

AGENDA

MONTHLY PVFPD STAFF MEETING

Date: January, 18, 2017 **Time:** 0830 **Location:** St. 43

1. Review of past incidents:

Several recent CPR's and or 11-44's. Head on vehicle accident on Hwy 20 just west of Pleasant valley rd., two vehicles with five people transported. Four of the five were from the same vehicle and a family that had two kids in car seats that were transported with the parents. M-44 transported the family to Rideout. SNA transported the other driver to SNMH. Not sure if the SNA medic realized the scene was within the 45 minute catchment of Rideout.

2. Equipment and Apparatus Issues:

M-43 has a broken exhaust hanger again; Capt. Miller is working on repairing. The pre-construction for the new engine was on the 13th. They hoped to be staring the buildup the following week and right now looking at a June delivery date.

3. Operational Issues:

While responding to the MVA on Hwy 20 I was following two other code 3 vehicles (not ours) down the road. As we approached R&R hwy intersection we all three went left around stopped traffic. The at Pleasant Valley Rd the lead vehicle tried to sneak through on the right side prior to the intersection and wound up having to come back left in the intersection. I and the other vehicle stayed left the entire time. So what does the vehicle code say a driver should do for approaching code 3 emergency vehicles? Pull to the right and stop, right? So if you are passing slowed or stopped vehicles on the right and they pull over into you whom is at fault? The driver is following the law correct. This would be the fault of the emergency vehicle driver.

I say this because we have one intersection in particular, Pleasant Valley rd. coming from station 44 and responding to an incident west of that location. As you approach the intersection and you see vehicles in the left turn and straight and the right turn lane is open so naturally since you are turning right, perfect right no traffic. Then just as you are zipping past one of the drovers swings right and you're at fault. The law says you pass on the left into oncoming traffic and then make your right and come back across three lanes to head west. That doesn't sound the safest but it's the law. Maybe the safest is to approach the intersection; you see an opening on the right side, shut down the code 3 lights and siren, safely proceed in the right turn lane and as you make your right turn safely reactivate your emergency lights. Keep in mind many of our apparatus have load managers so the emergency lights start and stop in sequence to not shock the electrical system on the vehicle. Know your apparatus.

4. Personnel/Staffing Issues:

The last couple of months have been tough having tow Lt's off work. As of the staff meeting one has been released back to work and the other goes to the Dr in a few days and is anticipating being released as well. This will leave us with one Operator out now on baby leave. The current Interns are wrapping up and the incoming interns are completing equipment issue etc. and will be starting around February the 1st. We have five new interns so as it stands 43 C shift will be without an intern.

5. Progress Report on Current Projects:

C shift still has some remaining hydrants to wrap up. Hose testing assignments have been sent out and once we get some good weather will get started with that. 44 C shifts taught themselves how to sue the hose couple and have recoupled all of the broken hose.

6. Safety Issues or Concerns:

No items brought up other than that of the code 3 driving.

7. Other Issues:

Collin has completed the driver operator 1A course and will be starting to drive the engines. Nick is signed up for class and as soon as he gets through the training he will be starting to drive as well.

8. Assignments:

In the last few months we have had crews perform random acts going above and beyond their duties, cleaning gutters of the house of a person whom fell from a ladder. Another was a life line alert for a lift assist, crews found a woman outside on the ground trying to cleanup storm damage. They assisted her to her feet and then finished up the items she was doing fixing a deck/dock. These are great acts of service that you as the face of PVFPD are doing out there. If you would next time snap a couple photos and document the act and send to myself and Capt. Pitts. We can put that on our Facebook page as well as I will put articles in the local paper

Attendees:

Chief Wagner
 Capt. Thomas
 Capt. Miller
 Capt. Pitts
 Lt. Robinson
 Lt. Kadrie
 Lt. Justus

FF Bertolucci
 FF Mathena
 FF Goettle
 FF Winslow
 FF Burk
 FF Gault
 FF

Others attending:
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