

**NEWINGTON FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Meeting—April 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Newington, NH Board of Fire Engineers was called to order at by Chairman Wilbur Goins. Engineer Ruth Fletcher, Chief Roy Greenleaf and Assistant Chief Dale Sylvia attended. Department secretary Laurie Mu was present to record the minutes.

Prior Month's Minutes:

Engineer Fletcher moved to accept the prior month's minutes as written. Chairman Goins seconded. Unanimous.

Chief's Monthly Report:

Engineer Fletcher moved to accept the Chief's Monthly Report as written. Chairman Goins seconded. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Engineer Fletcher and Chairman Goins reviewed and signed purchase orders for vehicle maintenance.

Engineer Fletcher and Chairman Goins reviewed the employment application of Corey McGann. McGann's hiring for the call department was approved subject to review of criminal back ground check and driving history. (Engineer Fletcher moved to accept, Chairman Goins seconded. Unanimous.)

New Business:

Chief Greenleaf was please to announce that the trailer (with an approximate value of \$10,000) which was donated by Newington Energy to store confined space equipment has been detailed and is currently having shelving installed. Chief Greenleaf estimates that the trailer build out will be completed this week.

Chief Greenleaf announced that Sprague Energy has donated a trailer to hold Foam. The trailer will hold 660 gallons of class A foam and will be outfitted with 2 hand lines and a remote controlled nozzle. The trailer will provide the department an excellent advantage when responding to a chemical emergency. The trailer is valued at \$41,000.00.

Chief Greenleaf announced that the Fire Extinguisher Training Apparatus has been received. This piece of equipment is intended to train the public on when and how to use a fire extinguisher. Westinghouse donated the necessary funds to purchase the training equipment and is currently storing the device at their facility.

Assistant Chief Sylvia proposed the board review the Fire Department's Charter. Sylvia cited the age of the charter and language as the cause for his concern. Engineer Fletcher will review the charter and present recommendations to the board for amendments or adjustments.

Chief Greenleaf and Assistant Chief Sylvia presented a proposal to install public safety consoles in all fire department vehicles (except the command car). The public safety consoles would enable the department to have access to vital information.

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Assistant Chief Sylvia detailed the "Sparks" program which is currently being developed by Mark Merrill to be utilized with the public safety consoles. Fire fighter Merrill is compiling data from pre-fire planning building inspections such as proximity to water outlets, whether hazardous materials are stored on site, and dimensions and floor plans. Emergency contact information will also be added to Sparks.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Engineer Fletcher at 2010 hrs.
Respectfully submitted, Laurie Mu