

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
July 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting will come to order at 1701 and will be recorded. We will begin our meeting with public comment. If you wish to provide public comment, please raise your hand, and wait to be called on by the chair. Speakers should identify themselves when called on to speak. Each speaker may have a minimum of three minutes. To be complaint with the Open Meeting Law, the board may choose not to engage in discussion on a particular comment but may wish to include the topic on a future agenda. The Board of Fire Commissioners strives to maintain an orderly and peaceable public meeting environment.

Fire Commissioners Macallister, Coombs, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Hill, Deputy Rogers, and N. Kennedy, Local 2346 President and Local 2346 Grievance Committee member.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2025, meeting.

There were no ambulance waivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Local 2346 has filed a Step 3 Grievance regarding sick time buy out.

PERSONNEL

Z. Hunter has filed for Accidental Disability with Barnstable County Retirement.

J. Mosher continues with light duty in administration. **Chief Hill – Jess spent 2 weeks with Fire Prevention, 2 weeks with EMS, and 2 weeks with IT.**

Nicholas Robbins completed his 2-week training and has been assigned to Group 4.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. Resale/Transfer inspections were up for the month.

This month Fire Prevention finished the remaining school fire drills for the school year. FPO Booth held story time at the Centerville Library.

This past month a total of (80) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$2,195) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (52) and inspection (28). Overall Fire Prevention completed (124) inspections and/or activities, (19) of which were part of our Community Outreach "Senior Safe" campaign.

Chief Hill – Fire Prevention also had a tent at Osterville Village Day held Saturday, July 19th.

EMS

Jess Mosher has been working with EMS on streamlining equipment inventories and medication expiration reports while on light duty.

New ambulances are on schedule to arrive at Greenwood Emergency Vehicles in the next 2 weeks. Lettering and some upfitting will take place there and then delivered to COMM. Chief Hill – as of today we are still on track.

Purchased new training manikins for CPR and airway procedures. With the help of FF Mosher, created a training area off the main classroom. **Chief Hill – CPR manikins were purchased for CPR classes that we will hold at Osterville Library.**

Stryker will be at COMM in the next few weeks to perform preventative maintenance on stretchers, stair chairs, AED's, monitors, and LUCA machines.

DISPATCH

The Dispatch Committee interviewed four individuals to fill the open position due to B. Monroe's retirement.

EQUIPMENT

A324 – Performed maintenance. Stretcher was not working properly; Stryker came to repair.

A325 – Performed maintenance. Styker repaired trolly system.

A327 – Performed maintenance. Replaced pads and calipers on rear brakes.

E305 & E306 – Replaced prybar mounts.

L307 – Performed maintenance. Sent to Allegiance to repair the coolant system and inspected for faulty parts on water pumps.

B310 – Installed motorized spotlight and replaced battery.

B312 – Installed new propeller.

C302 – Received new vehicle. Ordered lights and console. Former 302 has been put out of service.

C308 – Had oil change performed at Balise Ford.

C321 – Performed maintenance.

Former trucks 308 and 322 have been sold on GovDeals. Truck 308 was sold for \$10,000.00 and Truck 322 was sold for \$11,000.00.

TRAINING

Training during the month of July was intentionally scaled back in recognition of the department's increased summer call volume and to allow personnel the opportunity to catch up on any previously missed training. Despite the lighter schedule, the focus remained on maintaining operational readiness and supporting firefighter wellness. Fire training centered on tool operation, hearing safety, and first responder mental health.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

All marine units are in service. As of June 30th, the Department has responded to thirteen marine-related incidents during CY 2025. FF David Ferola completed his Tier III (Coxswain-Daytime/Fair Weather) credentialing. Due to the department's change in training software, underway hours data is unavailable.

Dive Team

The Dive Team conducted training in June at Bass River in Yarmouth. The focus of the training was operations in current.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

JAG Painting has completed Phase 1 painting of the first floor.

Station 1 – Parking lot lights were installed by Rise Engineering, replace valve in first floor kitchen.

Station 2 – Installed new kitchen faucet.

Chief Hill – UST legal fees have been paid by Prudential.

Deputy Rogers – HVAC at station 3 with Rise Engineering. Meeting with another HVAC company to look at replacing mini splits at Station 2.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

PLANNING

100th Anniversary will be held in July 2026 at the Osterville Library with the help of Cyndi Cotton.

COMMITTEES

Centennial Committee.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

Chief Hill – COMM Fire and other Cape Departments will be renumbering their apparatus. This was discussed at the Cape and Islands Fire Chief's Association. When departments go to mutual aid it will be easier for the Incident Command to know what apparatus are on scene if they are numbered the same. When signing on the department will say their department name and apparatus number.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1721. Next meeting is July 21st at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk