



WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT
1110 Victory Highway
Greene, RI 02827
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, 15 October, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Members Present

John Humble
Robert Hevey
Jonathan Farnum
Richard Holt
Robert Guastini

Skip Mays, Moderator
Glenn Underwood, Treasurer
Cheryl Wilcox, Clerk

Captain Guastini
Captain Mann
Chief Hall
Several Department Members

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairman confirmed there is a quorum present and the meeting was posted in all required locations.

Discuss and possibly vote on proactive measures to be taken in preparation for the possible increase in demand for outgoing mutual aid and reduction of the availability of incoming mutual aid - Mr. Humble states that the only purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible proactive measures that we need to take because of the situation in our neighboring district. Mr. Hevey encouraged us to move on with this meeting.

Mr. Hevey states that we will have reduced mutual aid in and demand for mutual aid will increase. It is our duty to maintain coverage in our district. He states that members will gain training time and the district will gain rescue recovery money where appropriate to offset costs.

Captain Guastini reads the following statement from department members:

Board of Directors
Chairman, John Humble; Robert Hevey; Richard Holt; Robert Guastini; Jonathan Farnum
District Officers
Moderator, WCS Mays III; Tax Collector, Joan Smith; Treasurer, Glenn Underwood; Clerk, Cheryl Wilcox
Interim Chief Donald Hall

As conditions change within the Central Coventry Fire District, and the potential for additional mutual aid responses has the possibility of becoming a reality in the future, the question has arisen of how the Western Coventry Fire Department will handle such responses. Captain Mann and I have discussed this past week, how our department might address this potential situation. Obviously one of the most important concerns is to continue to provide adequate coverage to our taxpayers in the event we are out responding mutual aid to another department. Since we presently respond mutual aid as necessary, the issue becomes the potential for greater need than usual should the Central Coventry Firefighters be unable to respond, for whatever reason. This situation is not unlike a situation that WCFD faced a few years back and Central Coventry Fire Department (and other departments) stepped up and assisted us while we worked our way through a very difficult time for our department.

We would propose, and have support of the members, in requesting their assistance to providing additional manpower coverage at the station. This would be at no compensation. However, in the event of calls, naturally they would receive call pay. Our thought is if we are out covering a mutual aid call, that the extra manpower which would be covering the station, would then be able to respond immediately, in the appropriate apparatus, until out of town apparatus arrived to assist us. Since the volume of our requests for service are rescue calls, this would allow us to provide a quicker response with our BLS apparatus until a mutual aid rescue arrived. We would also request our members who traditionally leave the station once the rescue has begun transporting, to remain at the station until the completion of the call.

She further states, with regard to mutual aid in, there are run cards in place that allow dispatchers to send the next available apparatus when the first assigned apparatus is not available.

The Chairman thanks Captain Guastini.

Member – We have had situations where we anticipated a large number of calls and our members have always stepped up. We have good members. He compares the CCFD situation to a storm situation. Another member states that everyone is passionate about helping out.

A schedule will be set up to always have four members at the station at all times.

Mr. Underwood asks Members to stay away from negative comments.

Mr. Mays reviews response time to a recent rescue call and commends Members.

Mr. Humble will try to meet with the Board Chairmen of Hopkins Hill and Anthony Districts.

The next meeting will be held on October 18th.

A motion is made by Mr. Holt and seconded by Mr. Hevey to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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