

Waterloo Fire & Rescue Meeting Minutes
September 22nd, 2025 at 1900

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm.

Roll Call: Sign in sheet was passed around.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Kaitlin. Motion to approve as read by Eric, 2nd by Tirri. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

- a. Tirri brought up WEMSA, it will be held the first week in February. Early bird registration is now open. Be aware of schedule changes to WEMSA this year.
- b. Hendricks Street construction project discussed.
- c. Reduced water flow on hydrants, rural water ops in the city. Expected 4 weeks.
- d. Tirri brought up alternating ramp closures on I-94 and the beltline towards Madison, please be aware.

Old Business:

1. EMS Scheduling - a couple openings, please take a look and see where you can help.
2. Training Log - please turn in your missed training excuses before the next training.
3. Ambulance Update - no update, still on track.
4. Policy - No update.
5. Bylaw - No update.
6. Jefferson County Chiefs Discussion Haz-Mat - Dodge Co. is now covering Jefferson County.
7. Dispatch Discussion - Members discussed recent address issues with dispatch. We are not the only department dealing with this. If you do have a problem please let Chad know so the problem can be addressed.
8. Inspections
 - a. 217 N. Monroe - reinspection needed
 - b. 310 Portland Rd - reinspection needed
9. Appreciation Dinner - update provided by Kaitlin.
10. Any other old business?
 - a. Trek CX cup race, we still need a crew for Friday Oct. 3rd.
 - b. Football games - we need help, these are typically an hour long commitment. Dates on the board, 3 games left.
 - c. Clothing order - should be opening next week for fall orders.
 - d. Officer voting in January - Keenan announced he is running for Captain. Kevin plans to run for PIO. Garry is running for Lt. Craig is interested in

the Assistant Chief opening, was on a waiting list for class but was unable to get in.

- e. MABAS tones - please be aware of the page, make sure you listen to the whole thing. Newer members are welcome to ride along if we are called for a tender.

New Business:

1. Critique past calls if needed
 - a. COQ to Watertown, need the location of the MABAS key as members were unable to get into Watertowns station.
 - b. Vehicle fire on Jefferson Street discussed.
 - c. Recent vehicle accident, be aware of side window glass types as it was laminated in this vehicle.
2. Budget Update - Chad attended the budget meeting. The city approved our budget. Updates discussed.
 - Keeping hourly rates for paid on call EMT's and firefighters the same.
 - Not funding for an on call engine yet, but aware it's coming in future.
 - Capitol projects that got approved: Pushed out SCBA replacements until 2027. 2 Life-pak replacements, and bay doors. Replacement of stair chairs for 28k, and resealed parking lot next year. Brush truck pushed out to 2027. They want us to look into refurbishing the ladder.
 - We have to look into grants and the safer grant. The AFG grant is also opening soon.
 - Members discussed purchasing apparatus. We will be keeping our third ambulance for now. We will work on getting a price on the ambulance and justifications for keeping it.
 - Our budget did increase, it did not get cut. Full time contracts still need to be taken care of and Chad will still be pushing for an on call engine crew.
 - Any questions, please reach out to Chad. Still have to meet with the townships.
3. Responses - If you're available please come down for responses. Per Chief, don't take calls for granted. What may seem like a simple alarm call could still be a working fire.
4. Fire Siren - fire siren is not working. It is the original siren, approx 60 years old. Around 23k for replacement. Getting a second opinion. About 7 weeks lead time. Chad and Dennis are in agreement that this expense should come out of the city emergency management funds.
5. Working Still pages - Please listen to the whole page to find out what truck is requested.
6. Updates -
 - a. Chad had a finance meeting on 4th, ordinances passed.

- b. Dept head meeting - city is developing an AI policy.
 - c. Please be aware of road blockages around the city.
 - d. Co. Chiefs meeting - Angela White is new MATC contact. Please bring any invoices down to the station that you received for classes. They will be trying to get more classes in Watertown.
 - e. Stop the bleed kits are available per Dr. George.
 - f. Whitewater is changing their channels to 800 series. They will still have fireground red.
 - g. Members, please do not post pictures from calls on social media. Posts made by the PIO are still okay.
 - h. We currently use Mark 2 to contact helicopter, and will now be using fireground grey as of Jan 1st, 2026.
 - i. Watertown trunk or treat coming up. October 11th, 7-8pm by MATC in Watertown. Sign up on the board to send a truck.
 - j. Jefferson FD has their pancake breakfast Oct 5th.
 - k. FEMA WI Weekend is Oct 11th and 12th: ISO and managing tactical ops classes.
7. Combined training - Search and rescue, Marshall FD will also be joining us. We do have a letter from the DNR stating we can use the DNR land. Jason will find out what time hunting closes and we will go out after that. It will be wet and muddy, please dress appropriately.
8. Training next month
- a. EMS: TBD
 - b. Fire: TBD
 - c. MPO: TBD
9. Upcoming trainings will be posted (see list)
10. New members, probationary members, transfers: welcomed Katie Sanicola.
11. Any other new business?
12. Truck starters
- a. EMS: Garry, Ben, and Katie Sanicola
 - b. Fire: Chad, Dan Wilson, and Scott Baumann

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eric, 2nd by Tirri. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm