

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
SAFETY COMMITTEE
Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Town of Southington Safety Committee was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, Southington, Connecticut.

Members present: John Weichsel, Mark Beal, Fire Chief Harold Clark, John DeGioia, Dave Lapreay, Richard Lopatosky, James Paul, Mark Sciota, Capt. Gregory Simone and Cindy Wall

Others present: John Kauffman, CIRMA Sr. Risk Management Consultant

Members absent: Police Chief Jack Daly, Domenic Perone and Steven Wlodkowski.

- I. Roll Call:** Chairman John Weichsel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Quorum was confirmed.

- II. Minutes of Last Meeting:** Mark Sciota made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting as submitted; seconded by Chief Clark. Carried unanimously.

- III. Old Business:** None.

- IV. Review of Accidents and Corrective Action:** Injury reports numbered 10-38 through 10-64 were reviewed, with the exception of numbers 10-41, 45, 46, 47, 50, 54, 55 and 61 which were Highway related. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - #10-38 Fire fighter just returned from surgery; all is well. Had been out for an extended period of time.
 - #10-39 Fire fighter; no loss of time. Rolled ankle by tripping over a hose.
 - #10-40 Sewer plant; continuing back saga – no lost time. The employee has been provided with a strap but John DeGioia does not believe it is being worn. Mr. Weichsel said he should make it an official demand that the employee wear the strap.
 - #10-42 Fire fighter; twisted ankle. No lost time. Employee is back to work; no problems.
 - #10-43 Police; minor motor vehicle accident. The complaint came shortly after the accident occurred. No lost time and no medical treatment. The other operator was at fault; there was very minor damage.
 - #10-44 Engineering; no lost time. Incident report only.
 - #10-48 Fire; during training used wax paper inside the mask to simulate smoke. Training officer has been advised of other ways to simulate smoky conditions and not to use waxed paper on inside of masks.
 - #10-49 Fire; motor vehicle accident. Employee found blood when removing gloves and was not sure if it was his or the victim's. Had Hep B shot; will be tested in 3 months. He was wearing all his protective equipment.
 - #10-51 Fire; bee sting in parking lot.
 - #10-52 Calendar House; no lost time. Employee cut finger with knife; minor injury.
 - #10-53 Police; dust or foreign object in eye while directing traffic at a private duty construction job. Officer sought medical treatment and stayed out of work one day.

Question arose if you are working a private duty job is it considered workers' comp? Town Attorney said it would still be considered under our workers comp policy.

- #10-56 Fire; Chief Clark said they conduct live fire drills at least once a year at the Wolcott Training School burn building. There are 3 floors and a basement. Simulates the conditions of a live fire. Training for 3 days. The first day there were 5 or 6 injuries, the second day there were none. He believes it is just the group of individuals on a given day and perhaps there is need of further training of the first group. He is still reviewing it. This particular person had just had back surgery and was sent home once he felt pain.
- #10-57 Fire; hands felt very hot; employee was wearing gloves; there were no burns but the gloves do get very hot. For the next two burn trainings, Chief Clark had an AMR unit on site but it was not needed.
- #10-58 Fire; slip injuring left knee. No lost time.
- #10-59 Fire; compression burn from steam from the gear. At no time was the person in any danger; no permanent scarring. This person's brother fell in the same place a couple of years ago and died; the employee was shaken and immediately left the training.
- #10-60 Parks; while unloading parts the fork lift began to roll; employee attempted to stop it and it rolled over his foot. Has been out since September 15 and is expected back in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Laprey said it was an old piece of equipment with no parking brake and was on a slight decline. Workers have attended fork lift safety seminars.
- #10-62 & 63: Fire; same individual; occurred at the third burn. He tweaked his back. Went to physical therapy, came back to work then felt more pain in back. Has not returned to work as of yet. Light duty was mentioned. These are considered on a case by case basis.
- #10-64 Police; occurred during Apple Harvest Festival. Traffic duty officer had pain in shoulder. Hospital confirmed sprain; he was out one day and is now back to work.

V. New Business:

A. Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Chief Clark to approve the 2011 meeting schedule as proposed. Seconded by Mark Sciota. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Miscellaneous: None.

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berardinelli
Acting Secretary

Attachment: Approved Meeting Schedule

TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
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Approved 2011 Meeting Schedule

(All Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers)

January 12, 2011

April 13

July 13

October 12