

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

December 20, 2021

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1704 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, and N. Celeste.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers. Public Comment Chief Winn introduced new hire Julie Perkins.

CORRESPONDENCE

COVID-19

COMM Fire is again now requiring all personnel to wear full PPE when responding to a congregate care or skilled nursing facility. This includes N95 mask, eye protection and gloves.

COMM Fire continues to follow Town of Barnstable Board of Health recommendations when any members or family members test positive or are required to isolate due to an exposure.

Effective November 30, 2021 ALL COMM Fire Stations are closed to the public.

Our top priority is, and always will be, the safety of the citizens of our district and employees. COMM Fire and Rescue is fully staffed and operational for our community's needs.

PERSONNEL

New hire – Julie Perkins

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was held in Auburn. The educational session was on smoke detectors in one and two family dwellings taught by the Department of Fire Services.

The FPO's conducted a fire safety presentation and gear demonstration to approximately 75 children at Fair Acres Day Care.

The Jr. Firefighter program continued at West Villages Elementary teaching to (5) first grade classrooms. The program was scheduled to start at Centerville Elementary in November but was cancelled due to Covid and has been rescheduled for December.

Formal Site Plan was held for Jakes Clambakes at 3821 Falmouth Road building 2. Informal Site Plan was held for a new commercial building for resident classes at 995 Route 149, for an emergency generator and propane tank at a cell tower at 830 Wakeby Road, and for a health care office at 23 West Bay Road.

This past month a total of (103) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2575.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (67) and inspection (79). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (178) inspections and/or activities (36) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

- 1) First responder class was conducted for our dispatchers as part of their required training.
- 2) Recertification process for expiring EMT's has begun.
- 3) Department CPR and ACLS has been scheduled for dates in January.
- 4) Calls for COVID related illness have increased in the last 30 days.

DISPATCH

Through the first 11 months of 2021, COMM units have responded to 4575 calls for emergency service, which is 7 runs more than the same period a year ago. If we are to break 5000 runs (5053 in 2019 is the only time in previous Department history), the daily average for the rest of the month would be 10 or more. Of the 369 calls in November 257 were Rescue related, the remaining 112 Fire or Service related.

In addition, 76 calls were dispatched for Cotuit Fire Department in November, for an 11 month total of 851, up 66 from the previous year to date.

Of the total 445 calls dispatched in November, just over 64 percent were EMS related.

Dispatcher Laurie Motte retired in November, after more than 23 years of service to the COMM Fire District. New Hire Julie Perkins starts training on December 20th.

EQUIPMENT

A324 – Replaced drivers side floodlight, need to finish repairing electrical issue with load lights.

A325 – Serviced 325, diagnosed Opticom ordered new not yet installed, 12volt charging issue while driving, checked complete electrical system and found faulty cable connection at the alternator, repaired alternator connection, repaired coolant leak at back of cylinder head.

A326 – Serviced 326, found several issues with EGR codes throughout the month, currently out of service waiting to hear back from International on code issues, if still under warranty will send to dealer for repairs.

E304 – Repaired coolant leak at back of water pump, replaced rear brake cans.

E306 – Diagnosed compartment door switch issue, waiting on parts to repair.

E307 – Transmission fluid leak at rear seal, installed new seal.

C329 – Replaced all four (4) tires, and replaced siren head.

C322 – Replaced 12 volt battery.

TDI Inspections inspected all apparatus. Found E304 needed break cans and C317 needed to have a sensor replaced. All other vehicles passed inspection.

Reprogrammed all Knox key boxes with updated information.

TRAINING

January Training:

CPR – Lt. Davern to coordinate

T-307 / E306 Review

Ice Rescue Practical – January & February

Mandatory Round Robin – Annual training to include anti-harassment policy 1012 and 1601, social media policy 1044, IOD packet review, district computer policy 1600, domestic violence leave policy 1040, electronic mail policy 206, patient medical record security and privacy/HIPAA policy 803.

December Live Fire Training:

The live burn training that was held here last month went very well. Barnstable County burn trailer was utilized and 40 members participated. Below is a breakdown of what was accomplished and what the training entailed. I thank everyone who showed up and participated.

Evolutions Included:

1. Hose handling: Officer and jump firefighter discussed what length to pull of the “engine”. Some crews stretched a 150’ 1 ¾” from the passenger’s side, some crews stretched a 225’ 1 ¾” from the driver’s side. Prior to the evolution, discussed flaking out the house, kinks, and hose handling. I told them most of the time we only have 3 guys (pump/jump/officer) and those two need to locate/confine/extinguish without any help.
2. Fire attack: Members had to check their stream and make sure they had adequate pressure prior to entering the building. Get in the burn room, prior to opening up the nozzle. Guys were allowed to use TIC’s for search and attack.
3. Communications: New radios were used. Prior to evolutions, I showed everyone how to use a radio while being on air. Discussed transmissions and the radio benchmarks for the evolutions.
4. Ladders: Throwing a 24’ to the delta side for 2nd floor horizontal ventilation. Carrying the ladder, setting it up properly, venting with a tool, leg lock, tying off the halyard. Re-positioning the ladder for “rescue”.
5. Coordinated ventilation: Vent crew set the ladder up and waited for orders to vent. Attack crew knocked the fire down and then called for a vent.
6. Pumps: Charging a 1 ¾” line. Getting their own water supply because the hydrant was next to the engine. Switching over from pump to hydrant. If the hydrant is near you, it is yours. Do not wait and expect the second due engine to do it when you can get your own supply (306/307 have 500 gallon tanks).
7. BIR/360: Officers were told to do a BIR, choose a mode (attack mode), strike the working fire, and pass command. Do a 360. Discussed the importance of doing one. Discussed driving past the

structure so you can see 3 sides. All you need to do after, is poke your head around back to see the charlie side.

8. Incident command: Captains were the IC's. Command was on the alpha/delta corner across from the building, near the door that was used for search and attack to enter. We discussed being near the entry door, not too close but close enough so that if you have to do a face to face you could. Discussed the importance of not setting up command near the ladder truck which is loud. Captains arrived 30 seconds after the first due engine and assumed command. We discussed watching for safety issues during the evolutions and also discussed the importance of accountability and knowing where your crews are at all times. When doing live burns, we need to keep track of where the instructors are as well.
9. Accountability/SEMS: SEMS computer was used. Went over tagging up with everyone. The attack crew, prior to the evolution beginning were to tag up in the truck with their SEMS tag. Attack crew also had to tag up with the passport tags. Fire was in our district.
10. Rehab/cancer prevention: Water was provided and passed out after each evolution. Cancer wipes were also passed out to search and attack after the evolution. Discussed using them after you come out of a fire. Don't just rehab with water, but grad the wipes out of the trucks and use them.
11. Search: Search was done with a team of 2 or 3. Left and right hand searches were completed. Orders were to do a primary search of floor one They went in, found the dummy, radioed to command that the victim was found and to have EMS ready. Victim was brought out.
12. SCBA: Members wore their SCBA during fire attack, vent, and search.

Will be bringing in the Barnstable County burn trailer again Fall 2022

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

M310 is out of service. In total, the Department has responded to 27 Marine related Incidents this calendar year. There have been 100.5 hours of operator-based underway time logged since commissioning in March.

Dive Team

In November, The Dive Team conducted nighttime training evolutions at Wequaquet Lake.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Station 1: Garage Door repaired door #2 and installed new motor on door #7

Station 2: Ready Rooter cleared blockage in kitchen sink

Leaf cleanup is ongoing at all stations

Snow stakes installed at all stations

Station 1: replaced valve parts in both urinals in 1st floor men's room

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

May 2022 COMM will be hosting a Trench Rescue class

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1745 hrs. Next meeting January 24, 2022 due to administration closed on January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doug Brown, Clerk