

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

February 22, 2021

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1700 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Scott were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge, and N. Celeste.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from January 25, 2021 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

COVID-19

Update on skilled nursing facilities

Regency
Harbor Point
CHIPS House

Vaccination Effort

Second round of vaccinations have taken place for COMM Fire personnel. Some personnel experienced strong reactions to the second dose.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

Eric Bengston – out on neck/back injury since 6/5/20. Surgery on 9/18. Eric Bengston is out till March, per his doctor's note he is continuing with physical therapy for 2 months.

Justin Medeiros-Injured on Duty and has been out for approximately two months.

Michael Carney-out for an unknown period of time. Mike injured himself while off duty.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire prevention continued to perform resale inspections, new fire alarm system inspections, business, and senior safe inspections in January. We also resumed oil burner and tank inspections.

Firefighter Lehane continued to assist with senior safe program.

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was held via Zoom. This month's educational component was on Integrated Testing of Life Safety Systems, presented by Nate Birmingham, PE, Code Red Consultants

There was a preliminary site plan review conducted on Zoom for 2B Oak Street in Centerville, the former Veritas Academy classroom building is being converted into a thrift shop for Christ Chapel. There are no proposed structural changes.

This past month a total of (97) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2325.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (54) and inspection (54). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (170) inspections and/or activities (23) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

COVID-19 supplies and PPE are adequate. COMM continues to keep our inventory fully stocked with everything needed to respond to EMS incidents and properly clean our equipment.

COMM Fire has full COVID-19 testing capability in house at this point. We are able to provide rapid antigen, PCR and antibody testing as needed.

EMT recertification is ongoing for members expiring at the end of March 2021.

FY 2022 EMS budget request has been submitted for review. Along with a replacement ambulance, we are looking to replace 4 older LP-15 Cardiac Monitors. These units are approaching 12 years old.

DISPATCH

For the month of January COMM dispatched 376 calls involving COMM personnel and equipment. Of those 284 were medical and motor vehicle related, the remaining 92 fire or service related. That's an increase of 35 runs over January of 2020. In addition COMM dispatched 56 runs for the Cotuit Fire District, which is down 23 when compared to the previous January.

January was the first full month of dispatching exclusively on the Red NMX platform. All dispatchers and spares are well versed in the system. Some minor glitches continue to show up regarding mapping of calls to certain areas the District, but Rich Sargent has provided the fix and no significant delays have occurred. The most recent example involved Hyde Park Road, all addresses on that street were tracking to the Center of Park Avenue.

COVID protocols remain in place restricting public access to the Building. Dispatch had 144 public assists at the Vestibule Window in January. 74 from 0800-1200, 58 from 1200-1600, and the remaining twelve through the evening and overnight.

EQUIPMENT

C301 serviced

C328 serviced

C329 serviced

C301 Replaced Transmission cooling lines

E303 Front end repair and ball joint inspection, lubed and adjusted cab steps.

E304 Repaired drivers side rear compartment roll up door.

L307-Hydraulic Oil replaced and new filters

A324-Replaced both siren speakers

TRAINING

March Training:

- 1.) National Incident Management System per Lexipol policy 609
 - PowerPoint
- 2.) Forestry 317 and 318 review
 - PowerPoint
 - Review SOG 03.03.18
 - Review Lexipol Policy 315
 - Practical Evolutions with 317 and 318
- 3.) EMS Class Prodigy (Lt. Davern to assign)
- 4.) Review of Boat Landings/Water Access
 - Micah's Pond and Joshuas Pond -Wequaquet Lake
 - Schubael's Pond - Middle Pond and Mystic Lake
 - Hamblin's Pond

OPERATIONS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- Continuing snow and ice removal during winter storms
- Station 2 - order and replace bulbs recess lights in living courters, repair and adjust electric eyes door 3, supply new central vacuum hose
- Station 1 – repair and replace elevator lights, repair loose Formica foyer public lavatory counter top, re-glued several cove base spots, cleaned drain in Prudential lavatory, toilet repair new valves in dispatch lavatory.

BUDGET

FY 2021. Please see provided information.

PLANNING

Budget preparations for FY 2022 have begun.

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

- Continued implementation of the RedNMX platform for Dispatching, NFIRS, scheduling, and payroll, and fix various issues as they arise. We are currently working on the Training, Work Order, and Fire Inspection Modules.

- Working to ensure that no Teamviewer programs are installed and unmonitored on our system, teamviewer is a remote access software that had been used in the past by some of our vendors and has the potential for security issues. I have also been working on removing “flash player” on all our machines, this software has been discontinued and no security updates are pushed to them as of Jan 1.
- Waiting on Thrive to present a plan for security and organization based upon our meeting last month.
- Begun holding weekly meetings with Logics to move forward with the implementation of the new Treasurer and Water department software platform.
- Routine maintenance of computers and printers is ongoing with upgrades done as needed, with a goal of replacing or updating any machines still using Windows 7 to ensure security protection.
- Met with the security team from our vendor CDW in an attempt to find a software program we can implement on our machines as end point security. Currently Thrive provides this software as part of the monthly charge for each computer. My hope is that we can take over the individual workstations, as those are almost completely maintained in house and install our own security software at a significant monthly savings as they currently charge \$65/month for each computer. They will continue to maintain our servers, email filter, and firewall.
- In the process of shutting off the server we used to host firehouse in the outlying stations as it only requires minimal use now that we have moved to RedNMX. Firehouse will remain available on another server should we need to use it. Moving Firehouse and shutting off this server will save \$650 a month in Thrive fees.
- Begun installing “bulletin boards” in the stations. These show general department scheduling and information when no calls are active and switch to call detail and location when we receive a 911 call giving the members in the stations additional information.
- Tested an alternative mobile data system and found it cost prohibitive with no noticeable improvement in signal. We are working on a solution that improve the battery charging and life of our current “jetpack” mobile data setup.

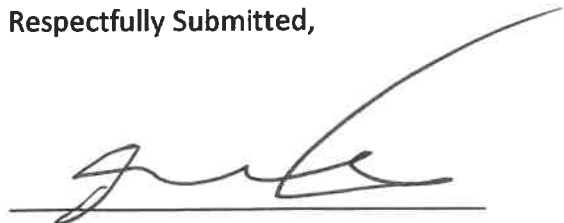
MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Adjourn Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Frank, Clerk