

Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
May 14, 2018
Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1705 hrs. Fire Commissioners Riley, Macallister, and Frank were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge, Lt. Davern, FF Dalbec and K. Thut.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting. There was one ambulance waivers requesting abatement on an injury (ferry accident.) Deputy has call to attorney requesting reason for abatement. **Abatement not approved until further information obtained.** There was no public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

- C. Schneckloth – out on a back IOD since 8/10/16, surgery on April 11, 2017. Attended IME on May 10. **Awaiting results.**
- T. Miskiv – injured his shoulder on 9/5/17. Returned to duty 4/28/18.
- R. Scott graduated from the MFA last Friday. Will be returning on May 16th to Group 3.

FIRE PREVENTION

BUDGET

- FY 2018 is beginning week 46/52 or 88.4% complete. Please see attached information. **Salary line slightly above projected but OT is below at 76.4%, however this will adjust before end of FY. Overall spending is 83.8% YTD. Accrual usage will be active over the next month resulting in an uptick in OT for June.**

DISPATCH

During the month of April COMM Fire and Rescue units were dispatched to 346 calls for emergency service. Of those, 247 were rescue related and 99 were fire or service related. This is up 55 calls when compared to the same month in 2017, and represents an increase of 310 calls year-to-date when compared to last year. Most of the yearly increase to date can be attributed to the very stormy month of March, when we were up 258 calls compared to the previous year first quarter. Additionally, we dispatched 65 calls for the Cotuit Fire District in April, which is 19 less than the same month a year ago.

The 2018 Open Burning Season concluded on May 1st, with burning allowed in the District on 77 out of the 107 days. Citizen complaints concerning open burning seemed to be minimal, with only 12 complaints investigated during April. Of those, 8 were found to be after hours burning or burning on non- burning days, and the 4 remaining were found to be property owners who were burning within the regulations. Thanks to Sandy Mackey, the Agricultural Burn Permits have been renewed for 2018. We currently have 11 active Agricultural Permit holders who are allowed to burn year round with daily permission from the Fire Department.

The COMM Dispatchers will be hosting an APCO seminar on May 21st, with the topic of Bullying and Negativity in the Communications Center. All four full time Dispatchers are scheduled to attend, and all neighboring COMM Centers with APCO members have been invited.

Later this month, an effort will begin to improve the sound quality for the radio and telephone speakers throughout Headquarters Station (**speakers are aging at 30 years old.**). The speaker cones and controls in the first floor kitchen will be replaced and evaluated, and then decisions made whether to continue in other areas.

EMS

- Handtevy Pediatric System has been proofread and accepted. The protocol books and related equipment will be customized, printed and sent shortly. Training for all groups will begin as soon as the products arrive. PM's Hunter and Malone will assist in training all 4 groups.
- All ballistic helmets and vests purchased by the department are in service on each of the 4 COMM ambulances. The equipment was worn at the scene of 109 Blueberry Lane while crews were on standby. We are planning to purchase more sets in the future to place in 321 and possibly a third set in each ambulance.
- All training with the exception of an MCI refresher drill is up to date and continuous.
- Equipment is functioning properly and has all been serviced to date.
- Tactical Medical class – May 21-24, 2018
- Meningitis exposure – **Discussion re CCH's policy/procedure on infectious disease exposures.**

It should be stated that the events of April 12, 2018 were among some of the most difficult in recent history for our department. All members involved that day and in the days after should be commended for their hard work and dedication. Especially the members of Group 1 on duty that day.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Spring clean-up is still underway, however weed control and fertilization have been completed for the spring. Any Station 1 trees downed from the storms were removed by Whitely Landscaping. Garage door repairs were made at all 3 stations. At Station 2, the gym ceiling has been cleaned and will be repainted.

EQUIPMENT

- 307 - installed thermal cameras, knox lock and re-equipped with all necessary equipment.
- 324 – repaired horn and electrical in rear panel.
- 325 – repaired rear door handle and replaced water pump
- 318 – starter replaced and 306 the Q2 siren was rebuilt

- 310- has been sent to Crosby's for paint and launching.

COMMITTEES

OPERATIONS

Car seat installations:

April: 6 (-10 compared to March)
April OT hours: 4 (-2 from March)
April OT cost: \$224.10 (-\$109.70 from March)

We are currently planning a car seat installation/check event in conjunction with Cotuit Fire Dept. on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

TRAINING

Ladder truck driver training – 5/14-17
Water Rescue training – 5/1-4
Terpak training in Brewster – 5/4
COMM hosting Dispatch training on bullying in the workplace – 5/21

PLANNING

MISCELLANEOUS

Interns have completed the year. Colby Howell and Dan Black will present at the Captains meeting this Friday a Powerpoint with highlights from their year at COMM.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1735 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2018 at 1700 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Frank, Clerk

Typed by K. Thut