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## Town of Seymour

### BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

1 FIRST STREET, SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

#### Regular Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2025

Citizens Engine

Attendees: Chris Edwards, John Oczkowski, Quinn Levey, Dave Van Wart

1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) All were led in the pledge to the flag.

3) Public Comment- no public comment

4) Approval of Chief's meeting minutes

Quinn Levey/Dave VanWart made a motion to approve the Chief Meeting Minutes dated October 6, 2025. Vote: 4/0

5) Correspondence- none

6) Unfinished Business: none

7) New Business:

a) 2026 Chief Meeting Dates

Quinn Levey/Dave VanWart made a motion to approve 2026 Chief Meeting Dates. Vote: 4/0

Quinn Levey/John Oczkowski made a motion to add running rule changes to agenda. Vote: 4/0

b) Running rules: Discussion was had regarding running rules. Biggest change is on town wide response. 11 and 15 will respond to all calls 24/7 and 365 days. Trucks are leaving light or not getting out at all. Added UTV to brush fires on both sides of town and changed R-20 to U-20, marine off.

Quinn Levey/Dave VanWart made a motion to approve townwide response for 11 and 15 24/7, 365 days a year. Will hold off on voting in the rest of the response apparatus. Vote: 4/0

Officers will let membership know. Nick Russell will report back with feedback.

- c) Quinn Levey/Dave VanWart made a motion to add Junior Policy Program Update to the agenda. Vote: 4/0

Discussion was had regarding the Junior Policy Program. So that when they are 18 there is a smooth transfer into a house. Chief Edwards will write it up and get it to the commissioners meeting.

8) Training: Nothing scheduled coming up. Extrication drill was cancelled. Holding off on buying the mannequins.

Met with Scott Andrews re UTV training policy. He is about 80% done. Once it is done it will be implemented.

TVs that were brought to Citizens are all junk. Department was donated 40 sheets of plywood, 2x4s and metal furniture.

9) Repairs and maintenance- Citizens Engine- door sensor will be looked at tomorrow. Great Hill – lots of things on order for 15. Heat will be checked when they get the parts. Will touch base on the suspension. Fender lights were not fixed. Utility and 10 need oil changes. Prices are being researched on batteries. Chide Edwards truck will be back on Wednesday. Tank on 19 was looked at, working on numbers and options. Chief Levey's thermal imaging camera is not holding a charge.

10) Committees-

11) Fire Police Commander Report- Discussion was had regarding traffic control during election day voting. Commander posted a pic of the billboard on fire police page and got 4 responses. Notified by fire Capt. at Great Hill about a new member. Requesting he gets all his equipment and get on the street. 401 has his certificate. File will be checked for that.

On October 16 there was a major incident at Shady Knoll due to gas in building. There was a designated area for ambulances with major turnout. When the incident was finished he texted a fire police captain asking why nobody showed up. He received a long response from this member about how wonderful he is, all his accomplishments and threatened him for even asking th question. He was also informed at that people went and signed off that they were at the call and went home. Asking board to investigate call logs.

The chiefs will discuss and then an executive session will be called.

Yellow gloves were ordered due to a member calling OSHA because winter gloves were not ordered in July. See attached Winter Gloves Sign Out Sheet. Officers and commanders let them know to get in touch of the quartermaster.

12) Junior's Report- See attached Juniors report.

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13) Quartermaster Report – Everything should be stocked in the room.

14) Company Events for November -Blood Drive and Food Drive 11/15, Ladies 11/22  
Santa 12/13

15) Executive Session-

16) Captain's Comments - Dan Cooper – handed in nonfunctional pagers. Great Hill unit citation award needs to be framed. Has member certificates for their records. Reimbursement requested for boating license, requesting a replacement upstairs office computer. Requesting access for AFD system for training points.

Junior requested an update on getting logins.

Nick Russell – All gear that belonged to the Seymour Fire Department was returned from the two members. Finished driver's licenses- got everyone that was due.

17) Chief's Comments-

Chris Edwards- Officers please send over the certificates from the last FF1 class. Cannot get a helmet until the certs get in and on file. Spent the weekend in Monroe. Will be putting together a social media group and will do recruitment through there. Individuals will be trained on what to post and not post. Academy classes have been planned for next year. Have to get trucks out – real big problem during the day. Congrats to Chief Oczkowski at Naugatuck Fire Department. Keep Dan Mudry in prayers. He has been moved to hospice.

Quinn Levey- Junior officer: congratulations and remember to always work together. Responses on both sides of town – you can respond to a different district.

John Oczkowski- No comment

Dave VanWart- Get out for calls, drivers get out for calls. Chiefs don't mind driving for calls but should not have to. Very much appreciated for those that do get out. Still getting used to working overnights so apologies for not being around. Turnout coats and rain gear are in closet.

18) Chief's Requisitions:

19) Adjournment

Dave VanWart/Quinn Levey made a motion to adjourn at 7:48pm Vote: 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Chernesky



## SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

### JUNIORS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025

- 16 Juniors
- 6 Riders
- As of 11/7/2025 we will be at 13 Juniors and 4 riders
- 1 Junior in rider training.
- Events attended this month were the Pumpkin Festival and C2 Breakfast.
- New Officers will start their term on 11/7/2025
- Attended the department drill and will also be at the next one.
- Food drive?



## **SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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### **SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRE POLICE Winter Gloves Sign-Out Sheet**

**Date Issued:**

**Members Name:**

**Glove Size:**

**Issued BY:**

**Members Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Returned:**

- All gloves remain property of the Seymour Fire Department.
- Members are responsible for proper care and return at the end of the season or upon request.
- Lost or damaged items must be reported to the Fire Police Commander immediately.