ice back to HyVee. He will follow up with the store manager to see about getting refund for bags of ice not used.
- 2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger stated we have in budget to purchase gear. We will get together with Mitchell, Jacob, and Ryne for sizing. We will figure helmets and boots later.
- 1st Assistant Chief Bruce Blum stated Congratulations to Mitchell for passing HazMat, to Kyle for passing 2 out of the 3 tests (by one question), and to everyone who passed the hands on.
- Reminder: Need to notify the utilities with a 7 day notice before we hook up to a hydrant (except for fire calls) or there is a \$1000 fine. If we mess up a hydrant, we are paying for it. Discussion was had about painting and locating good hydrants.
- 1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy stated the lights in the basement were burned out and have been replaced.

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.