

**Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
August 13, 2018
Minutes**

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1702 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley and Frank (arrived at 1707) were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the July 16, 2018 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers. There was no public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

- C. Schneckloth – out on a back IOD since 8/10/16, surgery on April 11, 2017. A repeat IME was conducted on July 11. **The report will be forthcoming.**
- Mike Perry – twins Gavin and Josephine born on August 7.

FIRE PREVENTION

Inspector Grossman has been out on a non-service related injury. He is working a M-F schedule, in off-duty clothes assisting in administration, not conducting inspections. Should his absence become long term, placing a temporary FOP was discussed and approved.

DISPATCH

During the month of July 482 calls for emergency service were dispatched for COMM apparatus and personnel. Of those, 314 were medical and 168 were fire or service calls. Total for first seven months of year is 2914, which is 319 more than the same period of 2017. We also dispatched 109 calls for Cotuit in July for a year to date total of 566, which is up 82 calls as compared to 2017.

Purchase order has been issued to Audio Associates of Orleans to continue replacement of speakers and controls throughout Headquarters Building. Vendor expects to begin as soon as parts arrive, which should be within 10-14 days. **Speakers in Station 1 have reached end-of-life. Dispatcher Monroe has been tasked with updating them throughout the station.**

At the August First meeting with all Dispatchers and Spares, Chief Winn authorized two operational changes. The first is to go back announcing medical calls over Fire alarm and resume using the "turkey tone" alert for those calls. This will allow for better situational awareness of both on duty and off duty personnel. Also authorized was a direct call to MedFlight from dispatch when that resource is needed. This will take several minutes off the response time, rather than going through a back and forth radio dialogue with Barnstable County Control. We also received an update from Chief Rhude regarding software changes that are underway so that we have the same data base and unit tracking capabilities for Cotuit trucks that we have for our own.

BUDGET

- FY 2019 is beginning week 7/52 or 13.4% complete. Please see attached information. **Salaries (5110) shows at 11.898% which is right on target. Overtime (5133) is right at 13% and budget bottom line is 13.07%. Currently peak accrual usage as well.**

EMS

- 1) Stryker stretchers and load systems have been installed in ambulances 324 and 326. Training has taken place on the proper use and care of the equipment. We are very pleased with the operation. **The Commissioners were shown the Strykers in operation. Now all 3 frontline ambulances have this new equipment in place. Each old stretcher was traded in for \$4k.**
- 2) 3 new Lucas CPR machines are in and training is almost complete for all members. The units should be in service this week. **Commissioners were given a demonstration by Lt. Davern.**
- 3) Equipment and supply upgrades continue in order to maintain the latest and best equipment. Your support is greatly appreciated. **The increase in the EMS budget allowed COMM's maintenance contracts to update and equipment to be maintained. The Firefighters are grateful.**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

There has been ongoing lawn and landscape maintenance including putting down weed/bug control and summer fertilizer. Watering has been cut back at all stations per the request of the water department. Station 1 was power-washed for mildew and stains and the windows washed (front of building.) The non-working urinal at Station 2 has been removed and plumbing prepped for its replacement. Completed minor repairs such as a Station 2 light fixture and patching wall holes, etc.

EQUIPMENT

Working with Pierce to fix A/C issue on Ladder 307. Both 324 and 326 were serviced; 326 required repair of the liquid spring pump and "DEF Quality" sensor issue. Engine 304 was serviced and the lock box installed. It required a lengthy service as the rotted fuel tank was necessary to replace. 306 is experiencing transmission issues due to an inadvertent swim. **Chief explained both 307 and 306 issues.**

COMMITTEES

OPERATIONS

Lexipol update – **has been rolling out to Station members. There is a phone app available as well.**

Policy training update/Eversource training – **Dispatch trained**

Captains' promotional process updated – **3 proposals have been received to our request.**

Cancer Presumption Legislation On 7/24 Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that “all cancer diagnoses for FFs, active and 5 years post retirement will now be presumptive to be job related.” Currently FFs diagnosed with cancer (any cancer) are moved to 111F status (tax free and no accrual use.) Whether the district would then be required to pick up the costs associated with the illness are still unclear. Chief said he cannot find an insurer that will write a policy for occupational cancer. It is yet to be seen if private insurance will cover if it is determined to be 111F cases. Chief will keep Commissioners updated (House Bill 2515 and 41-100 is the law that requires us to cover all IOD expenses.) COMM has been proactive with extractors, wipes, extra hoods, etc.

Car seat installations:

- # July: 11 (-6 compared to June)
- June OT hours: 0 (-4 compared to June)
- June OT cost: \$0 (\$-224.62 from June)

TRAINING

Required Monthly Training Assigned for August

- L-307 Training
- Groups have been assigned L-307 training in July however with 307 in and out of service the last several weeks along with other apparatus and high call volume there is still some catching up:
 - AL-307 All Steer Training
 - AL-307 S/U Aerial Set Up & Operations **
 - Tools & Equipment
- Groups have been assigned the following Tools & Equipment training in August:
 - LD-24-1 One FF Low Shoulder Carry
 - LD-24-2 Two FF Low Shoulder Beam Raise
 - LD-24-3 Three FF Low Shoulder Carry
- Building Area Familiarization / Orientation:
 - First Due Pre-Fire Size Up

Required Monthly Training Assigned for September

- L-307 Training
- Groups have been assigned the following L-307 training in
 - MPO-MS Master Stream / Portable & Fixed Monitor
 - LD-35 35' Three FF Ladder Raise
- Building Area Familiarization / Orientation
- Groups have been assigned the following Tools & Equipment training in September
 - E 306 Milwaukee 8" Rescue Saw

PLANNING

MISCELLANEOUS

- Registration for the Fire Chiefs exam will begin on August 15. Exam to be held Sat., Nov. 17, 2018 at Tech School in Harwich.
- Chief demonstrated the payouts/payments for COMM's wage indemnity insurance for IODs. (Our insurance costs total \$85,500 annually which includes deductible. We rec'd \$148,803 back from insurance policy.)
- Chief updated Commissioners on the participation of COMM members in Lt. Rick Knowlton's funeral and 2 concurrent difficult calls.
- Sept. 5th will be the airport drill including the maritime component. Commissioners were invited.
- Oct. 15th – Recognition Reception

Chief informed Commissioners of his application for some COMM members for the Firefighter of the Year award.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2018 at 1700 hrs. **Meeting adjourned at 1830 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Frank, Clerk