

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

February 24, 2020

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1710 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley and Frank were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge, 2346 President M. Rogers and K. Thut.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the January 30, 2020 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

FF Robert O'Melia will retire on Mar. 27, 2020.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was held in Auburn this past month. The educational portion of the meeting was on General Fire Prevention Issues throughout the State presented by Jake Nunnemacher, Fire Protection Engineer at DFS. Both FPO's also attended the Fire Prevention Association Board of Directors meeting in Milford.

There were no site plan reviews in January.

This past month a total of (81) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$1865.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (29) and inspection (28). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed 209 inspections and/or activities (51) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

- Continuing to assist members with the OEMS recertification process.
- Preparing education and expectations in EMS for five new hires.
- Working with Capt. Sargent to install 4 new modems into Lifepak 15 for use with Image Trend.
- Continue to work with ambulance vendor on specifications of possible new ambulance.

Transition to Coastal from Comstar for ambulance billing is almost complete.

DISPATCH

While 2019 was a record setting year for call volume, January saw a dip to 341 calls, 28 calls less than January 2019. February appears to be reducing the call deficit, primarily due to the wind storm on the 7th. There were 41 calls on the 7th, 27 of them between 1400 and 1800 hours. Most of the calls that day were for wires down and alarms related to downed wires and power outages. We also dispatched 79 calls for Cotuit during January which was an increase of 20 compared to the previous January of 2019.

The new logging recorder by NICE Corporation was installed last month and is working well. The software is web-based and appears much like the previous version, but is much more responsive making it easier to confirm information from radio traffic and phone calls when necessary.

Emergency Medical Dispatch recertification is underway for 3 of the 4 dispatchers. (Motte, Monroe, Brouillette) as it is due to expire next month. Recertification involves documenting mandatory training hours on medical and communications topics, as well as downloading CPR cards and passing an on line test. Dispatcher Pierce is on a different cycle, having recertified last year. Recertification through APCO (Association of Professional Communications Officials) takes place every two years.

EQUIPMENT

Replacement vehicles for 322 and 329 were spec-ed with local dealers. Pumps and valves on 304, 306 and 307 needed replacement or repair. 319 required a new exhaust temp switch, battery switch and a new rear seat. 326 was sent to Minuteman for emission issues. The dealer is investigating why the truck is setting emission codes every time it travels off-Cape. Master Mechanic David Scott attended Pierce training on TAK-4 front ends and air brake diagnostics.

OPERATIONS

New hires + orientation schedule. **Schedule was reviewed .**

Martin MacNeely retirement + new FPO hire interviews. **Martin is scheduled to retire mid-June 2020.**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Leaf and branch removal were necessary after the winter wind storms. At Station 1, the new side entrance door was painted, all of the drapes in the Admin offices were removed and any holes were filled. All of the blinds on the 2nd floor were removed and new 2" wooden blinds installed. At Station 2, both the public lavatory and the janitor closet doors were repaired and hinges adjusted. The men's shower door was repaired as well as the central vacuum power head.

BUDGET

FY 2020 is beginning week 35/52 or 67.3% complete. Please see provided information. Review of preliminary FY21 budget. **The current coverage on OT spending was discussed. The overall YTD spending is at 61.9%.**

TRAINING

February

- Hazmat: Chief Winn teaching all four shifts Hazmat R&I.
- Meters: With the purchase of our new meters, Lt. Joe Carroll from the Westbrook Maine FD taught all 4 shifts.
- Forcible Entry: BCFRTA is here with the forcible entry prop teaching all 4 shifts. Picture was in the CC Times.
- Cancer: flyer

March:

- Wildland/Urban Interface: Josh Nigro from DCR will be here teaching all 4 shifts.
- Members will also review the Brush PowerPoint and practical evolutions with F-318 and F-317.
- Cancer: IAFC Company Officers Section monthly cancer flyer.
- Area Familiarization: Review of 8 lakes and ponds in the district. Focus is on boat access.
- NIMS: Review of the National Incident Management System. Yearly review per Lexipol.

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

MISCELLANEOUS

Upcoming events:

- 3/3-5 FCAM
- 3/4 Special Olympics plunge (**will incorporate March Dive Team drill**)
- 3/9 First day for new hires
- 3/10 & 11 Hosting hazmat training
- 3/13,16,17,26 Wildland fire training
- 3/16 FC meeting & FF Assoc meeting/dinner
- 3/20 Welcome social for new hires + families at 1530 hrs.
- 4/17 DFS skin cancer screening at COMM

Tom DeGraan has spearheaded the Lifescan medical evaluations for all firefighters and retirees. 50+ folks have signed up so far. Exams will take place April/May 2020.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Adjourn meeting at 1738 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Frank, clerk

Typed by KT

