

**Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
September 16, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting will come to order at 1604 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, and N. Kennedy, Municipal Resources, Inc representative, Local 2346 members, and district residents.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2024, meeting.

There were no ambulance waivers.

Interviews took place for Deputy Chief. The candidates interviewed were Michael Rogers, Jason Davern, and Eric Sabatinelli. At the completion of the interviews a motion was made and seconded to promote Michael Rogers as the next Deputy Chief.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

C. Rogers is still out on IOD due to back surgery. Has started his work hardening program.

Z. Hunter is out on IOD due to continuing shoulder injury. Currently awaiting cervical steroid injection.

T. DeGraan is out due to an off-duty knee injury. Hoping to return at the beginning of November.

FIRE PREVENTION

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

This past month a total of 972) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1780) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (38) and inspection (35). Overall Fire Prevention completed (151) inspections and/or activities, (16) of which were part of our Community Outreach "Senior Safe" campaign. **Deputy Hill – all school inspections have been completed prior to the start of the new school year.**

EMS

Currently in the process of renewing COMM's Ambulance Service License and Ambulance Service Controlled Substance Registration.

LifePak product preventative maintenance has begun. Stryker will return to finish AED's and stretcher systems within the next month.

In person EMS education has started for all 4 groups. Thank you to Lt's. Malone and M. Rogers for their assistance.

HANDTEVY Pediatric Systems Training will begin this month for all COMM Paramedics led by Paramedic DePippo.

EMS NCCP classes resumed in September presented by CIEMSS. Classes are held via ZOOM and in person at Cape Cod Community College EMS training facility.

COMM will be assisting the Hyannis Fire Dept. and Cape Cod Gateway Airport with a large-scale drill at the airport on September 26th. EMS will be involved in the MCI component of the drill. **Chief Eldridge – this drill takes place every 3 years.**

DISPATCH

COMM Fire dispatched 514 calls for the month of August, that is down 26 calls compared to last August. COMM also dispatched 102 calls for Cotuit Fire in August.

911 was the source of 55 percent of the calls, followed by 15 percent from alarm companies, 9 percent from business lines, and 9 percent from Barnstable Police.

The annual APCO Atlantic Chapter conference will be held in Portland, Maine November 17th-20th. Dispatchers Brouillette and Perkins will be attending.

EQUIPMENT

A324 – Medicine draw periodically opening during travel, made and installed new catch latch. Stryker repaired faulty trolley system for stretcher.

A325 – Changed oil filters, installed warranty Opticom emitter on light bar.

A326 – Replaced front wheel bearings, rotors, and pads. Replaced rear strut, changed oil and filters, installed new front tires, replaced tensioner and idler pulley and alternator, replaced officer mirror. Found belt faulty, ordered new belt.

E303 – Replaced lock on deck swivel, replaced tank to pump recirculation valve, changed oil and filters, and changed pump oil.

E304 – Replaced all 4 rear tires and batteries in two portable flashlights.

E305 – Replaced 3 leaking drain plugs on pump valves due to corrosion, replaced officer side anodes, and repaired SCBA spare pack holder in cab.

E306 – Replaced drivers side wiper motor and switch on steering wheel.

TRAINING

Fire operations training for September includes the annual SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) respirator protection program, Kubota 309 operations, trail review and practical evolutions on Barnstable Conservation Land, and company drill involving the First Due Size Up of a single-story residential wood frame construction room and contents fire. Specific hands-on training also includes SCBA familiarization practical evolutions.

The EMS component includes monthly M&M rounds from Cape Cod and Falmouth Hospitals. LT Malone is presenting a review of Statewide Protocols on Point of Entry, High-Quality CPR, Withholding and Cessation of Resuscitation for Paramedics. Hands-on training includes review and practical skills using the LifePak 15 monitor for all EMT levels.

On September 18, 2024, the COMM Fire Department is hosting presenters from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This unique training opportunity includes the topics of “Attributes of Leading” and “The First Five Minute for the First Arriving Officer”. Special thanks and appreciation to FF Koretski for connecting the COMM Fire Department with NFFF. We look forward to more of this specialized training in the future. **Deputy Hill – this training also includes outside members.**

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 August 31, 2024. There have been 43 hours of operator-based, and 174 total personnel hours of underway time logged in the 2024 calendar year. All small boats are in service at their respective stations.

Dive Team

The Dive Team conducted training in August at Shubel’s Pond. The focus of the training was use of the new metal detector purchased with a grant from the COMM Firefighters Association.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Fall fertilizing has begun at all stations.

Station 1 – Patched and painted ceiling in men’s basement bathroom, replaced batteries for alarm panel backup in dispatch, and replaced refrigerator filters.

Station 2 – Set up area for voting and broke down once voting completed and replaced all kitchen cabinet hinges.

Station 3 – Treated holly bushes for black mold, trimmed trees, and vines encroaching over fence in rear and side.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. **Chief Eldridge – we are 20.8% through the budget.**

PLANNING

The Annual Flu Clinic will be held on Friday October 4th.

COMM Fire Recognition Night will be Monday October 21st.

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1722. Next meeting is October 21, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Doug Brown, Clerk