

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
JULY 25, 2005**

A workshop meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Bill Kaye, Jerry Bekken, Cliff Asbel, Lance Winchester and Reggie Smith.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. Blok reported 314 calls to date for 2005 compared to 271 last year, which is an increase of 43 calls this year.
2. The order for the Nomex Wild Land Firefighting suits is delayed due to volume of sales, creating extended lead time.
3. Hose truck is almost ready for paint.
4. Board discussed the boat fire on July 3<sup>rd</sup> on a tugboat docked at Tower Marine. They were doing a recreational fire on the aft deck, while docked next to Sea Suites Boat & Breakfast. Blok told them it is against the law to set a fire on a boat.  
Chief met with Township Supervisor Hank Gudith and County Commissioner Randy Brink due to a request from Mr. Fogg, the owner of the tugboat. Also present at the meeting was Tower Marine owner R.J. Peterson, Douglas Zoning Administrator John Wallace, and Fire Inspector Greg Janik. Chief provided applicable fire codes for those attending the meeting.
5. On Friday afternoon, a storm blew up and Mort VanHowe witnessed a small boat blow over. He rescued the people, however the Coast Guard would not tow the boat. STFD used the fireboat to tow the boat into port.
6. Proposal to use i-Radical for high-speed internet connection. Most fees would be waived in return for STFD tower access. Board members agreed to request a lease agreement and move forward.
7. Winchester reported that he had a meeting with Tony Schippa. Schippa still wants his equipment bag. Board takes the position that this is fire department equipment.

There being no further business, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cliff Asbel.