

HAMPTON-VALLEY FORGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Monthly Business meeting for Thursday, January 13, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chief Chris Isaacs at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CHIEF CHRIS ISAACS
ASSISTANT CHIEF SCOTTIE WILSON
CAPTAIN JIMMY VINES
MONTGOMERY (E)
TREASURER DONNIE ISAACS
SECRETARY TINA WILSON
AUSTIN CLAWSON
DARECK WOODS
ZACH FORD
ELIJAH SMITH
NATHANIEL TOWNSEND
CODY BANKS
ISAAC TOLLEY
DOMINIQUE BEMILLER

ABSENT

MARTY CABLE (E)
JOSH PIERCE (E)
NICK
BRYAN CRUM (E)
CURT BOWEN (E)
LEE BEMILLER (E)
JARED O'HARA (E)

- Motion to accept minutes of last meeting for Thursday, November 11, 2021, made by Scottie Wilson. Isaac Tolley second that motion.
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

OFFICER'S REPORT GIVEN BY JIMMY VINES FOR 12-01-21 THROUGH 12-31-21

- Accident with injury: 2
- Alarms: 3
- Breaking and entering/Burglary: 1
- Cardiac or respiratory arrest/death: 2
- Electrical hazard: 2
- Falls: 1
- Fire Structure: 1
- Odor (strange/Unknown): 1
- ProQA Medical: 1
- Sinking vehicle/vehicle in flood water: 1
- Smoke investigation (outside): 1
- Stroke/Transportation Ischemic attack: 1
- Structure Fire: 5
- Traffic collision/transportation incident: 1
- Traffic collision/transportation incident: 2
- Traffic Hazard: 1
- Unconscious/fainting (near):1
- Vegetation/wildland/brush/grass fire: 3

TOTAL CALLS: 30

TREASUER REPORT GIVE BY DONNIE ISAACS AS OF 1/13/2022

- CHECKING: \$19,245.22
 - SAVINGS: \$21,899.07
 - SAVINGS PAYPAL: \$217.94
- TOTAL OF: \$41,362.23**
- COUNTY FUNDS: \$50,152.28
 - We will still have over \$30,000 left in county funds once 304 payment is placed in May 2022 and insurance payment for little over \$4,000.
 - Spent \$57,122 on station 3. Leaving use with \$2,774.75 out of county funds.
 - Made \$13,400 from mailouts
 - Beck Mountain Baptist Church sends \$100 check every month
 - Union Baptist has us a \$500.00 check. We need to get with them to have picture taken and article written up by newspaper.

NEW BUSINESS

- On Sunday, January 9, 2022, we had a report of one of our members who had allegations made against him for harassment and extortion. We had a special called meeting with the officer's and membership committee of the department. Amos Halava representing the Sheriff Office presented evidence of the harassment case, explained upon investigation, he uncovered evidence on Caleb Odom. He used an Instagram account to send explicit and foul language to a jailer who works for carter county jail, wife. This occurred over several days and they decided to report it to the sheriff's office. This is when Officer Amos Halava began his investigation. During the investigation Officer Halava found the Instagram account was linked to Caleb Odom's Facebook account, credit card with Caleb home address, new phone number the fire department just issued to Caleb Odom. When Amos Halava spoke to Mr. Odom, he said maybe Michael Cavalieri had access to his phone. Chris Isaacs called another member of our department who was close friends with Mr. Odom to see if this was his kind of behavior. When we asked this other member if this was his kind of behavior, he stated that Mr. Odom had made comments about this member's girlfriends butt which made her very uncomfortable. Chief Chris Isaacs also stated to all members that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated in the department. He asked that if this kind of thing ever happens to tell an Officer in the department immediately. It was with decision based on evidence of Caleb Odom that the Officer's and membership committee decided that it was best for Caleb Odom not to be in the department. Due to Caleb Odom telling Officer Halava, Michael Cavalieri maybe had access to his phone, it was determined he should not be apart of the department. This decision was voted on at the January 8, 2022, meeting.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE DEPARTMENT WAS TAKEN OVER BY OFFICER'S

- Tablets in all trucks
- Atak
- Tv in bay
- Computer data system
- Iso dropped
- Burning Building
- Burn Car
- T-Mobile
- T-Mobile commercial
- Every member has radios
- AED on every truck
- Medical Bags
- Thermal Cameras
- 300,302,306 upgraded emergency lights
- New airpicks
- New Gear
- New Helmets
- New Boots
- New Gloves
- New Saws

- **New Blowers**
 - **Replaced Bed on 305**
 - **Replaced 306**
 - **Deck Gun on 302**
 - **Gate valve on 300**
 - **Building station 3**
 - **Station 2 funding**
 - **4th of July event is bigger than ever**
 - **Halloween event is growing**
 - **Firework sales**
 - **WIFI garage door openers**
 - **Upgraded all flashlights to LED**
 - **Radio Tower**
 - **2nd Radio for command**
 - **Everyone completed 64-hour class except new guys**
 - **Built a relationship with CCSD, CCRS, THP, Wrecker Service, County Commission, and our community**
 - **New SOG'S**
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- **We need everyone to start stepping up more in helping with the department. If you don't believe in what we are doing, then you shouldn't be in the department. If you have too much going on in your life that you can't commit to the department, you can ask to take leave for six months or however you need. Don't leave the department on bad terms. Iso testing this year will be on training records, maintenance records and water haul. If you are not here for trainings that gives us a lower average and doesn't help lower insurance cost for the community.**
 - **Station 3 update: Bryan Crum is working on electrical tomorrow. As soon as electrical is finished, sheet rock will go up. Workers are doing that for free. We just provide materials. As soon as sheet rock is up, we will have installation put in and need to finish bathroom plumbing. After all that, we will have couple more loads of gravel brought up and everything should be complete. In spring we will have an open house and invite everyone who designed and worked on the building. Curt will setup the drone to video Station 3.**
 - **Monument stuff is ordered for Station 1. They are unsure when they will get it but once it is complete their will be a big dedication with the Governor and others being present.**
 - **Station 2: \$150,000 was given to us by county. George Guinn is going to tear down old station 2 and says he can do it for \$10,000 and he will dispose of materials. If anyone wants anything inside the building, you can start anytime getting that out. March 1, 2022, we are hoping to start tearing down and by April 1, 2022, walls will be going up for new station 2. All exercise equipment needs to be stored in burn building. If you want to keep pool table, we can store it at station 3 for the time being. Lawn mower needs to be moved to station3. We will try and**

have a work session sometime in February 2022 to get everything out of building. We will sell metal roofing that's on old station 2.

- Toy Drive went well. We had a lot of publicity. Next year we plan on making it bigger with a whole day of wrapping gifts. Ask Jennifer Bowen to setup a hot chocolate bar for us during the wrapping of gifts.
 - Ordered two airpack brackets. Moving one airpack out of the seat of 302 and putting it on the side. Going to reorganize 302 equipment so can easily remove airpacks when they are needed.
 - Scottie Wilson got the new intersection LED lights on 300
 - Weather forecast for Sunday is 0-2 foot of snow. May have less treated roads due to county having employees out with possible covid. They have contracted another company to come in and scrap the roadways. Check all trucks on Saturday and make sure they are full of fuel just in case of a power outage. Make sure saws are working.
 - Review of last calls: Structure fire on Brown's Branch, everyone did well but we need to train more on water supply and drafting. Assisted Elk Mills on Structure fire and assisted Elk Mills on a fatality house fire. Members of their department left scene and went to work, and the fire wasn't out and body still in the home. Donnie Isaacs went back and put fire out and stayed until body was removed from home. Assisted Roan Mountain on house fire. That fire is being investigated for possible arson. Edge Water call went well.
 - Donnie Isaacs bought new cones for trucks
 - Put toolbox on trucks. Don't take tools off trucks
 - Donnie Isaacs made a motion so buy \$300 worth of backup lights for 300. Elijah Smith Second that motion.
- VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP

- No one is eligible to move up

NEW MEMBERSHIP

- Rusty Humphrey was voted in for 6-month apprenticeship and was explained to that at any time, the officer's feel he isn't meeting requirements he can be removed from the department. Amos Halava made a motion to accept Rusty Humphrey as apprentice member. Trey Rachall second that motion.
- VOTE: MOTION CARRIED
- Due to Keelan Townsend recently leaving Stoney Creek Fire Department and the drama he caused when he was last in our department, the decision from the body was made to hold their vote for him to become an apprentice member until he comes to trainings, helps with events, and proves to us that he has changed then a decision will be made wither to make him a member or not.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm by Chief Chris Isaacs

