

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
July 19, 2021
Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1702 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, Lt. M. Rogers, and N. Celeste

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from May 17, 2021. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

Interviewed Michael Carney for Acting Lieutenant as Michael Rogers will be out due to off duty injury.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

Eric Bengston – has filed for an accidental disability retirement with the Barnstable County Retirement Association. COMM Fire is assisting Eric with this effort and all paper work is being compiled for processing.

Michael Carney-has returned to Full Duty.

Michael Rogers-out for an unknown period of time. Mike will return to limited duty as soon as his MD approves. Mike injured himself while off duty.

Enrique Arrascue-has completed his surgery is hoping to return by July 26, 2021

Louise O'Neil has announced that she will be retiring. Her last day will be August 31, 2021. **Job posting was placed on Indeed and we have received over sixty (60) applications.**

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was held via Zoom. This month's educational component was on fireworks requiring and permitting presented by Matthew Murray, Chief Code Compliance Officer at DFS.

Final inspections were conducted at the 6 contractor bays building at 1330 Main Street in Osterville. Construction continued on the solar project at Cape Resources 280 Old Falmouth Road. Construction of a new 7700 sq. ft. horse barn started at 779 Bumps River Road. There will also be a 13,600 sq. ft. covered riding ring.

The Junior Firefighter program at West Villages Elementary completed at West Villages Elementary School. The FPO's also went to Centerville Elementary School for an apparatus demo for the kindergarten and a gear demo for the 3rd grade.

There were limited senior safe inspections as the program has been placed on hold until July 1st due to budget reasons.

Site plan was held for several of the new tenants at 1330 Main Street Osterville. Site plan was held for replacing antennas on the Verizon cell tower at 215 Old Falmouth Road and for a commercial baking kitchen in a residence at 395 Captain Lijah's Road.

This past month a total of (114) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2730.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (73) and inspection (66). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (297) inspections and/or activities (5) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

After months of working closely with IT director Sargent, the fire prevention module in RedNMX neared completion. The amount of work put into this project by Rich cannot be over stated.

EMS

Stryker will be on site to service and PM all stretchers, load systems and AED's on Tuesday 7/20. They will not service our cardiac monitors as new units should arrive soon.

Orientation of 2 new recruits will occur over the course of the next 2 weeks. Several EMS topics to be covered.

Evaluating and replacing high use items such as bags and BP equipment.

Training and education continues on a monthly basis via Prodigy.

Anticipate OEMS inspection of ambulances and records in the next few weeks. **This is done once a year and falls under our ambulance license.**

DISPATCH

Through the first six months of 2021 COMM units have responded to 2187 calls for emergency service, which is down by 32 calls when compared to last year.

In June we responded to 400 calls, an increase of 21 calls compared to last June. Of the 400, 130 were fire and service related, the remaining 270 were EMS and Motor Vehicle related. We also dispatched 78 calls for Cotuit FD in June, an increase of 15 calls compared to last June.

Of the 478 calls we dispatched in June: 224 received via 911, 81 from alarm companies, 64 via business line, 1 from COMM unit on the road, 9 from Barnstable County Control, 21 in person reports, 46 from the Barnstable Police, and 32 unrecorded.

All equipment and software in Dispatch is working within parameters, with the exception of the traffic light at Headquarters Station. It flashes on Route 28 but cannot presently be tripped to solid red on Route 28 and green for units departing the ramp onto Route 28.

EQUIPMENT

E306-replaced hydraulic elbow/fitting for Hurst Tool. This was a significant project as access needed to effect the repair was extremely difficult. Portable Hurst tool power unit serviced at the same time.

E306-Command Zone screen replaced on pump panel.

E306-Ground NFPA lights replaced with new brackets to mount.

A326-Replaced siren speakers. Siren speaker require frequent replacement.

A324-Fixed issue with Cot, replaced air conditioner compressor for cab and the ambulance was serviced.

A327-Replaced turbo and serviced the ambulance.

L307-Sent to Allegiance Fire Rescue for recall work on axle and aerial adjustment.

P308-Replaced O2 sensor and serviced the truck. (308 is currently assigned to the COMM members attending DFS Bridgewater.)

C323-Removed dead mouse from AC duct work.

Shop pick up and cleaning.

TRAINING

August:

Hurricane Toolkit/Procedures

Emergency Vehicle and Roadway Safety

School Walk-throughs

EMS: Prodigy class

Report writing class and review of the new completion of fire department incident reports policy 343 for all 4 shifts took place in July.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division:

M310 remains in service at the dock with no service issues reported in the past month. Adjustments made to the radar system have resulted in vastly improved performance and accuracy, and the new FLIR camera is working properly. 42 hours of operator-based underway time have been logged since commissioning in March.

At the Chief's request, the Division has placed personal floatation devices (4 per engine, 3 per ambulance, and one per car) and rescue throw bags on all road units.

Dive Team:

In May, Dive Team training was suspended but is commencing this month as joint training with HYFD is scheduled for July. There has been one activation in the past 30 days for a PWC accident in Weququet Lake but deployment was not needed. The Team currently has two members enrolled in Basic Open Water to receive their initial diving credentials.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Ongoing weed control and lawn maintenance. Checked and adjusted irrigation controls at station 1 and station 3 due to some lawn burning.

Clean lawn areas at all three stations after storm Elsa due to falling branches.

Station 1 apparatus bay utility room – temporary repair to leaking cleaning chemical dispenser. Called the supply company who installed a new unit.

Install new garage door opener at Station 1 door #4. Next day door #2 opener stopped working, needs parts no longer available. New motor is on order.

Replaced broken glass at Station 1 garage door #6.

Replaced parts and cleaned drain for non-working urinal Station 2 men's room.

Removed hornets' nest at Station 1 B side.

Half wall repair at Station 1 in utility room due to leaking dispenser.

Hung battery charger bracket for rear of Station 1 apparatus bay for new radio battery's and changed outlet from 2 plug to 4 plug

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. **August meeting we will have the FY21 closeout numbers.**

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

- Implementation of the RedNMX platform continues. COMM has gone live with the Fire Prevention module, including mobile tablets for performing inspections, fixing glitches as we find them.
- A shared calendar system for the activities of Fire prevention set up and begun being used. This allows all staff to know the availability of the Inspectors, scheduled activities, and scheduled inspections from all the computers in the admin area.
- Last week Thrive reported a security breach with their remote access software, Kasaya. This was a worldwide hack; Thrive shut down the software and did not find any intrusions into our system. Thrive is continuing to test the security fix and re-implementing as it is found safe.
- COMM has begun phase 1 of our project with Thrive to update our Firewalls and other security/backup systems. We have also begun our move to Microsoft cloud based email. This will upgrade our mail security before it reaches our users and will allow us to decommission the internal mail server.
- Several smaller projects are ongoing each month, including upgrading of equipment, researching and changing account types with internet, cellular, and cable providers to get the best pricing and features for the district, and are currently working on consolidating and upgrading the copier/printers in the Fire Administration, Prudential office, and Water Department, through one company to give the District the best pricing structure.
- Rich Sargent is also assisting the Water department with implementation of their new software platform which ties in with the Prudential office and have worked on repairs and replacements of IT equipment in both offices.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program funds for FY20 have been received. The original cost submitted was \$216,134.50. The Commonwealth was able to capture some additional federal funding through the Families Fire Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The total funds received to COMM is \$221,884.00.

COMM received a Radio Grant in the amount of \$150,594.57.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1741 hrs. Next meeting August 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk