

Meeting Minutes Campton-Thornton Fire Commission March
11, 2009

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1601 hrs. by Chair Dan Morel.

Members present were Dan Morel, Niles Downing, Richard Giehl, Todd Baldwin.

Chief David Tobine

The minutes from February 11, 2009 were read and accepted.

Old Business : The old air packs and spare bottles that have been replaced were donated to the Whitefield Fire Dept.
There were 12 packs and 20 spare bottles.

Chief Tobine now has a contract for new hires to sign in which the new hire agrees to reimburse the Department for expenses incurred for required training if the employee leaves within 3 years of hire. There is also a residency clause in it.

Josh Fitz was hired to replace Paramedic Jeff Quesnell who moved on to another department. Josh will graduate from Lakes Region Community College in May with a degree in Fire Science and is an EMT-Intermediate student.

Chief Tobine passed out copies of the recently updated and approved Fire-Rescue Service Agreement between the towns of Campton, Thornton, and Ellsworth to the Commission members present.

New Business:

A request was made to purchase a bulk supply of "forever" stamps before the postage increase takes effect. The expenditure of up to ½ of the postage appropriation was approved.

Chief Tobine informed the Commission of a public hearing at Fire Standards and Training relative to the discontinuance of the C2 F2 program. It is felt by many Chief that this required level of training is mostly duplicative of required training already in place. It is felt that this is an unnecessary cost and burden to the municipalities and firefighting personnel. Both new hires at CTFD will need to successfully complete this program.

Chief Tobine discussed the department's vehicle and apparatus State Inspection procedures to the Commission. Fire Apparatus will be

inspected at Lakes Region Fire Apparatus. Other vehicles will be inspected at A&H Automotive in Campton.

The Campton-Thornton Fireman's Association received a grant in the amount of \$5000.00 towards the purchase of a Zoll Auto-Pulse Life Support Device (CPR machine) from Meredith Village Savings Bank. The Association is doing a mailing and making calls in an effort to raise an additional \$10,000 to purchase the device.

The Chief requested that the meeting go into Non-Public session to discuss a personnel matter at 1642 hrs.

The public session resumed at 1700 hrs.

The Commission and Chief discussed the vacancy in the fulltime shift coverage caused by an employee being out on Worker's Comp. The Commission authorized the Chief to hire qualified personnel on a per/diem basis to cover the open shifts. If coverage is not available from with-in the Call company, qualified personnel from other departments may be utilized. The importance of maintaining the normal level of service to the communities was stressed.

Chief Tobine has developed a new Chain of Command flow chart and went over it with the Commissioners. He will provide them with copies at the next meeting.

No other business to discuss. A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 1709 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing.

Approved 4-8-09