

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN RESCUE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008 AT 7:00 P. M.
FIRE AND RESCUE BUILDING**

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING:

Jennifer informed members that on the back of tonight's agenda, there is the draft of the minutes to the November meeting. She informed that she did not get them out to members and requested that members review them and be ready to approve them at the January meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There is no change from the report given November 24th at the Corporate Meeting. End of the year report will be available at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

CPR Classes: Jen informed members that classes are starting tomorrow (December 3 and 10) and there will be another one in January (6 and 13th). She advised there is still room in the January class should anyone need it.

Heart Saver Classes: Jen informed members that heart saver class would be held in February for firefighters. Members who need AED or a little refresher will be able to participate.

Combined Training: Jen advised that she spoke with EAS about combined training with Enosburg. She stated she learned it had been tried before, but there was some problems with Franklin folks not wanting to travel there and Enosburg not wanting to travel here. EAS thinks, however, that it is a good idea and we will "give it a shot". Jen stated she would work with John and come up with a rough draft for next year. It was stated that if we combine this training we would need to go out of our way to make Enosburg feel welcome. In the past when members went to Enosburg for some training, they expressed that they felt very out of place. Jen stated she would address this with EAS.

Jen asked if there were any other comments/questions about training. It was requested voted on and approved to waive training for December. Jen stated she would notify all members via e-mail and try to fit the additional training into the January schedule.

SUBSCRIPTION LETTER: Jen informed members that the last page of the materials attached to tonight's agenda is what they came up with to put on the reverse of the subscription letter. She showed members how it would be folded. Members complimented Jen on it.

WEBSITE: Jen has updated the website with seven photos. She invited anyone who would like photos posted on the site to send them to her. Jen asked if anyone had anything else for old business and there was nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holiday Party: Jen advised that since it is such a busy month for everyone, she would like to have the holiday party for the squad in late January or February.

Public Relations: Jen advised that there is a week in May designated as Emergency Medical Services Week. It falls the week before Memorial Day. She stated that in the past there has been some discussion about some community services such as special events, lectures, bicycle helmets, etc. She feels if we had a lot of participation there is any number of things that could be done. She invited members to come up with ideas, comments or suggestions.

Drivers: We still need drivers for the day shift on December 24 and 25. Jen stated that even if someone can provide coverage for half of a shift, it would help.

January Meeting: Jen advised that we have been scheduling our monthly business meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, however, in January training is scheduled for that date. She asked if members would be available instead on the first Thursday of the month, which falls on January 8. If members agree, our January meeting will be held that day. Jen stated she would send out a note to everyone and get back to the squad once she has received comments back.

Jen asked if members had anything else, there were a couple of items:

Radios: It was outlined for members the steps being taken by the Fire Department to update radio communications by using both the Franklin and Highgate towers. This will eliminate "dead areas" within the town and allow all members to hear transmissions. The fire depart is working on this now.

Air Handling System: Members were reminded that it takes as long to deflate the air handling device as it does to inflate it. Members were reminded to take off slowly with the ambulance to avoid damage or ripping it off the ceiling.

Jen wished all members a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

These minutes were voted on and approved at the January 8, 2008 business meeting.