

## **MINUTES OF THE 851<sup>st</sup> CORPORATION MEETING, September 12, 2016**

President Robert Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:03 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present - 66; Excused - 16; Absent -14.

Before the meeting started Annie Linden from ESI did a power point presentation on Employee Assistance Group program the department has. This presentation was to inform our members what is available to them through the Employee Assistance Program.

### **Life Saving Award Member Recognition – Chief Trick**

- A certificate and plaque were presented to Dylan Bernetich in recognition of a heroic act performed on July 21, 2016. Dylan pulled a person from the Farmington river after this person jumped from a bridge at a height of approximately 70 feet. Retired Chief Jamie DiPace found out about the incident and wrote a letter to President Shillington and Chief Trick to have Dylan presented with a Life Saving Award.
- Dylan addressed the membership telling them that he wouldn't have known what to do if he hadn't joined the Explorer program. His training made him ready to save this person.

### **Oath of Membership: Jamie DiPace**

- The Oath of Membership was taken by Jeff Bernetich.

The 850<sup>th</sup> Corporation Meeting minutes were approved.

### **Correspondence – Lt. Jean Barton**

- Thank You notes and donations were noted.

### **Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk- was absent**

- Financial reports were out for the members to take.

### **AV1: Chief Michael Trick –**

- Thank you to the members of the clambake.
- 9/11 Ceremony went well. There were quite a few people who attended.
- Thank you to Brian Baldwin and Mark Wilson for putting eye wash stations out. Considering permanent stations.
- Thank you to Nancy Crozier and Jack McGuire for helping Signal Service on all the lights on Rte. 44. If there are issues with the lights please notify the Chief.
- Considering upgrading the lights at Arch and W. Avon and Scoville and W. Avon. Still need to pre-empt the light at Country Club and W. Avon.
- Still having problems with getting physical information from HHMG. It is getting better with Captains Gelber and Corrado working with them.
- Old MH Rhodes building – the garage door is in and the walls are being completed. 75% completed. The only people who can get in right now are officers and some others.
- Brian Little purchased the old Muster truck
- Company 4 Renovations Committee – Chief sent out an email to see who would be interested. This committee will meet to consider how the basement could be used.
- The steel columns should be going in soon.

**AV2: Asst. Chief Bruce Appell**

- New Engine 7 hoping to get this delivered before Thanksgiving.
- New Engine 11 a few bugs but GK working on it.
- Tanker 5, E-10, E14 and E9 will have all new LED lighting
- Engine 9 will be replacing Engine 11. It will be a floating piece in case a truck goes down.
- Planning committee will meet on Thursday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**AV4: Asst. Chief Joe Speich:**

- Live burn will be held Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at the fire academy. Hopefully this will be the last live burn there.
- 2017 OSHA rule is that all firefighters must have one live burn a year.
- The flyer is out on the training board for Rescue classes.

**AV20: Jamie DiPace:**

- Live Burn Facility is done except for the electrical that needs to be done. There will be 2 burn rooms. Still need sprinkler system. Grand Opening will be Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Training officers for Avon and Farmington departments will meet to work out a schedule for both towns.
- Capt. Joe Speich, Capt. Aaron Gelber and Matt Polesel are now fire inspectors.
- The magnet school on Security Drive has asked for 3 more years to use the building as a school.

**AV21 Capt. Dave Bourgoin**

- Member Nate Findley graduated from the Police Academy.

**AV22: Capt. Ramona Mansfield**

- Hartford Stair Climb Registration – You can register early.
- Dave Capella did an Ironman and came in 4<sup>th</sup> with a time of 11 ½ hrs.

**AV23: Capt. Dave Theriault:**

- This weekend will be the State Convention. At this convention they will vote whether we will be able to host the convention in 2018.

**AV 24: Capt. Aaron Gelber**

- Congratulations to Dylan Bernetich
- Welcome Jeff Bernetich

**AV28: Medical Officer Adam Corrado: Reported by Chief Trick**

- October 6 will be the first flu clinic from 10 am to 6 pm. The other dates will be October 15 and October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Buildings Rep: Bob Theriault**

- Co. 2 back stairs are in thanks to Aaron Gelber, Matt Caron, Rick Solari and Brian Corrigan

**Committee Reports:**

• **Community Outreach- Dennis Bianchi**

- Avon Day is Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. I have Truck 6, but I need an engine for touch a truck from 1 pm to 3 pm. Still need help manning the both. Contact Dennis if you can help.
  - Golf Tournament - We made \$9,575 but we have not received check from are big sponsor O'Neill's Chevrolet. We made \$2,523 on the raffle and silent auction.
  - Fundraising – So far we have received \$72,000
  - Fire Prevention in the schools will be Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Will send out an email with more information. Will need drivers. Please contact Dennis to let him know you will be able to bring a truck.
  - Apple Rehab is doing Touch a Truck on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 1 pm. If you can bring a truck that day, please contact Dennis.
  - Children's Holiday Party will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at Company 1. Will send out more information later.
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- Tad Green is looking for members to look over the department's By-Laws and bring to the Board any changes they may have. If you are interested, you can sign up tonight or contact Tad to let him know you are interested.
  - Farmington Fire Department is having a car show on Oct.23<sup>rd</sup>. Proceeds will go towards maintenance and purchasing new items for the Live Burn Facility. They are looking for Fire Police.

**Good and Welfare- No Report**

**Pot of Gold and Attendance Award –**

Pot of Gold – Andy Ozmun \$39.00 (He donated it to the department

Attendance Award – Nick Mathein \$10

Meeting adjourned at 21:40. (GB)