

**Town of Ridgefield
Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2009**

Commissioners Attending: Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner
Barbara Manners
Di Masters
Joan Plock

Representing RFD: Chief Heather Burford
Asst. Chief Kevin Tape
Asst. Emergency Manager Dick Aarons
RVFD Asst. Chief Mike Gabbianelli

Meeting Called to order by Commission Chair Rudy Marconi at 6:30

Tanker 12 Repairs

Chief Burford and Assistant Chief Tape presented plans for returning Tanker 12 to the manufacturer in Western Pennsylvania for warranty repair of tank leaks near the dump valve. Chief Tape said a study of alternatives determined the most cost efficient way to return the vehicle is to use a shipper with a flat-bed truck. Total cost is \$2,000 for the round trip. The operation was approved by consensus.

Station 2 Run-Policy

Chief Burford reported that the department is saving an estimated annualized 240 gal of fuel and 2,400 miles of road wear on Engine 2 by holding that engine at Station 2 (rather than dispatching immediately to cover headquarters) on those cases which call for an Engine 1/Medic 1 response. Under the new SOP, Engine 2 will not be dispatched to Station 1 if the Engine 1/Medic 1 crew can handle the situation within 30 minutes. If their response will take longer than 30 minutes, Engine 2 will be moved to Station 1 because the next call is likely to occur in the Engine 1 response district.

Truck/Apparatus Replacement

In general discussion, it was decided that Chief Burford will submit mileage analyses and an updated schedule for vehicle/apparatus replacement once a committee has been formed and recommendations made.

SAFER Grant Personnel Update

Chief Burford provided an update on SAFER grant personnel including their impact on minimum staffing overtime for the first quarter of 2007 through 2009. (See attached sheet.)

Automated CPR Unit

Chief Burford reported on the successful use of the department's new automated CPR unit and recommended that a second unit be purchased for \$13,000 using funds bequeathed to the Department. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Emergency Management Update

Assistant Emergency Manager Dick Aarons presented an update on town emergency management activities including NWS Storm Ready Certification, town employee and volunteer training, sheltering plans, public outreach and details of local EM meetings with regional and state decision-making bodies. (See attachment.)

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:25 pm .

Respectfully submitted.

Richard N. Aarons
Assistant Emergency Manager