

Frاندford Mutual Aid Fire Training Assoc.
Feb 15th, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Mark Blanchette, Wayne Dube, Richy Jones, Vicki Schmidt, Al Curtis III, Jeff Harren, Scott Dennett

Called to order at 1840 by Vice President Richy Jones

Secretary's report: January minutes were sent email, but appear to not have been received. Vicki will check that out.

Treasures report: Balance as of this evening, \$1251.73. Reservation deposit of \$500 has been sent to The Bethel Inn.

Old Business:

Western Maine Fire Attack School:

Keep checking the website for updates on vendors, etc. Reminder to FD's that course registrations postmarked by March 1st are eligible for some larger door prizes, to include an overnight stay at The Bethel Inn and Resort.

Fire Extinguisher Trainer is ordered on Feb 6th, it should be here in two weeks or so. The FE trainer will live at Mexico FD and they will manage and maintain it. Everyone in attendance decided to host a TtT for the FE Trainer at our next meeting. We'll meet at Canton as they have a nice big area out back that will work perfectly for us. Plan to be at Canton FD for our next meeting on March 14th at 1830 hours if you're interested in learning how to operate and train with the trainer. Jonesy reported one \$500 pledge still needs to be received, but they have \$8925 to date and the total cost of the trainer and selected options was \$8425. The additional funds will be used to maintain the trainer.

Training Updates:

S130 /190 Rumford/Canton CLASS IS FULL

Feb 24th, March 3rd & 4th at Legion in Rumford

CAFS & Foams

No updates except that Rob has talked with Yarmouth and is planning a trip there. Will have more info soon.

Block 4 – Canton

We had great weather (finally) and had some of the best ladders and forcible entry training once could ask for. The amount of snow was good for learning to work and place ladders in the snow, and we couldn't have asked for a better roof and building for the roof work. There were 22 FF's from Andover, Greenwood, Buckfield, Canton and Rumford in the class and every FF got to force windows, breech walls, cut through walls, floors, and roofs with vent saws, etc. The weather didn't cooperate so well for our night class and is rescheduled for March 13th.

Hartford – Hoses, foams, streams

Plan to finish this class up on Sunday, March 11th at Canton

New Business

Fire Tech and Safety in Winthrop is now open on Saturdays 8am to 1pm. They have expanded into another section of the building and are doing some classroom presentations. They have some new product lines, leatherman, lighting, Motorola batteries, Carhart.

Next round of FEMA/MEMA mitigation houses to be coming up soon. Wayne will keep us updated.

March 10th at Canton town meeting will vote on donating the old school to the FD. Town will keep power and water to it. The building has lots of opportunity for search and rescue training, a fire library, etc. Frandford is willing to do what it can to help Canton FD secure the building for training. They will let us know if there is anything we can do. Area FD's and/or firefighters can write letters of support to the Town addressed to the Town Selectmen at: Town of Canton, PO Box 669 Canton ME 04221

It was discussed and all agreed to present the Town of Canton and certificate of appreciation for their support of fire training with the FEMA mitigation buildings. Scott and Vicki will work on this. We'll plan to present the certificate at the Selectman's meeting on the 22nd.

Reminder from Rob Dixon and RFD: Tour of Falls Hill Power Station, Hydro station this Saturday the 17th. Meet at Hydro station at 0800. Walk through is for preplanning and getting FF's familiar with the facility, hazard areas, etc.

Next Meeting March 14th @ Canton 1830 hours. This will be a TtT for the Fire Extinguisher trainer followed by our regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 2050

Respectively submitted,

Vicki Schmidt