

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

August 12, 2019

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1705 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley and Frank were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge and K. Thut.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers presented nor public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Chief Winn related a comment from a citizen regarding COMM's blood pressure cuffs. Further training will be required.
- Thank you notes from the BPD.
- Letter from State 911. Nov. 4 will be the cut off for our limited secondary PSAP.

PERSONNEL

- C. Schneckloth – has completed all medical evaluations and disability retirement being processed. Expected date of conclusion TBD.
- P. Hill – new baby arrived on July 23, Roman Xander Hill.
- S. Greene – out on IOD as of June 12, 2019.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts board of directors meeting was held in Milford on July 25th and was attended by FPO MacNeely.

The sprinkler system at Building F (last building) at Trade Winds Condos, 780 Craigville Beach Road, was tested on July 26th.

The Oyster Harbors Fireworks were inspected and held on July 5th. The annual Greek Festival was held at the St. George Greek Church on July 19th, 20th and 21st with inspections taking place on July 18th and 19th.

There were no site plans for COMM Fire District in July.

This past month a total of 83 permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$1975.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (54) and inspection (50). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed 229 inspections and/or activities, 31 of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

- 1) Image Trend Elite has been in service for 2 weeks. The program is working well overall. This project has consumed a significant amount of time to build out. We will continue to fine tune as necessary. Our crews are to be commended for their patience during the transition to Elite. Implementing the new program in the middle of our busy season was not ideal but everyone has been working through the minor issues and offering great feedback. **Chief complimented working group.**

- 2) Attended Image Trend Connect Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. The classes to be very helpful and we now have a much better understanding of the capabilities of the program.
- 3) EMS education will begin for the fall season after September 1 with in-house con-ed classes and we will continue to host M+M Rounds at COMM.

DISPATCH

Through six months of the year, dispatched calls for COMM units totaled 2811, 101 less than the first six months of 2018. July, however showed an increase of 67 over the previous July, 549 calls dispatched. Cotuit had 97 calls in July, down 12 against the previous July and down 64 compared to the first half of 2018.

EQUIPMENT

- Car 301 – replaced exhaust system and put on new tires
- Engine 304 – had broken transmission cooler lines, new ones required making up at hydraulic shop.
Update: now in service.
- Engine 305 – replaced all ball joints and steering shaft
- Engine 306 – During tornadoes electrical problem occurred (truck wouldn't shift)
- Ladder 307 – serviced engine and transmission, replaced throttle pedal assembly and front park brake air valve.
- Car 321 – tires replaced
- Ambulances 324 and 325 both experienced air conditioner issues.
- Ambulance 326 – sent to Minuteman for emission issues. **Gas vs. diesel engines discussed.**
- Ambulance 327 – replaced bad air inlet check valve.

All shop lifts serviced and inspected. Plymo-vent upgraded Station 1 system.

OPERATIONS

Per the Aquatic Emergency Evacuation Plan, COMM provided shelter for Barnstable lifeguards on July 23rd after the beaches were evacuated due to extreme weather.

Firefighters planning on taking the Lieutenants' promotional exam in October have been asked to submit their letter of intent by August 30. Vendor bids for the promotional process are due by August 16.

Car seat installations:

July: 9

July OT hours: 2.5 hours

July OT costs: \$156.52

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

At Station 1, the condensing unit was clean and leveled and the insurance inspection of the boilers completed. At Station 2, the dryer and shower drain were repaired. Per the request of the Water Department the irrigation systems at all three stations were reduced to 2 days per week.

COMM was honored to host Team Rubicon for a week this past month. These retired veterans deploy to assist homeowners and business in cleaning up (i.e., removing fallen trees, etc.) after a natural disaster such as the tornadoes in Harwich on July 23.

BUDGET

FY 2020 is beginning week 7/52 or 13.4% complete. Please see attached information. **OT and maintenance budget on track YTD.**

TRAINING

July Training- firefighters and officers trained on and/or reviewed the following: new ambulance 325, reviewed marine response including activating the Nantucket Sound Task Group and Coast Guard, and conducted pre-fire walk-throughs of commercial buildings in their response area.

August Training- firefighters and officers will review 2 cancer prevention flyers, Dave Giberti from IPS will be here Aug 13-16 to train/review the new X3-Pro SCBA's, and walk-through of the schools in our district including using/reviewing the 400 mhz radios that we use during a school response. **Chief has encouraged on duty crews to attend as well.**

In regard to the new SCBA's. All paks, masks and cylinders have been inventoried and labeled. The new brackets for the ambulances, staff vehicles, and apparatus compartments were received and assembled. Once the brackets are installed and training is accomplished they will be placed on the apparatus and go into service. Thanks to FF Long for his assistance. **A new compressor will be purchased also.**

Training for the new security system by Valley Communications has begun. Specific sessions have been held for both Dispatchers and Administrators.

On August 6, National Grid held a "MA South Gas Exercise" at COMM Fire. It was very well attended and covered topics such as a large-scale outage.

PLANNING

2346 President Mike Rogers mentioned that once the Union has formed their committees the Grievance Cmte would like to meet with Chief, Deputy and Chairman Macallister.

COMMITTEES

MISCELLANEOUS

Aug. 15 – Registration opens for the Barnstable Co. Fire Chiefs' exam

Sept. 2 – Administration closed for Labor Day

~~Sept. 7 – Hyannis Triathlon cancelled due to weather~~

Sept. 8 – MM Village Day

Sept. 10 – Public Safety Fishing Tournament

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Planned executive session was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting was adjourned at 1735 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 at 1700 hrs.
Recognition ceremony dates discussed.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Frank, Clerk

Typed by KT