

West Dover Fire Department  
Officers Meeting  
Minutes  
January 9, 2017

Officers Present: Gary Caruthers, Mickey Kersten, Rich Werner, Ricky Fletcher, Mike Hescock

Also Present: Recording secretary Tim Dolan

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Bill Shea – 2017 list of training drills

- Feb – Salvage, overhaul & thermal imaging
- March- Ladder truck
- April- Grand Summit Hotel standpipes & sprinklers
- May- thermal imager & large hand lines
- June- hand lines, adding hose, moving lines
- July- elevators at Butterfield & Saloon
- August- ladders & ladder truck
- Sept- SCBA, thermal, hand lines
- Oct- ventilation & saws
- Nov- HazMat & gas motors

ISO rating down to 5A (lower number the better)

- A- denotes no town water system
- Improved with
  - hose & pump testing
  - Good turnout at structure fires
  - Dispatching service

Fire Calls December-

- Lots of false alarms
- Lots of car accidents
- Mutual Aid phone system down
  - Had phone calls sent to police, they can radio mutual aid to tone
  - If it happens again
    - Reverse 911 system
    - Facebook pages
- Valley View Rd- damper had closed the day before
- Forest Lane- Keyholder couldn't remember which alarm he silenced

Ladders & ladder truck all got inspected

- Problem with rotating box being loose
- Few other minor problems with ladder truck
- Company will come in next month to fix everything
- Irons now mounted
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New double males & double females now on trucks

Ordered 12 new pagers, saved \$40 ea

- 3 tones
  - West Dover Fire
  - Search & Rescue
  - Station Only Tone for when station is manned

Jeanette doing good job recording false fire alarms

- 10 year study- Gone to Seasons & Greensprings the most for fire alarms

Last year 143 total calls

***5:25pm Made trip to Butterfield to speak to residents***

Reviewed Butterfield fire escape plan

- Last alarm no one evacuated
- Need to get out, or at least to stairwells which are rated for 2 hours
- Close doors behind- rooms also are rated for 2 hours so want to keep the fire in/out to reduce spread

Sprinkler system

- Each head goes off individually as heat gets to them
- Separate power for sprinklers, would be shut off as needed not automatically

*Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm*