

Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

57 Union Street • Deep River, CT 06417

Nov. 15, 2016

The November 14, 2016 meeting of the Deep River Fire Commission began at 7:01 P.M. with Lee, Spitzschuh, and Budney. David, and Bowden. Fire Marshal Kerop was also present.

The minutes of October 3, 2016 were reviewed. They were accepted as written. Moved by Bowden, 2nd, David. Unan

Some bills from last month were not posted. Otherwise the budget looks good.

Chief reported 17 calls. It has been a busy start to this month. Budney will fill out and submit paper work for the incident on State property.

This Sunday the Fire Department will host a Community Breakfast. This may be a good time to take time with the residents, to inform them of what the Department does, and their need and support for a new building.

Deputy reported that all maintenance has been done on the trucks.

Under Engineer's report, they are still waiting for hose testing.

Fire Marshal submitted and discussed his Activity Report.

There was some discussion on the call for the Becky Thatcher. One topic being if life vests were used, and which Organization it would be under.

He has been attending weekly meetings at Kirtland Commons.

The software at the Fire House was upgraded.

He purchased an I-pad to help with Inspections.

There was no Chairman's report.

Under Old Business, Lee presented a new contract for snow plowing this year. He will see if anyone from the Department would like to do it, before contracting an outside company.

There has been some movement on the land for the new building, with the Town receiving obtaining a verbal okay from the State. Now they are looking for a physical commitment before anything else is done.

Other Business brought up the topic of Middletown having a cascade system they would give to Deep River, for no consideration. The Department will look into how much it would cost to make this operational, verses, the purchase of a new system. Bowden has put together a letter on behalf of the Fire Marshal, which includes his time inspecting, among other things, the Reginal School Buildings. Also to confirm that the Fire Marshal in Deep River is paid substantially less than surrounding communities. The Chief reported that the Town must offer health insurance to Department members. He will be attending another meeting on this subject next week. They spoke more about Worker's Comp, and the existing claim, and where it was at this time. This will be looked into further by Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03. Moved by Lee, 2nd Bowden. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,


Clerk

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DRFD / FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITY REPORT OCTOBER 2016

10/03/16: DRFD Responded to 174 Falls Landing Rd for the Odor of Propane.

10/05/16: DRFD Responded to 1 Winthrop Rd for the AFA with nothing found. Detector reset and alarm co notified.

10/05/16: DRFD Responded to 10 Prospect Street for the smell of propane. Building was evacuated and metered with nothing found.

10/09/16: DRFD responded to DR Landing for the smoke investigation on the Becky Thatcher. Probably cause was engine issue and vessel operations were terminated until repaired. 5FM responded and was on scene.

10/12/16: DRFD responded to 60 Main street for the AFA caused by food on the stove. 5FM responded as well.

10/13/16: DRFD responded to 12 Bridge Street for the AFA due to malfunctioning detector in elevator pit. Building staff on scene and nothing else found. Alarm reset.

10/14/16: DRFD responded to IFO 733 West Elm Street for the MVA with one car vs pole. 1 refusal taken. Turned over to CSP to await Eversource.

10/17/16: DRFD responded to Route 9 SB 6 to 5 for the MVA with 1 car vs ledge with extensive standby for lighting during investigation.

10/17/16: DRFD responded to 66 Stanwoll Hill Rd for the small Brush fire.

10/18/16: DRFD responded to 49 Winterberry Rd for the AFA caused by contractors on scene.

10/21/16: DRFD responded to Route 9 SB for the MVA with one car vs guardrail and an active fuel leak. Leak was controlled and 1 refusal taken.

10/22/16: DRFD responded to 87 Main Street for the lift assist with EMS.

10/23/16: DRFD responded to 345 Winthrop Road for the 2 car MVA with fluids down. 1 patient transported and 1 refusal.

10/28/16: DRFD responded to West Bridge Street and Jones Lane for the MVA with a car vs pole. No hazards and 1 refusal taken.

10/29/16: DRFD responded to 49 Winterberry Road for the AFA caused by contractors.

10/29/16: DRFD responded to Silgan Plastics for the AFA with nothing found.

10/29/16: DRFD responded to 38 Bridge Street for the second AFA. Maint on scene disable the faulty point.

Fire Marshal Activity:

1. Attending weekly meetings at Kirtland Commons for the ongoing project.
2. Continuing support for the project at Lorimar Show Stables regarding the fire alarm system and the proposed draft basin
3. Performed a follow up fire prevention inspection at the Church Street Child Care
4. Performed a fire prevention inspection at the Swede Club
5. Performed follow up inspections at Silgan Plastics and reviewed the ongoing fire alarm installation work.
6. Performed a fire safety inspection at Calamari's tavern
7. Performed a fire safety inspection for the YMCA after school program
8. Working with the Riverview lodge and contractor regarding the planned sprinkler head change out project.

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9. Performed tens inspection for event at the stone house
10. Responded during event at stone house to investigate call from on scene FD member regarding the use of portable heaters. Worked with occupants to remove heaters due to fire safety and non compliance.
11. Working with the Fire Protection vendor regarding the fire pump project for Piano Works.
12. Inspected personal residence by request to determine if there were issues with their residential fire sprinkler system. Assisted the homeowner with contacting maintenance company to ensure they provided timely response.
13. Upgraded firehouse software to new FD Desktop and upload all occupancies into the new inspection module.
14. Re-submitted the years calls to the State of CT and appears errors are resolved.
15. Provided technical support to JW Junior High regarding fire protection options for the computer/server room.
16. Responded to the smoke investigation on the Becky Thatcher on 10/9/16 to assist the FD.
17. Responded to Kirtland Commons on 10/12/15 for the AFA resulting from food on the stove to assist the FD. Stood by to trouble shoot fire alarm issues.
18. Re-tested the fire alarm following repair on 10/13/16
19. Provided occupant training to Residents at Kirtland Commons on 10/14/16 regarding the changes in the fire alarm sequencing.
20. Responded to 66 Stanwoll Hill for the Brush Fire to assist the FD.
21. Provided Tornado Safety and Response Guidance to the Elementary School.

Burn Permits issued for the following:

60 West Elm
56 Stanwoll Hill
116 Meadow Woods

Blasting Permits:

Maine Drilling and Blasting -- Haynes Materials Blast site -- updated monthly

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**Summary of Activity for
Deep River Fire Department
Month of October, 2016**

November 14, 2016

During the month of October 2016, the Deep River Fire Department responded to 17 incidents.

Motor Vehicle Accident	5
HazMat	2
Brush Fire	1
Lift Assist	1
Automatic Fire Alarm	7
Smoke Investigation	1
TOTAL	17

Information recorded by:
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Fire Marshal