

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

November 16, 2020

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1703 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley and Frank were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge, 2346 Representative M. Grossman and K. Thut.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

COVID-19

Update on skilled nursing facilities
Uptick in MA numbers and Gov. Baker's response
Update on MOU with Local 2346

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

- David Scott – shoulder surgery on 6/9/20, returned to light duty on 10/15.
- Eric Bengston – out on neck/back injury since 6/5/20. Surgery on 9/18.
- Laurie Motte – will be out 11/12-12/26/20.
- Richard Sargent - retiring on 11/27/20.

New hires started 11/9 – Eric Swartz, Tony O'Donnell, Ben Stacy and Chris Koretski.

Kathleen Thut's last day will be 12/4/20. Sandy Mackey will be staying in Administration.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire prevention continued to perform resale inspections, new fire alarm system inspections, business, and senior safe inspections in October.

Fire prevention welcomed Lt. Patrick Hill to our office in October. Patrick quickly began training; riding with both FPO's on inspections. In a few short weeks, Patrick had learned a great deal and began handling some inspections on his own. We also began training firefighter Shawn Lehane to assist with senior safe inspections. The addition of 2 people to assist with this type of inspection is a huge benefit as there is a tremendous backlog to get caught up in since the program was shut down in late February.

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts resumed monthly meetings via Zoom. This month's educational component was on Fire Protection Documentation/Permitting presented by Corey Fisher, Fire Protection Engineer and Project Manager with Code Red Consultants.

There were no site plan reviews in October.

This past month a total of 155 permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$3815.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (122) and inspection (129). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed 268 inspections and/or activities 44 of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

- Continue to assess and purchase PPE as needed for the anticipated COVID-19 surge. At this time, we have over 3000 N-95 masks, 15,000 procedure masks and a good supply of other related equipment.
- Spent several hours with the 4 new members of the department. Covered required education to include Image Trend, OEMS required topics, public relations and other valuable information.
- Working on education for department paramedics to include Air Traq video laryngoscope, Teleflex EZ I/O, humeral head insertion. This has become a challenge since we have had to lockdown our stations to outside vendors and visitors. Working toward a virtual type class.
- OEMS conducted its annual ambulance service inspection. There were no major deficiencies found by the 2 inspectors. All vehicles, policies and paperwork were in order.

DISPATCH

Dispatched call volume for 2020 continues to run at a pace well off the record year the District had in 2019. In October we had 412 calls compared to 540 the previous October, for a difference of -128 for the month, negative 417 for the year through 10 months. Cotuit's run volume was also down last month with 53 calls vs. 85 the previous October for a 10-month total of 697. That is down by 48 calls compared to 2019.

Training continues on the new Red NMX software package, with Dispatchers and spares all running scenarios in Red NMX whenever the call volume allows entering the calls into both systems.

One full-time Dispatcher will be out on sick leave for possibly the next 6 weeks. Most of the shifts have already been filled, and the remainder will be filled within 3 weeks. No problem is expected in filling open shifts for the rest of the year.

A meeting with the Chief, Deputy, Dispatchers and spares is scheduled for early December to further standardize procedures within dispatch so that calls are handled in a similar way no matter who is working the desk.

EQUIPMENT

Serviced this month: 307, 324, 326 and 327. UL testing done on 307 with a couple of required repairs i.e., wear pads and hydraulic pressure. The front brakes were replaced on 326 and the EGR air valve replaced on 324. The rear liquid spring cylinders are being replaced on 326 today.

OPERATIONS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Extra sanitation efforts in each station both for flu season and COVID continues as well as fall cleanup. At Station 2, the voting station was set up and broken down and the HVAC ceiling vents were cleaned. At Station 1, several bad ballasts were found when we began changing light bulbs. Currently considering purchasing new ballasts vs. new light fixtures. The main ductwork in the apparatus bay required metal tape repairs.

BUDGET

FY 2021 is beginning week 21/52 or 40.3% complete. Please see provided information.

TRAINING

December Training:

- Cold Weather Emergencies: Prodigy Class and quiz
- Ice Rescue PowerPoint and equipment review
- EMS Class: Prodigy

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

MISCELLANEOUS

Upcoming events:

Dec. 25 – Admin closed for

Jan. 1, 2021 – Admin closed for New Year's Day

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Adjourn meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Frank, Clerk