

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

July 18, 2022

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1704hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Deputy Eldridge, N. Celeste, and Capt. E. Arrascue.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

COVID-19

PERSONNEL

Shawn Lehane joined Fire Prevention on July 1st and has been shadowing Inspector Grossman and Inspector Hill on all inspections.

Brianna Griffin and Paul Sparrow have completed their new hire orientation and will be now working on their respective groups. Brianna will be on group 1 and Paul will be on group 2.

Edward Dalbec last day will be July 30, 2022. Ed has 22 years in the fire service.

FIRE PREVENTION

Junior Firefighter Program concluded at both Centerville and West Villages Elementary. This caps off a successful 9-month in person educational program for 1st and 2nd graders. In the final session, we brought E-305 to the school and allowed the kids to spray the hose as well as a Q&A segment.

Construction continued at 1600 Falmouth Road Centerville, Bell Tower Mall apartments. The project will be divided into (4) separate phases (areas A-D) with preliminary testing of the fire alarm system and sprinkler scheduled for next month. Inspected private firework shows at Oyster Harbors Club and Wianno Club, additional shows to follow. FPO's inspected and were present for the annual Best Buddies Challenge at Craigville Beach and conducted a basic fire safety class for residents at a group home in Marstons Mills.

FPO Hill and FF Lehane attended the monthly FPAM meeting in Auburn. This month's discussion was on firework displays, both legal and illegal, taught by Matt Murray from DFS along with members of the MSP Bomb Squad.

This past month a total of (83) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$2050.00) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (48) and inspection (47). Overall Fire Prevention completed (224) inspections and/or activities, (27) of which were Senior Safe Program inspections.

EMS

- 1) Replacing worn bags, and equipment as needed.
- 2) Transitioning training platform from Prodigy to Fire Rescue 1.
- 3) Preparing to have Stryker service techs here to PM all Stryker equipment on Wednesday. **Annual contract**
- 4) Working with 2 new hires orientation program pertaining to EMS.

DISPATCH

For the first 6 months of 2022, COMM units were dispatched on 2305 calls, which is an increase of 118 compared to the first half of last year. June call volume had an increase of 33 calls with a total of 433 calls. 308 were EMS or motor vehicle related, with the remaining 125 calls for fire, service or alarm related. 75 calls were dispatched for Cotuit FD in June.

EQUIPMENT

A324

- Front grill lights and opticom inoperable. Found bad pin in connector in multiplex module.

A325

- Serviced truck, replaced reverse alarm, and replaced Opticom module in light bar

E304

- Truck pulling hard to the right when brakes are applied. Removed from service and diagnose brake issue. Started break job

E306

- Replace steering box on Tak 4, transmission retarder inoperable on road test along with engine running hot. Diagnose and replace internal solenoid in transmission for retarder. Replaced thermostats in engine for running hot condition, drained class B foam cell, and Allegiance replaced windshields

L307

- Replace driver's window regulator, repaired loose extend, and retract handle on pedestal

Brush 318

- Working on wiring. Had starter issues causing some circuits to melt

Station 1

- Replace battery and belt on station 1 generator, performed allsteer training and pump aerial on E307 with FF Green, and trained new hires on allsteer and apparatus overview

Car 328

- Send to Balise Ford for seat track repair

New 321

- Working with Liberty Chevrolet on specs for new car

New ambulance arrival has been pushed back again due to manufacturer shortage.

TRAINING

August:

- 1.) Hurricane Toolkit/Procedures
- 2.) Emergency Vehicle and Roadway Safety
- 3.) School Walk-throughs

- 4.) Fire Safety Research Institute: Coordination of Suppression and Ventilation in Single-Family Homes (firefighters, officers have already done the training.)

New hire orientation training started on July 5th and will end on July 15th.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

M310 is in service at Crosby Yacht. The Department has responded to 8 marine related incidents year to date. There were 73.5 hours of operator based underway time logged to date in 2022. Several small repairs are scheduled across the fleet over the next couple of weeks. The Division is working on two initiatives over the next several months: researching prices to either rehabilitate or replace the foam sponsons on M310 and looking for fire pump options and configurations that would make M310 a vessel with reasonable firefighting capabilities.

Dive Team

The Dive team resumed its regular monthly training schedule in June with a training evolution at Hathaway's Pond. The Team welcomed three new members: Firefighters Ben Stacy, Matt DePippo, and Ryan DiPilato. All three have begun their required certification training to become SCUBA divers.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Sprayed for ants on "D" side of station 1

Cleaned condenser unit at station 1 along with area that services computer room

Repaired vacuum in downstairs gym area

Cleaned pad around dumpster at station 2

Checked irrigation at Station 3 to find trouble spots in coverage

Continuing grass and weed maintenance at all stations

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. **Per Chief Winn as the budget stands or FY22, we are hoping to return roughly \$250K back to free cash for the District. Clerk Treasurer Abrams has asked for any big purchases to wait till January 2023.**

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

- IT Hardware remains in good working order.
- We have signed a project contract with Thrive Networks to upgrade our systems. This is the "Phase 2" of the project started last year and will focus on reorganizing our storage systems and updating our security protocols. Some of the specific changes that will be undertaken with this project include:
 - Moving the Water Department from their separate domain and server onto the "COMMFIREDISTRICT" server. Will do the same with the Prudential Office.

- We have been maintaining separate servers for them since the beginning of our current IT setup and this change will reduce costs of running separate servers while increasing the security and backup capabilities for all. Combining all our database files onto one server and maintaining them on site. This will allow for use of the 911 and other programs even during loss of internet. Reorganizing, combining all departments, and moving the server that holds our individual employee data files as well as shared documents to the Cloud. This is a secure and redundantly backed up server hosted by Thrive Networks.
- We have been working on revamping the Fire Department website and it is nearing completion. We have added functionality to the Fire Prevention page to allow filling or downloading permit applications and will be adding the ability to pay for inspections online.
- We continue to work on the Water Department Logics project and the Fire Department RedNMX project. Both are in the final phases.
- We have upgraded a specific group of employees to the latest version of Microsoft Office. These are the employees that utilize the programs on a more frequent basis and include the admin staff, dispatch, and the Captains. We will continue to evaluate the need for other upgrades during the upcoming Thrive project.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program funds for FY21 have been received. The original amount submitted was \$169,157.00. COMM received \$184,715.00 due to the Commonwealth again being able to recuperate an enhanced federal match leading to increased settlements for all providers.

Per Chief Winn - Mutual aid to Nantucket – COMM sent a crew and crew took the Hyline fast ferry, found this to be the most efficient way to get to the island in a timely manner.

Per Chief Winn – Mutual aid to Mashpee – COMM sent an engine truck and ladder 307

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1728 hrs. Next meeting August 15, 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk