

Chippewa Fire District
District Officers Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2023, at 18:30
(In person and Google Meet)

Meeting called to order by Chief Scott Bernette at 18:30 hours with the following Officers present: Scott Bernette, Mike Nowak, Jim Campbell, Samantha McTaggart, Clayton McTaggart, Charles Holloway, Cory Jeffers, Eric Hennlich, TJ Schemenauer, Cory Scheidler, Kris Krall, Ron Wolf, Jake Grotthus, and Peter Arriola.

Approve Last Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Mike Nowak and seconded by Cory Jeffers to approve the February minutes as posted. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Training: Complete UL Fire Safety Research Institute “Understanding and Fighting Basement Fires”.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

SOP 103 SOP 103 Discipline and Grievance: Chief Bernette went over the changes submitted for review. Motion made by DC Jeffers and seconded by Capt. S McTaggart to approve as posted. Motion passed on a voice vote.

SOP 501 MABAS and MA Calls: Chief Bernette went over the changes submitted for review. Motion made by DC Jeffers and seconded by TO Holloway to approve as posted. Motion passed on a voice vote.

SOP 2010 2 Acting Shift Captain: Chief Bernette went over the changes submitted for review. Motion made by DC Jeffers and seconded by DC Nowak to approve as posted. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Reports or updates from Station/Shift Officers:

Station 1: DC Nowak talked about the upcoming Hallie Association Fund Raiser.

Station 3: Nothing was reported at this time.

Station 6: Nothing was reported at this time.

Shift Officers: Capt. Wolf talked about CPR, New Stair Chairs, and RTF Training.

Fire Chief: Chief Bernette reviewed SOP 2008, 2010, 2010-1, and 2010-2. We need to lead by example and enforce SOPs to keep our members safe.

Safety, Health, and Training Topic:

Safety (DC Nowak)

Old Business:

ICS Vests WIP – money was approved for this project. DC Nowak to get updated pricing and ordering.

Traffic Signs – project completed.

New Business:

Gear Cleaning – new washer extractor is installed. Instructions on how to operate it have been posted by the washer. The laundromat in Chippewa or Eau Claire can still be used.

Health (DC Scheidler):

New Business:

PPE on and members are ready to go when in staging.

Looking at chairs for use in rehab

Training:

Old Business:

Fire Tactics updates by the committee – next meeting will be at 5:30pm prior to Officer meeting.

Update on training building – DC Jeffers gave a report on this project.

New Business:

DC Jeffers talked about the District Wide Training for April. Looking into setting up tours at Viking Gas and Wissota Dam.

Near Misses Report:

The near misses – Tender Operations and spotters. Also talked about the fatal fire a department had recently.

Other Concern/Topics:

Employee Reviews: The Officers talked about doing employee reviews as another part of the process in order to have better communication with our members. Captains would review their crews, Deputy Chief would review their Captains and Training Officer, and the Chief would review the Deputy Chiefs. It was talked about possibly doing them quarterly or maybe in May and November of each year. We will discuss this topic further at the next Officers Meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn at 20:00 by Mike Nowak and seconded by Samantha McTaggart.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.