



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting Minutes October 31, 2024

Chief introduced our new volunteer, Neil Kurtz, who lives on Edisto and is the training guy for St. Paul's.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Tires were replaced on the trailer and on the squad for the trip to N.C.

The trip was very successful. The Chief, Wendy Griffin and Brian Henderson went Sunday-Friday (10/27-31) to Burnsville and Spruce Pine. They gave 3500 lbs. of material to people in those hardest hit areas. They got radio and local newspaper coverage. Chief said mostly workers from other states were cleaning and "mudding". Wendy wrote a nice statement about the trip. The Chief will send to Bess to email to all volunteers. They were greatly appreciated, and the Chief is planning another trip.

2. Emergency response gear: The Chief ordered 20 more flash lights and will order more gloves and other items. Get one if needed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tommy Sandel was cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, so no report

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The annual donation letter is done and will be mailed November 1. We will stuff and stamp another 4-500 and hand deliver to folks in the Neck, the Hammocks, Jeremy Cay and Edisto Oaks. This year, it took only 3 Sundays to stamp and stuff all the envelopes from a great group of 8-10 volunteers. Great fun and fellowship. Kate Hall suggested we do this in January of 2025 when the weather is not as good. The chief suggested a collage for our picture next year and Kate suggested photos from the N.C. relief trip.
2. Emergency Operations Trailer weekly check inventory and check off sheets:
Chief appreciates the "check off" folks who showed up to do the job; Boxes need attaching as they were moving all over the trailer once empty
3. CPR/AED instructor update: paperwork finally sorted out so Travis Sira and Wendy Griffin can move forward now
4. Prevention Handouts for CRR: Thad Daise was absent.
Cameron Andrews talked about the in-home CRR inspections and accolades to all that helped. Ten people have completed the Home Safety Visit (HSV) training. They installed and tested smoke alarms, CO detection, demonstrated fire ladders, and everything on the check form. The initial plan is to target volunteer houses first, then the town employees. The next step is to go to targeted groups and schedule visits. Jeff Sira asked if we can get CO alarms from the company that supplies smoke alarms. Cameron will check.
5. Upcoming Events update: the annual Christmas party will be December 17. The Chief has a meeting Monday to discuss. It may be held at the Yacht Club. We will Split cost with town for venue and food. The money will come out of I & I money. The annual Christmas Parade will be on December 14. Folks can ride in the fire truck but will be needed for traffic control as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cost of hotels and food for relief missions: 2 EB police paid for 2 rooms as volunteers were not allowed to stay in shelters. Cost for the 5 days in NC for food and hotels were \$300-500 per person. Most of the money was donated but the Chief suggested we allocate money for a disaster relief fund for the future. Kate Hall made a motion for the VFD to give \$5000 for a disaster relief fund for the future. 2nd by Cameron Andrews, approved unanimously.
2. Storage shed for gear and relief supplies: We need a storage building to house supplies for disaster relief items at the Fire Station; Bill Cumming suggested a mini-shipping container. Chief will research it
3. Fire Hydrant painting crew: Chief said 9 hydrants were painted last month, but more are needed to be painted especially at the front beach accesses. We need another crew. Jeff Sira and Bill Cumming volunteered to paint on Tuesday, 11/5.
4. New Vending machine for Watering Hole: Wendy stated the old machine is at the Civic Center and it needs stocking. She will take an inventory next week and buy needed items. We hope to get a new one at the fire station in the spring
5. SCFA online Emergency Vehicle driver awareness class: Rich Barreto was absent; will discuss it at a later meeting. Chief will send email with link for course; print certificate and bring to Chief. You will be able to drive utility vehicles at the fire dept.
6. The Christmas Party Committee will meet on Monday to finalize plans. The Town will send out invitations
7. Target Solutions push to get everyone enrolled: The website is Vector Solutions; best to use on computer or iPad. Ken Sallenger can help you
8. Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year: Everyone voted by secret ballot tonight and there is a 3-way tie. The chief will reach out to those that were absent tonight for their vote.

Training:

Ken Sallenger talked to us about Target Solutions. Everyone needs to do it!! He talked about courses offered and hit on fire and exposure control; fire extinguishers, the 4 things that fuel a fire; shutting a door in your house when a fire breaks out, etc. etc. All the classes offered in Target Solutions all tie in together. Ken also demonstrated the HOT stick to detect "live" wires.

Meeting adjourned.

Bess Kellett