



Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

1, 3, & 5 Year Action Plan

Goals Accomplished 2005-2011

- **Insure every firefighter goes home**
 - Increased NY State Certified Firefighters Level 1 (FF1) NFPA compliance.
 - 2005 – five (5) firefighters certified.
 - 2011 – Twenty-six (26) firefighters certified.
 - Three new firefighters currently taking Firefighter 1 class in Luzerne, NY
 - Eighteen (18) new members joined WVFC in 2011.
 - Upgraded training requirements in by-laws for fire officer qualifications.
 - Classification of all firefighters by training / ability. Class A, B, C, D.
 - Insure every Class A interior firefighter is trained at FF1 level or above.
 - Insure each fire officer conducts on-scene risk assessment.
 - Provide a disciplined and safe work environment at all alarms and training.
 - Provide a Safety Officer to oversee suppression operations & training.
 - Fire Instructors - State Certified - two (2) Level 1 and one (1) Level 1& 2.
 - Fire Investigators - State Certified - three (3) Level 1.
 - Provide periodic physicals for members as required by OSHA standard.
 - Develop passion for firefighting amongst fire company members.
 - *Make sure it stays "FUN"!*
- **Established EMS First Response Team. (*Special Operations*).**
 - CFR training slated for January 2012.
 - EMT training slated for early 2012.
 - *Whitehall First Responders* in service - November 15, 2011.
 - First Response/Utility vehicle purchased. 2006 Chevy Suburban.
- **Acquired new Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).**
 - Purchased gear washers (2) to care for turnout gear.
 - New cold water immersion suits (3) to replace damaged suits.
- **Maintain sound financial position to accomplish objectives.**
 - Financial procedures established. SOP Section 28.
 - Financial Secretary hired to manage accounts, file 990's.
 - Fiscal transparency. Financial statement posted each month in station.
- **Insure a high profile in community - positive public image of WVFC**
 - **Whitehall Central Schools**
 - Annual fire prevention programs presented every October
 - *Play Day* - we provide sno-cones, cotton candy every June.
 - *Fun & Fitness Fair* every May. Fire prevention theme stressed.
 - Prom - Annual accident victim extrication demonstration.
 - **"Fully Involved"** - Annual newsletter available through website.
 - **Member - Whitehall Chamber of Commerce.**
 - *Whitehall Winter Carnival* participant, Ice water rescue demonstration
 - *Free Fall Festival* participant, fire prevention education

- **Partner - Whitehall Food Pantry.**
 - Firehouse is an official collection point for non-perishable donations.
 - *Project 3-Square*, the fire company's hunger prevention initiative.
- **Partner - Whitehall American Legion Post 83**
 - *Toys for Tots* program held at firehouse each December.
 - *Memorial Day Parade* - annual march & photo in full dress uniform.
- *Operation Santa Claus* in December. Santa Arrives by fire truck, 12/18.
- **Our Lady of Hope** - *Blue Mass* for 9/11 annual memorial service.
- Firefighter Recognition Awards presented for Broadway fire.
- *Whitehall Times* - weekly press releases on events, training, alarms, etc.
- **Website is fully interactive, (www.WhitehallFire.org)**
 - Provides in-service training to firefighters for self-study.
 - Public fire education available for adults and children.
 - Standard Operating Procedures, By-Laws and applications posted.
 - General local interest, photo gallery and event notification.
- **Grants totaling over \$ 300,000 to offset equipment costs to taxpayers.**
 - Communications – mobiles, portables, pagers, cross-band repeaters.
 - New vehicles – 2008 Peterbilt tandem axle w/ 3000 gallon tanker,
 - 2007 Rivercraft rescue airboat for ice water rescue team.
 - PPE – 37 sets of new turnout gear added since 2005.
 - SCBA air packs 12 total placed in service.
 - Carbon fiber SCBA bottles 24 total placed in service.
 - Wildland/Vehicle Extrication 11 sets PPE (coveralls) through DEC grant.
 - Wildland/brush fire tools through DEC grant. (rakes, brooms, spades etc.)
 - New gear lockers, total of 30 installed in apparatus bay for PPE.
 - *Smart Board*[®] added in classroom. New, updated lesson plans.
- **Firehouse - 2011**
 - PESH voluntary inspection completed in August 2011. Passed.
 - Automatic-on lighting in apparatus bays – to reduce FF response injuries
 - Fire training provided a minimum of two nights per month.
 - Basic firefighter courses and OSHA refresher courses.
 - Motor Vehicle Extrication
 - Specialized rescue including Ice Water, (*Special Operations*)
 - Training simulators built for local and state training courses:
 - Window bail-out unit (portable).
 - Wall breach unit (portable).
 - SCBA mask confidence course in basement of old station.
 - WVFC hosted State and County Training classes:
 - Firefighter level 1 (FF1) class (3x's). Request in for another FF1.
 - Firefighter level 2 (FF2).
 - Hazards Material Flammable Liquids Class.
 - Fire Scene Preservation – Wash. County Fire Investigators.
 - Chemical Suicide (2x's)
 - Air Ambulance Flight Training (3x's).
 - Ice Water Rescue with West Fort Ann team.
 - First annual *Open House/Recruitment Drive* on April 10, 2011.
 - Renovations:
 - Spray foam insulation to R- 31 in main hall completed.

- Sheetrock of classroom ceiling in progress.
- Bay/entry doors paint completed.
- Truck bays painted in new station.
- Remodeled foyer area.
- New tile floor and sink installed in utility room.
- Installed shelves in hose tower for organized storage.
- Ramps replaced for easier access.
- **Apparatus – goal: eliminate single purpose vehicles to reduce fleet.**
 - New 2010 engine-rescue with extrication equipment.
 - New 2008 engine-tanker with 1000 gpm pump/3000 gallon tank.
 - New brush vehicle being specified for bid at this time
 - Rescue jacks purchased through coin drops in 2010, \$11,000.
 - Chief's car provided for firefighters to attend training. (old sheriff car)
 - Since 2009, over 8,000 miles per year are saved on firefighters personally owned vehicles.
 - Maintained by 2% insurance money. No taxpayer money used.
 - Maintenance of current fleet – all units inspected every first Tuesday.
- **Liquidation of surplus apparatus (3) in 2011.**
 - Engine 481 - 1991 Pierce. Replaced with Engine-Rescue
 - Engine 482 - 1999 International/Pierce sold in 2010.
 - Utility 485 - 1992 Ford. Replaced with Suburban
 - Brush 486 - 1967 Jeep. Replaced with vehicle to be specified.

One Year Goals

- Continue with firefighter officer development.
 - State fire classes for line officer development
 - Fire officer - level 1, certification for Chief Officers.
- Host additional NYS training for FF1 and FF2.
- Insure all Class A, and most Class B, & C firefighters are trained in motor vehicle extrication.
- Work with village to mark hydrant locations on road, and caps w/ fire flows.
- Grants - Additional \$ 250,000 applied for through FEMA for 2012:
 - Re-chassis 1988 rescue truck w/ F-550 4x4 crew cab \$ 76,000
 - Mobile live-fire trainer \$ 180,000
- Rehabilitate Old Fire Station for 100th anniversary -1913-2013.
 - Repair tin ceiling
 - Refinish bay doors to resemble original multi-pane doors
 - Replace main door to period appropriate style.
 - Reinstall transom window over entry door. Remove brick.
- Establish working annual budget without incessant revenue shortfalls.
 - Seeking full funding by local governments.
 - Establishment of a town/village Joint Fire District.
 - Federal income tax to be filed annually to maintain 503(c) status.
 - Independent audit to be conducted annually. Quarterly internal audits.
- Maintain sound financial position to accomplish objectives through fiscal year.
- Insure radio systems are all P-25 compliant, and Narrow-Banding Completed.
 - Narrow band transition federally mandated to be completed by August 2012.

- Insure every interior team has a working fireground radio for routine and mayday transmissions.
- Insure sector officers are radio equipped and assigned each alarm.
- Continue training on Cross-band repeater system for interior operations.
- Firehouse
 - Fully WiFi enabled.
 - Central database on one main computer, with programs available to classroom and individual personal laptops. (controlled access)
 - Add intercom function to existing firehouse PA system.
 - High band “alert” frequency notification provided through PA system.
 - Acquire a stair-chair to facilitate access to second floor.
 - Record keeping
 - Re-work filing system in office to chronological order.
 - Archive old records.

Three Year Goals

- Maintain sound financial position to accomplish objectives through fiscal year.
- Continue with firefighter officer development.
 - State fire classes for line officer development
 - Fire Officer – State Certification to be acquired:
 - Level 1 for Captains, Lieutenants.
 - Level 2 for Chief Officers
- Host additional NYS training in Whitehall for:
 - Firefighter Level1 Certification (FF1).
 - Firefighter Level 2 Certification (FF2).
 - Swift Water Rescue.
 - Confined Space Rescue.
 - FF Safety and Survival.
 - Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).
- Replace 1985 *Tanker 484* with new engine-tanker (NFPA Class A engine).
 - Provide a larger capacity pump 1250+ gpm, (replace 490 gpm pump).
 - Poly body, roll-up doors, 2,000 gallon wet-side tanker w/portable pump.
 - Commercial chassis, single axle for lower cost.
 - Equip with hosebed for large diameter hose (LDH) for water supply in addition to providing mobile water supply.
 - NFPA Ladder package, crosslays for attack lines & master stream device.
 - Able to satisfy all mutual aid obligations without affecting local response.
- Establish Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) for firefighter rescue.
- Mobile Data Terminal - apparatus based database on PC:
 - Pre-plans specific for individual properties.
 - Haz-mat fixed placement site identified.
 - Emergency Response Guide database.
 - Fire reports, incident reports, CO alarms, etc,
 - Internet connectivity.
- Establish Technical Rescue Team – (Special Operations)
 - Wildland search & rescue.
 - Low angle rescue.

- Swift water rescue.
- Trench/structural collapse.
- Possible confined space rescue, contingent on additional funding.

Five Year Goals

- Maintain sound financial position to accomplish objectives through fiscal year.
- Continue with firefighter officer development.
 - State fire classes for line officer development
 - Fire Officer – State Certification Levels to be acquired:
 - Level 1 for future officer candidates.
 - Level 2 for Captains, Lieutenants.
- Host additional NYS training in Whitehall for:
 - Firefighter Level1 Certification (FF1).
 - Firefighter Level2 Certification (FF2).
 - Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).
 - Firefighter Safety and Survival.
- Initial planning stage for larger quarters.
 - Larger doors for deeper apparatus bays.
 - Improved outdoor parking system for firefighters.
 - Truck - one for each bay
 - Ample ramp area.
 - Installation of a ventilation system for diesel smoke abatement issues.
- All Class A firefighter's trained at FF2 level in addition to RIT training.
- Planned replacement of carbon fiber SCBA bottles.
 - SCBA fill station upgrade.
 - Move from current 2215 psi SCBA, to 4500 psi SCBA
 - Acquire adequate supply of tanks.