

**Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department**  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
**October 21, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting will come to order at 1755 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, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Eldridge, Deputy Hill, Lt. M. Rogers, N. Kennedy, and Local 2346 President.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2024, meeting.

There were no ambulance waivers.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Retired firefighter Charles Schneckloth medical expense reimbursement in the amount of \$240.00. **Chief Eldridge – FF Schneckloth is still in pain from his injury on duty and is seeking treatment.**

#### PERSONNEL

C. Rogers is out on IOD due to back surgery. Continuing with work hardening looking to return 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November.

Z. Hunter is out on IOD due to continuing shoulder injury.

T. DeGraan is out due to an off-duty knee injury. Making progress, looking to return the beginning of November.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

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

Our “Senior Safe” smoke installation campaign continued this month with help from our Community Outreach Team. These visits are conducted on Saturdays from 0900-1200 and are eligible to residents 65+.

FPAM meetings started back up in September, both FPO’s attended with this one being FPO Booth’s first FPAM meeting, the topic was blasting taught by Matt Murray from State Fire Marshalls office.

September also brings the start of a new school year for all schools to include preschools, we conducted the first of 4 required fire drills at all schools.

This past month a total of (112) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1845) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (48) and inspection (63). Overall Fire Prevention completed (130) inspections and/or activities, (18) of which were part of our Community Outreach "Senior Safe" campaign. **Deputy Hill – T. Booth is working on getting signed off on all apparatus.**

## EMS

Ten (10) new AED's have been delivered. Currently in the process of labeling and then replacing all then (10) AED's in the field.

Promising news on the two new ambulances. COMM has received a contract with pricing. Trucks are scheduled to be built in November at Ford and delivered to Horton shortly after. Estimated completion date late spring/early summer 2025.

EMS training is in full swing with members taking required training for recertification as well as in-house training which includes in person and online assignments.

OEMS annual ambulance and service inspection will be conducted on October 28, 2024.

## DISPATCH

For the month of September, COMM dispatched 457 calls for a nine-month total of 4170. That is down 29 compared to last September. COMM also dispatched 93 calls for Cotuit Fire in the month of September.

Of the 457 COMM calls, 325 were EMS/MV related, 79 alarm responses/service calls, 13 investigations, 10 marine responses, 10 mutual aid, and 14 fire prevention visits.

The new dispatch console furniture ordered through Prodigy/911 Direct has arrived. Plans are underway to prepare the power and data line changes, remove section of the old console and install new furniture.

Dispatchers Pierce and Monroe recently attended an online seminar on detecting swatting calls, hoaxes, and bomb threats. It was conducted by the Boston office of the FBI and Massachusetts State Police Fusion Center. **Chief Eldridge stated the is the intelligence center for the State Police.**

## EQUIPMENT

A326 – Faulty liquid spring motor, ordered new sensors, brought to Greenwood for repair on door locks and air horn.

E304 – Found faulty battery, replaced all six (6) batteries.

E306 – Federal Q siren faulty, replaced bracket. Rebuilt shift valve and replaced fluid in pump. Replaced alternator, belt, and tensioner. Replaced a/c belt. Replaced light tower bulb.

E307 – Disconnected and tested all batteries individually, found batteries working properly.

Forest Truck 317 – Replaced oil and filter. Rotated tires, rebuilt tank fill valve and exhaust system. Serviced water pump.

Trailer 315 – Replaced four (4) tires, breaks, and bearings. Rewired axels. Installed new breakaway system.

New 329 – Has been delivered, waiting for graphics and lights to be installed. **Chief Eldridge – car was registered today with the RMV.**

E303, E304, E305, E306, L307 – All pump tested and passed. **Chief Eldridge – Annual testing.**

Delivered old grills to the dump.

## TRAINING

October Training:

- Chimney Fire (ISO T2)
- Fire Rescue1 Academy (ISO T2)
- Company Drill (ISO T2)
  - o Ladder practice
  - o Hands-on training – Mayday procedure
  - o NUKA Research training
- Round table fireground discussion
- M&M Rounds

**Commissioner Macallister – what is round table? M. Rogers – I assign videos of structure fires. Everyone watches the video and discusses using tactics and strategies while going through the video.**

## OPERATIONS

### Marine Division

Marine 310 is in service in the water at Crosby Yacht Yard. The Department responded to 12 marine-related incidents as of September 30, 2024. There have been 43 hours of operator-based, and 176 total personnel hours of underway time logged in the 2024 calendar year. All small boats are in service at their respective stations.

### Dive Drill

The Dive Team conducted training in September at Hathaway's Pond. The focus of the training was use of navigation and free diving.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Installed new washing machines at Station 1 and Station 3.

Station 1 – Cleaned and painted metal frame in the men's showers.

Station 2 – Repaired and replaced two (2) central vacuum outlets, installed access panel cover in basement wall where there was a plumbing repair.

Station 3 – Repaired remote for rear bay door #3 and finished trimming trees around dumpster areas.

## BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

## PLANNING

Deputy Hill – Promotions for Lieutenant with M. Rogers becoming Deputy Chief. Believe it would be best to have the interviews at the next Fire Commissioner meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Eldridge – Captains exam will be continuing this week with the teaching and oral interview on Thursday and Friday.

## COMMITTEES

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

Chief Eldridge – R. Sargent has been updating all computers; he has completed most.

## MISCELLANEOUS

## ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1822. Next meeting is November 18, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk