

**Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department**  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
**September 18, 2023**

**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, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, N. Kennedy, and M. Rogers (Local 2346).

Roll call was taken. A moment of silence to honor Retired Captain Miles "Mac" Pawloski and Firefighter Gary Johnson. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August 21, 2023, meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Retired Captain Miles Pawloski passed away. **The funeral arrangements have been made. The wake will be Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and the funeral will be held on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.**

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, Retired Firefighter Gary Johnson passed away.

#### PERSONNEL

Jack Tuohy-Bedford graduated from the MA Fire Academy and received the Richard T. Bangs award. The Richard T. Bangs award is given to one member of each recruit class who has excelled through the 10-week program and has the highest academic score.

New hires Casey White, Abigale Corey, and Jessica Mosher began their 10-week training at the MA Fire Academy in Bridgewater on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Lt. Gordon Williams retired on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Cox returned to duty on September 11<sup>th</sup> after being out due to a shoulder injury.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. Annual school inspections occurred at Barnstable United, West Villages, Cape Cod Academy, Cape Cod Collaborative, and Centerville Elementary. These inspections are conducted in conjunction with the building department prior to the start of the fiscal school year and consist of the following: interior/exterior walk throughs, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting and exit signs, proper means of egress, evacuation procedures, and additional fire & safety hazards. Both FPO's assisted with a YFSIT activation for a youth who resides within our district, and all meetings and educational components took place at C-O-MM Fire Headquarters. FPO's also assisted in inspecting bonfire structure prior to Old Home Week at Craigville Beach.

Lt. Hill, (along with Chief, Deputy, and Lt. Davern), attended a Summer Safety Workshop put on by Barnstable Superintendent Dr. Sara Ahern. The workshop, which was attended by Town of Barnstable Police, Fire, and school faculty; focused on active shooter threats, ALICE protocols and a Q & A segment. The workshop took place at Barnstable High School. **ALICE is a statewide effort and program that every agency follows.**

Fire Preventions' newly established Community Outreach Team took part in a "Children's Story Time" at Centerville Library. Members of the team read firefighter themed books to children along with a Touch-a-Truck presentation with Engine 306. Community Outreach members also assisted with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual "Kids Day" put on by Barnstable Police. Members of the team assisted Captain Goodearl in dispersing fire helmets and coloring books to children.

This past month a total of (58) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1600) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (35) and inspection (39). Overall Fire Prevention completed (125) inspections and/or activities, (26) of which were Community Outreach "Senior Safe" inspections.

## EMS

New Ambulance 324 has arrived at Greenwood Emergency Vehicles in Attleboro. Expected delivery to COMM is approximately 10 days. Once COMM receives the ambulance it will remain out of service for several days due to mounting equipment and stocking vehicle, once all is completed Ambulance 324 will be placed in service.

In the final stages of making the necessary change to COMM's Image Trend patient care reporting software to be compliant with NEMSIS version 3.5 with a deadline of October 1, 2023. Currently 90% complete with rebuilding and testing the run form. The biggest change will be the requirement for more data points to be collected for statistical purposes.

Education/recertification classes have resumed for all COMM personnel.

Continue to move forward with Horton Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of 2 new ambulances approved at previous District Meetings with estimated delivery dates of July 2024. **The ambulances approved in the 2022 and 2023 District Meeting are in the build schedule. Per the direction of the Prudential Committee COMM is no longer trading A327 and will be kept as a spare ambulance.**

## DISPATCH

During the month of August COMM units were dispatched to 540 calls for service, which is an increase of 39 calls compared to last August. Of the 540, 197 were fire/alarm/service, 310 were EMS/MVC, and 33 were Fire Prevention, primarily Senior Safe visits with Total of 3637 runs through the first eight months of the year. COMM call volume is up by 270 runs compared to last year.

COMM also dispatched 94 for Cotuit FD in August, which is down by 3 compared to last year.

Dispatchers Perkins and Monroe will be attending the APCO Atlantic Chapter Conference in Albany, New York October 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

Began training with new hire per diem dispatcher. Previous per diem dispatcher has given their resignation. **Jennifer VanGelder, resigned.**

## EQUIPMENT

A324 – Faulty a/c compressor in the driver's compartment, replaced compressor. Repaired air leak near air compressor. Greased rail for rear air way seat.

A325 – Found faulty a/c clutch for patient compartment replaced with new compressor.

A326 – Check engine light came on with DEF fluid code, sent ambulance to Allegiance to repair. While at Allegiance they found rear suspension not working but were unable to complete repair in a timely manner. Once back at the station replaced liquid spring pump and left rear shock. Also found faulty solenoid, replaced with new. Check engine light came on again, sent to Allegiance for repairs, Allegiance replaced DPF QLS sensor. Replaced hardware on front siren speaker and repaired rear door gasket that was falling off.

A327 – Sent to Power Products to properly test components, found faulty transmission control module. Replaced cabinet door pistons inside and repaired corroded wires going to the charge indicator panel.

B311 – Replaced battery.

B317 – Rebuilt leaking water valve on skid unit.

C308 – Replaced evaporator canister and gas cap due to check engine light on.

C321 – Install spare tire, brought tire to be patched and reinstalled.

E303 – Replaced seat belt and buckle. Replaced water pressure gauge on deck gun. Removed a/c center support and welded new support onto the bottom and painted before reinstalling.

E304 – Installed new pump valve linkage.

E305 – Replaced electrical cord real switch on pump panel. Replaced front scene light bulb.

E306 – Cut apart wiring harness where it seemed to be pinched in the frame rail to find bare wires. Repaired wires.

**Pierce Training will be held at COMM Fire October 16<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## TRAINING

### **October Training:**

- 1.) Chimney Fire (ISO T2)
- 2.) Company Drill: SCBA Air Consumption Course (ISO T2)
- 3.) FireRescue1 Academy: TBD
- 4.) M&M Rounds: Dates TBD

### **Training Hours:**

Month: August

# of Member's Reporting: 44

Total Hours: 266:55

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

### **Additional Training/Certificates:**

Capt. Morrison attended IAFC Fire Rescue International Conference in St. Louis and the Quell Foundation documentary at DY high school regarding first responder mental health on 9/7.

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

## 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 August 31, 2023. There have been 82 hours of operator-based, and 173 total personnel hours of underway time logged as of August 31. All small boats are in service at their respective stations.

### Dive Team

The Dive Team did not train in August.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Fertilized lawn at all Stations.

Station 2 – cleaned area around parked boat trailer and adjusted doors/frames in office and guest lavatory area. Replaced all outside lights with new LED light bulbs.

Station 3 – cleared lavatory drains in men's locker room, cleaned and repainted frame of entrance door, and cleaned washout by irrigation relief valve on D side of building.

## BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

## PLANNING

## COMMITTEES

Apparatus Committee meeting Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

## MISCELLANEOUS

COMM Fire Recognition Night will be Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

All Officers meeting Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1727hrs. Next meeting is October 16, 2023, at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk