

Waterloo Fire & Rescue Meeting Minutes
August 25th, 2025 at 7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

Roll Call: sign up sheet was passed around.

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

Public Comments/Items not on the agenda:

- a. Wes received a phone call today, Jefferson Speedway is looking for an EMT to work this Saturday. Start time 12/12:30pm. Please let Wes know if you are interested.

Old Business:

- A. EMS Schedule: Will continue to put out notices for holes. Matt and Jason both have upcoming vacation time in Nov.
- B. Training Log: written excuses are needed for missed fire and EMS training.
- C. Ambulance Update: still on schedule, should be delivered in Nov. 2025.
- D. Policy: no update.
- E. Bylaw: Sent out by Garry after the last meeting. Motion by Eric to accept bylaws, 2nd by Craig. Motion passed.
- F. Marshall EMS: They went with a 5 year contract with Life Star for EMS coverage.
- G. Jefferson County Chiefs Discussion Haz-Mat: they are looking for people interested in joining their operations level team that is currently run by Lake Mills.
- H. Family Involvement - August Family Day: went well. Thank you to Keenan for arranging Mission BBQ for food. We will try to do another one in the spring.
- I. Appreciation Dinner: update provided by Kaitlin.
- J. Fill the Squad: good turn out.
- K. Any other old business? None.

New Business:

- A. Critique past calls if needed
 - a. Tirri brought up the most recent overdose call, she would like to see the Jefferson County Drug Task Force team to come do a training for us. Members expressed awareness of crew safety, patient safety, and clearance awareness of the trucks in the driveway for this call.
 - b. Discussed sending the engine for medical calls instead of the car. For the future, if we have an operator please send the engine, if not - then take the car.
 - c. Tender to trail derailment. On scene for approx 20 mins. Garry recommended downloading the AskRail app.
 - d. Reviewed the farm accident call from yesterday. Noted difficulty getting to the patient's location. ATV was needed. Possibly utilize the drone for incidents far off the road. Please reach out to Kevin, Matt, or Chad if you are having difficulty processing this call. Craig expressed thanks to the members who also helped the ME. Tirri also expressed thanks from the ME for our assistance.

- e. If any members see a call that may look like it may need assistance, please still come down.
 - f. Members, please do not comment or provide any information to newspapers or reporters. Forward requests to Chad.
- B. New Trek Map
 - a. These are in the trucks, please review them.
- C. Budget Update
 - a. Chad provided an update on what was proposed for the 2026 capitol budget.
 - b. Discussed proposed wage increases, an on call engine crew, and need for 2 more full time staff. Please let Chad know if you have any questions.
- D. Inspections
 - a. 217 N Monroe: discussed the hallway doors not having the door closures active.
 - b. 310 Portland Rd: high hazard building due to fire load. Please use extreme caution responding to this address.
- E. Dispatch Discussion
 - a. Discussed recent call for malfunctioning alarm, PD was sent before the fire dept. Chad reached out to the sheriff about this.
- F. Training for next month:
 - a. EMS: Critical Skills check off with Aurora
 - b. Fire: Possibly facility tours, we will try to get a pre-plan for Crave Bro. Farms.
 - c. MPO: TBD
 - d. 5th Monday training on Sept 29th.
- G. Upcoming trainings are posted on the board
 - a. Burn on 9/13 in Johnson Creek
 - b. Marshall FD burn possibly late October, still working on this.
- H. New members, probationary members, transfers:
 - a. Welcome Mitch Laursdorf.
 - b. Voted on Henry's probation. The first collection of votes was miscounted. Motion to destroy ballots by Tina, 2nd by Eric. Revoted. 12 voted no. 8 voted yes. Motion by Eric, 2nd by Craig to extend Henry's probationary period by 3 months and then be reviewed by the officers.
- I. Any other new business?
 - a. Reminders on the board: Bingo at the library, Trek CX Cup race the first weekend in October. Weiner & Kraut, second weekend in Sept.
- J. Truck Starters
 - a. EMS: Tirri and Keenan
 - b. Fire: Wes, Alex Martinez, and Henry.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Wes, 2nd by Craig. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.