



## West Dover, Vermont Fire Department



### Officer's Meeting Agenda – September 25, 2023

#### Attendance

Mike Aldrich	Mike Hescock
Zack Benczkowski	Ben Joyce
Candace Cole	Mickey Kersten
Tim Dolan	Rich Werner

#### Meeting to commenced at 17:00 at West Dover Firehouse

**Mount Snow:** Dan Thoemke (base area manager), Halie Delgiudice (employee housing manager), and Glen Merrill attended meeting from Mount Snow to discuss clearing alarms and security:

- Alarms – who is authorized to clear alarms
  - Zack and Rob are authorized to clear when they are onsite.
  - Halie – now have 4 people working employee housing so they anticipate better coverage and fewer alarms.
  - Glen – lives 15 minutes away from mountain and available 24/7.
  - New cameras set up to show pull stations - setting a zero tolerance for intentional pulls.
  - Dispatch will alert with the security code for FD access for each room.
  - There will be a clipboard at the desk showing which room is occupied for the season.
  - No residential in the basement level.
- Snow Lake Lodge (and other buildings) – AFA and how to handle going forward
  - Security used to be alerted and respond first and then notify WDFD if need be.
  - Management is not onsite 24/7 (only M-F 9-5) but Glen is available to respond.
  - Dan – fire panel is older - \$30K replacement needed but not in budget.
  - Overnight Security Guard will be stationed out of Snow Lake Lodge (with exception of about 45 minutes in the morning).
- Other buildings:
  - Overnight security – found a 5 night a week (Sat – Wed) person to work overnight. Working to add another for the remaining nights.
  - If security is on duty, the call goes to them – otherwise it goes to grand summit.
- Recommending that Mount Snow have a responsible person onsite 24/7 to interact with WDFD once they arrive who will know.
- Hydrants near the Snow Barn needs to be repaired and the pressure reduced. Dan will research and get back to us with details.
- Snow Removal Staff – please remind that the WDFD needs access to all sides of the hydrants
- Will send a contact list to [Fire@doververmont.com](mailto:Fire@doververmont.com) to be distributed to the Officers.
- Work with Dan to set up a Drill with Mount Snow

#### **Notes to Team:**

- All fire department gear, including wildland gear, is to be left in the firehouse – only exception is with approval from an Officer. Any SAR gear is to be assigned to you from the SAR Officer only.

- Octoberfest @ Mount Snow - we will supply trucks for touch-a-truck. If interested, meet at the West Dover Fire House at 10:00 10/07.

### **Training:**

Request for pager for Gage Cimino –

- Zack made motion to vote on approval for pager, Tim seconded
- All approved
- The pager is not be used while attending school

Request for Ricky Kennett to be cleared to drive E1

- Zack made motion to vote on approval, Mike Hescok seconded
- All approved

Upcoming Fire Drills:

- 10/04/2023 - Tactical Ventilation
- 10/18/2023 - Structural Fire Suppression Drill (Commercial)

Upcoming SAR Drills:

- 10/11/2023 – Reviewing policies with Mike Porter from Mount Snow

**Someday Development:** Ham Hodgman attending meeting to review proposed access plans to proposed private road.

- Looking to develop 5 lots at the top of the hill. Their permit expired during COVID and are now refileing.
- Plans changing to access via Someday Road (not Hathaway).
- Parts of the road will be 8% elevation with 45' turning radius. The WDFD alerted that the combination of the elevation and turn are difficult to navigate the tanker. Asking to go back and work on how the road lays out.
- Act 250 - Dry hydrant is down on Someday Road at the pond, a pump system will need to be installed to pull that water up to these buildings – if not then a 60K gallon storage tank to be installed.
- Turnaround should be constructed taking snow removal into consideration.

**SCBA Flow Test:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 – arriving at WDFD between 08:00 and 08:30. Mickey will attend.

**Adventure Race:** Adventure race to be held 09/29-09/30 at Mount Snow. Pre-plan went well – more details coming in on the final course. Rescue Inc will take care of issues unless there is a 911 call then SAR and Wilmington will join. SAR will have a member of DVR attend on any rescue.

**Gym Equipment:** Moving equipment to basement.

- Tim has results of survey and will create a layout for the basement
- Will determine if there is space for bike and rowing machine

**SOG Updates:** Updated SOGs:

**SCBA** - Mickey Kersten – minor changes approved except for:

- SCBA fit test – Mickey to research options and bring back to future meeting
- Add respiratory fit test to training for once within each four (4) year span
- Forwarded Mickey's email to the officers – please review

**Mayday** - Mike Hescok

**Accountability** – Mike and Ben agreed upon the changes. Will bring into next meeting for review and approval. Candace to find copies of it and send to Mike and Ben. Candace to retype the original SOG and will add SAR language from Mike Aldrich

**New Compressor:** We will work to get it into the basement. Mike Hescock will look at stairs to see if they can be taken out and the compressor placed down into basement. Mickey Kersten working to coordinate electrician and the company to install at the same time.

**Dry Hydrant:** potential to locate a dry hydrant in Tollgate Village. Mickey Kersten to determine what will be needed to install and the cost.

- Parts are in, Rich needs to go to NH to pick up – Rich requested info from Travis
- Landowner's Agreement sent to Mickey

**Radio Numbers:** New radio numbers will be assigned to all firefighters & SAR members via a random drawing at September 6th drill. Zack to send radio numbers to Candace for distribution

**Meeting Adjourned at 19:30**