

## Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

### Fire Commissioners' Meeting

October 16, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting will come to order at 1832 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 Winn, Deputy Eldridge, N. Kennedy, and M. Rogers (Local 2346).

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2023, meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was sent to DFS General Counsel Glenn Rooney regarding the training workout program at the Mass Fire Academy. Chief Winn stated it is for the safety of our recruits.

Services for Retired Firefighter Gary Johnson will be held Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne at 10:15am.

#### PERSONNEL

Casey White, Abigale Corey, and Jessica Mosher have reached the halfway mark at the MA Fire Academy. Graduation date is set for November 17<sup>th</sup>. Chief Winn invited Fire Commissioners to the graduation ceremony in Bridgewater.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. FPOs conducted the first round of fire drill at Barnstable United, West Village Elementary, Centerville Elementary, Cape Cod Academy, and Cape Cod Collaborative (along with area preschools and daycare centers. Per NFPA 1 Fire Code Section 10.5 Fire Drills; Fire drills at these educational facilities will be conducted (4) times per year.

Lt. Hill prepared a presentation for Kinlin Grover/Compass Real Estate regarding our "Senior Safe" program and routine resale inspection Q & A's. FPO Lehane also presented a "Senior Safe" topic at the Greek Orthodox Church, and both inspectors took part in the annual Barnstable 55+ Community Safety Day at the Senior Center. Members of our Community Outreach Team also performed "Senior Safe" visits every other Saturday in the month of September.

Both inspectors attended the annual 2-day Fire & Life Safety Convention in Southbridge. Topics discussed included solar and battery storage, energy storage systems, community risk reduction, along with equality in the workplace. The is an annual event attended by our inspectors which also grants them credentialling hours for FPO certifications.

This past month a total of (52) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1350) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (31) and inspection (39). Overall Fire

Prevention completed (135) inspections and/or activities, (21) of which were Community Outreach “Senior Safe” inspections.

## EMS

Ambulance Service inspection conducted by OEMS with minor issues to be corrected.

New Ambulance 324 was placed into service on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> COMM went live with the updated NEMSIS version 3.5. COMM is in full compliance with the state’s requirement for the updated version and submitting EMS data.

EMS Officer has been visiting YPD and YFD with a large-scale ASHER training being held at the former Mattacheese Middle School. Two classes were held the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> and two more are being held the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## DISPATCH

For the month of September, COMM units were dispatched to 486 calls. That is an increase of 46 over last September. Of the 486, 334 were EMS/MV related, 131 were Fire or Service related, and 21 were Fire Prevention Senior Safe visits to residents. The nine-month total of 4123 is an increase of 316 calls over the same period last year. In addition, COMM dispatched 120 runs for Cotuit FD in the month of September, an increase of 39 over last September and up 63 for the nine months, compared to last year. Like COMM, Cotuit has started to assign run numbers to Senior Safe visits. They had 18 Senior Safe visits last month.

Dispatcher Perkins and Monroe will attend the APCO Atlantic Region Conference in Albany, New York October 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## EQUIPMENT

Received delivery of the new A-324 on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Install all equipment, was put in service on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

A324 – lost communication with engine and transmission. Currently out of service.

A326 – changed oil and filters, greased chassis, replaced rear brake pads, replaced refrigerator in patient box and took apart the drug draw and reinstalled draw face, adjusted latch mechanism for draw to close tightly and securely, and replaced both front tires due to gash on the side wall.

A327 – losing antifreeze with no apparent leaks and white smoke coming from ambulance. Currently out of service.

E306 – issue not starting, currently out of service.

C302 – brought to Cape Tire for front end repair. Installed new ball joints, struts, and received inspection sticker.

C321 – removed left rear tire and brought to Cape Tire to repair. Also had Cape Tire install 4 new tires and front rotors and pads.

Ordered and installed 7 new tires on ambulance rims for future wear and tear.

Attended the New England Fire Chief’s Show at Mohegan Sun along with the apparatus committee.

In the process of purchasing a 2023 F350 truck at CMG to replace current 322. New service body is being held at dealer till delivery is made on new truck and is outfitted with plow mounts and body.

All engines including E307 had their annual pump test. Minor issues were found and repaired after the testing was completed.

## TRAINING

## **November Training**

1. FF Safety, Health, & Survival (ISOT2)
2. Company Drill: SCBA Air Consumption Course (ISO T2)
3. Communicable Disease (mandatory once a year)
4. M&M Rounds: Cape Cod 11/16 and Falmouth 11/27

## **Training Hours:**

Month: September

# of members reporting: 46

Total hours: 239:15

(The above was recorded in FireRescue1 Academy and includes firefighters and officers)

## **Additional Training/Certificates:**

Capt. Morrison and FF. Koretski attended the IAFC New England Division Training Conference at Mohegan Sun October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Capt. Morrison and FF. Koretski attended the US Fire Administrator Summit on Fire Prevention and Control at the National Emergency Training Center on October 10<sup>th</sup>. **The Training Center is in Maryland.**

(The above training was completed in addition to the COMM monthly training)

Each group will be conducting search and hose line advancement evolutions at an acquired structure, 132 Point of Pines in Centerville on October 19, 20, 23, and 24. 1000-1400 hours. Fire Commissioners are welcome to stop by.

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Marine Division**

Marine 310 is in service in the water at Crosby Yacht Yard. The Department has responded to 14 marine-related incidents through September 30, 2023. There have been 88 hours of operator-based, and 185 total personnel hours of underway time logged as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. All small boats are in service at their respective stations.

### **Dive Team**

The Dive Team conducted joint team training in September at Sheep's Pond in Brewster. The focus was underwater body packaging and removal. The team was deployed to a vehicle in the water and drowning at Bayview Beach in Yarmouth.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Prepared all stations for fall yard cleanup.

Station 1 – repaired vacuum: replaced hose and fittings.

Station 3 – cleaned shed, replaced bulbs on apparatus bay with new LED bulbs.

## **BUDGET**

See attached budget sheet.

## **PLANNING**

## **COMMITTEES**

Apparatus Committee attended the New England Fire Chief's Show at Mohegan Sun on October 5<sup>th</sup>. **Chief Winn mentioned that the Bunker Gear Committee members also attended.**

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program for FY23 was submitted on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The expected amount for COMM Fire \$189,540.00.

#### ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

**The meeting adjourned at 1856hrs. Next meeting is November 20, 2023, at 5pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Doug Brown, Clerk