

ALTON FIRE WARDS  
ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT  
ALTON, NH 03809

April 27, 2005

Fire Wards Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Chairman Ken Roberts, Vice Chairman Richard Quindley, Board Member John Scott, Fire Chief Alan Johnson and Secretary Mary Jane Dascoli

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm, at the Central Fire Station, by Chairman Roberts.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Quindley motioned to accept the agenda for the April 27, 2005 meeting, seconded by Member Scott. All in favor, the motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Scott to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2005 Fire Ward's Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Member Scott to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2005 Fire Ward's Special Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed.

PUBLIC INPUT    None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Chief Johnson to Student Intern Ferguson regarding his resignation from the Intern Program was discussed. Vice Chairman Quindley made a motion to accept this resignation, seconded by Chairman Roberts. All in favor, the motion passed.

#### CHIEF'S REPORT                    (see report attached)

Regarding the repaint and repairs on 1 A1, Chief Johnson stated that the Ambulance would be gone for approximately 1-1 1/2 months. He also added that he would like to keep Ambulance 3 and house it at the West Station; more discussion followed and Member Scott added that he didn't want to keep A3 if it continued to cost the department money. It was decided to continue the discussion at a later date.

The Chiefs report continued. The Intern Program was discussed and the number of students the department would be accepting. The Chief advised the Board Members that this Fall will be the first year that the department will sponsor an Intern into a Paramedic Program. He added that this young lady could be a big asset to the department, not to mention the increase in level of care to be provided to the community.

A discussion was held regarding the Alton Firemen Inc and their donation of \$2,000.00 to the Fire Department to assist with costs associated with moving the administrative offices to the first floor. The Chairman instructed the secretary to do a memo to the Town Administrator advising him of this donation.

Regarding the new rescue truck, the Chief stated the only thing they are waiting on is a new light tower. The truck will be coming with a better light for the same price. A discussion was held regarding turning over the old rescue truck to the American Red Cross Laconia Chapter as previously approved.

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Regarding Bike Week and a Paramedic riding along just in case or as needed, the Board asked the Chief to check with the Town Administrator relative to liability issues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was held regarding the election of officer's to the Board. Vice Chairman Quindley made a motion to keep the Board Members the same as they are now, seconded by Member Scott. All in favor, the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

(covered in Chiefs Report)

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Quindley to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm; seconded by Chairman Roberts. All in favor, the motion passed - meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jane Dascoli  
Recording Secretary

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Date approved

Ken Roberts, Chairman

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Richard Quindley, Vice Chairman

  
John Scott, Board Member

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1. Engine 1 is back in service at Central Station. I plan to use the Engine to

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2. 1 A1 will be going to go to Sanford FL. For the work that was discussed with ALF. The rig will be having the box removed from the frame, it will be sand blasted to remove the paint, and the interior will be removed to replace the damaged floor. When the bus is repaired it will have been repainted and the interior floor will be replaced, all striping will be replaced, and it will be returned.

3. When 1A1 returns from being repaired, I would like to run three Ambulances in town, hopefully we will be building an addition to the East Alton Station, which would allow the Department to provide EMS services from each Sub Station when the addition is done.

4. 1 A3 would be housed in the West Alton Station; it fits there and allows us to staff a second Ambulance. The Medic Master rigs will not fit. At some point I hope to have three manned sub-stations by students which will hopefully put off hiring full time Firefighters.

5. We have discussed the addition on the main floor, the Alton Firemen's Assoc. has donated \$2000.00 to help pay for the material. The proposed renovations will allow the administrative offices to be relocated to the first floor; also we would be able to house six students at the Central Station. We will be conducting our physical test for the Academy program, at this time we have received between 10 and 12 new requests for sponsorship at the Academy. There is one application that has been accepted to the Tech School in a three year Paramedic Program; she has applied for sponsorship from the Department. If she is accepted in our program she would be housed at the West Alton Station, in one of the private rooms. The bathroom would be made uni-sex with a lock on the door. The officers have been included in the discussion regarding the application and agree

that if accepted, she could be a big asset to the department and the care that we provide to the community. My intent is to hopefully have a paramedic on the Department within three years when she completes her classes.

6. The Rescue Truck will be ready for a final inspection some time during the second week of May. When it gets here it will have the radio installed by 2 Way Communications, then we will start to remove the equipment from the old truck, this should take about 1 week. I hope to have the truck ready for the Memorial Day weekend.
  
7. During Bike Week we will be staffing two ambulances, during both weekends; we may have a paramedic on staff during those weekends. One of our EMS instructors has offered to work with us during Bike Week. She is a State Registered Paramedic that works full time for LRGH and rides with Gilford FD, she would be available to work with us during that time. Chief Iwans has asked if the Fire Department would be able to provide a Fire Truck for crowd control if needed. I would like to provide our people with knife vests if PD has loaners.