### How many hours are on the truck and pump?

Truck 65-31 has 537 Hours and 6,912 miles Truck 65-81 has 538 Hours and 10,741 miles Truck 65-11 has 422 Hours and 7,209 miles

### How many miles are actually covered by fire dept.?

Not sure, how many square miles, but we would be happy to provide the district lines

### Why are 4 chiefs needed?

It's desirable to have four chiefs spread around the district for the purpose of communication. It also encourages people to take trainings to become more educated and rise to higher positions in the department

### Why does the Chief's title rotate from Tom to Glen and back and forth?

There are only 9 individuals in the department who are qualified to be chief. Four of them currently hold a chief title. We have had others in recent memory who carried the, "Car One" title, Mike Larison was Chief one just last year. Of the other chiefs and fire fighters who are eligible to be chief I could not find one who had the interest at this time to be the car one chief.

### How can we appoint new chiefs?

Chiefs are elected by the department. They are nominated and then voted into office. The only time a chief is appointed is if a position becomes vacant between elections, then Chief #1 may appoint the position until the next election. Commissioners approve the election after the department has voted. If you are interested in voting for chiefs, you would need to join the department and become a member in good standing by attending drills and trainings.

### If you want our full support, then we want new chiefs.

We have the full support of many community members and feel our department is highly motivated and functions well. Again, we have no control over the election of Chiefs.

# We want a resolution to do a budget amendment for the attorney for the fire district. This should be done immediately.

This is not necessary before we know the full cost. Funds can be shifted as needed to cover the additional costs for the attorney. There is no sure way of knowing how much time will be used by the attorney and we are hopeful it can be kept to a minimum. A resolution will be done as funds are needed.

### Why are the minutes of the last meeting not posted on the Town Hall web site?

We had planned to post minutes after they were approved at the following meeting. However, we will post them as a draft, two weeks after each meeting.

## We were told in the last meeting that the water truck cannot make it up Red Hill. Do you have proof it can? If so, how long would it take?

All of the trucks are able to climb Red Hill. Sample times are as follows:

Denning Rd and New Road Hill: 6 Minutes 436 Red Hill knolls Road: 10 Minutes

Porcupine Road: 11 Minutes Wood field Road: 12 Minutes

Red Hill Knolls Rd and Red Hill Rd Intersection (Sagendorf House) 15 Minutes

Top of Voss Rd: 3 Minutes Claryville Church: 1 Minute

Blue Hill and Hunter Road: 10 Minutes

These times are with the trucks carrying all equipment and 1500 gallons of water (12,000 Pounds)

### **How many Active Members are in the Department?**

As of November 15, 2013 there are 28 active members in good standing. There two members who have missed too many drills to be active and two members who are under review by the Commissioners.

#### How many interior fire fighters?

As of November 15, 2013 there are 16 interior fire fighters

### How many active members are needed to keep the fire department open?

I am unable to find any state law dictating the minimum size of departments, but will continue to research the question. An active member list, including town of residency is available.

### Justin B. no longer resides in our town.

It is the departments understanding that Justin B. does reside in Denning but works in a different county.

### Regarding lunches.

Frost Valley has made a \$500 donation to cover the cost of the lunches used for public safety at a point in the road where traffic is forced to one lane. The department used this as a traffic control training opportunity. The lunches were ordered from Blue Hill Lodge. Tom M. is not an officer of the Denning Ventures, he is an employee. We would be open to suggestions as to where lunches should be purchased from, however as long as receipts are available and protocol is followed I see no conflict of interest in this expense.

## \$8,000 is utterly ridiculous for the garages utility bills. Something should be done about this.

We have researched the past bills for the electric costs of the garage and agree the numbers are high. However, the heat for the garage, doors opening and closing and the equipment using electricity causes large electric bills. We have asked the department to be as energy aware as possible.

## \$8,000 for the Chief's Budget is unacceptable.

The new procurement policy will address some of the concerns of the budget expenditures.