

Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department
April Company Meeting Minutes

Date: 8 April 2002
Start Time: 1956

Jonathon Ransom brought the meeting to order at 1956.

A signup sheet was passed around.

Chief 1: (written – see attached)

Chief 1A: Reminders about procedure for riding with other departments. Chief Officer permission is required before a member can ride with another department.

Chief 1B: 1) Procedure for driving for another department is same as that for riding.
 2) Procedure reminders brought up by Truck 9 accident – Be sure to give dispatch correct location when call received while you are on-the-air.

Fire Capt. Alar: 1) Iselin has updated the check sheets. They will be on the intranet shortly.
 2) Things have been vanishing from the dayroom. To help avoid this problem:
 a. Keep your stuff where it belongs
 b. Don't steal things left out...
 c. Things may vanish during cleanup, see item a.

Committee reports:

Membership – New members, see Cohen for list of Summer MFRI classes

Training – 1) Training weekend will be the weekend of April 27th. All riding members should try to attend.
 2) WAH may have an EMT refresher class soon
 3) There will be a CPR class at Co. 1 on April 13th

No other committee reports.

Old Business:

- 1) Res. 43 issues
- 2) Vote to vote on “Vote of confidence” failed. Most likely do to some misunderstanding about exactly what the vote was for.
- 3) Insurance: Companies that keep their vehicles insured receive no money from the County for accidents or run-related repairs. Doc stated that this is an unfair situation that should be looked at at the Association level.

New Business: None

Good of the Department:

Dave Iannone – Be prepared to go to the City Council meeting in three weeks to ask for funds that are due the department. The city has approximately \$85,000 that should have been given to HVFD over the past two years.

Jonathon – Asked for members, city residents, friends and family to speak at the meeting.

Dave Iannone – A federal grant application is in.

Fundraisers – Fundraisers will be mailed out in May and September. Boot drives must be held outside of city limits. Question about exactly what is needed to get a city permit came up.

Marshal Davies – Driver Training issues. Recently a member was removed from the Drivers List due to taking a long (incorrect) route to an EMS call. This was *not* the correct step. A three strikes rule should apply in similar situations. Attitude will be important in determining ramifications of similar episodes. The Drivers Training Committee will look at all incidents and accidents.

New Kitchen Equipment – Thanks for the new equipment. There is nearly \$1000 worth. Take good care of it.

Clean-Up Day – Saturday May 11th is planned as the annual station clean-up day.

Doc's notices –

- 1) Eric Taylor and his wife had triplets.
- 2) Carol will undergo surgery Friday.
- 3) There will be a Carwash at the station Saturday from 0900-1400.

United Way – Starting in July the department will receive \$8,800 over 12 months. This is \$3000 more than last year.

Radcliff: An air purifier was installed in the computer room to try to keep the computers in decent shape. Please keep the door shut!

Washington Gas has been to the station to attempt to fix the smell of natural gas in the computer room. They did some work, but the smell still comes around.

Meeting adjourned at 2036.

Paul Motsuk, Acting-Secretary