

**The Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department
February Company Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2003

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department was called to order at 1932 on 9 February 2004 at Station 1 by President Ransom.

Present:

The list of members present is in the spreadsheet "HVFD Company Meeting Attendance.xls".

Excused:

None

A. Approval of Minutes

January minutes are available on the member's intranet.

B. Reports

Chief's Report (Read by Deputy Chief 1A):

All members are reminded that General Orders and SOPs are to be followed at all times.

Until February 1st, Deputy Chief 1A is acting Chief.

Notice of new rules concerning BLS units on suppression calls was made.

Companies 44 & 28 have had equipment stolen. Do not leave any equipment unattended.

Fit test dates for February were listed.

Deputy Chief 1-A (Falcone):

Fire deaths so far this year have equaled the death through all of 2003. We need to promote Fire Safety in our first due.

People who responded to 6733 New Hampshire need to get chest x-rays. Only exception is for those who had one taken in the last 2 years.

Only officers or senior fire fighters are to answer the red phone. No observers or new members should answer the phone.

All under 18-year olds have to leave the station by 2200 hours. Parents and officers must okay anyone staying later. No non-riding members may stay later.

Officers' Reports: (No Report unless listed.)

Lt. Bender (Bunkroom): Do not steal bunks if you show up at the station drunk.
Tristan has been cleared to ride.

Sgt. Kannry: The first new ambulance is due in a couple of weeks. Until then, the reserve is to be kept clean and in duty. A new EMS bag weekend checklist can be found to the right of the watch desk computer.

Sgt. Carey (read by Motsuk): Watch out for new Engine Company riding assignments. A single family dwelling at 6912 Oakridge was damaged during Hurricane Isabel. Due to reconstruction, members should expect quick fire extension and greater collapse potential.

Administrative Reports:

Secretary (Motsuk): Correspondence was read.

Board of Directors (Ransom): Next meeting will be held on the 10th of February.

The position of Vice President has been filled by Kevin Esser.

C. Committees

Drivers' Training (Falcone): Steve Sotak has been cleared to drive the Engines.
LOSAP (Vader Roest): 80% of the paperwork is complete. Forms are due to members by 15 Feb 2004.

Information Systems (Motsuk): To get a network account, please fill out a Network User Agreement. The S: (Shared) drive will be up shortly. If your password fails, try the standard password before contacting Kevin or me.

Banquet (Ransom): The banquet will be held at 1830 on the 28th of February at Martins Crosswinds. Be sure to vote on awards.

D. Old Business

Alar: Be sure that your driver files are up-to-date. If they are not, it could be a problem when the insurance company audits us.

Hang: The blinking of the signboards needs to be turned off.

E. New Business

Alar: Keith Reinheimer has put in his life member paper work. In addition, a location for the second ambulance needs to be found.

Bowers: The refrigerator needs work. It is too loud.

F. Good of the Department

Patrick: We can't afford both new apparatus and the new building.

Falcone (Tommy): The membership needs to be kept in the loop.

Vander Roest: External plans have to be brought before the membership.

Davies (Sarah): What was the "Leadership Weekend"? (A – Ransom): It was held to help plan HVFD's future.

Ransom: Contact Tim Wensus with and problems with HVFD e-mail.

Ransom: Murphy and Joey Johnson have been hired by the DCFD.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Ransom at 2039.

Minutes submitted by: Paul Motsuk -14955