

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

June 14, 2021

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1700 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, Lt. M. Rogers, A. Travers, M. Aries, and N. Celeste

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from May 17, 2021. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

A motion was made to elect Chairman Mark Macallister, Vice Chairman Ed Riley, and Clerk Doug Brown, motion was seconded to accept.

COVID-19

In accordance with Governor Bakers lifting of COVID19 restrictions (effective 29May21 at 0800hrs,) COMM Fire is announcing the following changes:

Effective 29May21-Masks will no longer be required while on duty and in the station or while on apparatus with the exception of a patient occupied ambulance. Any patient care situations require use of a surgical mask at a minimum. Fire Prevention has the option of continuing to wear masks during Fire Prevention activities.

Effective 29May21-COMM members not vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks at all times.

Effective 29May21-COMM Buildings will be open for public access. Those COMM members (admin, dispatch, Prudential Members) interacting with the public will continue to have the option to wear masks.

Effective 29May21-ALL EMS calls require the usage of masks. Surgical masks are appropriate for the majority of EMS calls. N95 Masks, eye protection, gowns and gloves will be required for all respiratory and COVID related calls.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

Eric Bengston – has filed for an accidental disability retirement with the Barnstable County Retirement Association. COMM Fire is assisting Eric with this effort and all paper work is being compiled for processing. **Lt. Bengston has followed up with Barnstable County Retirement, they are waiting for two (2) doctors to review case.**

Michael Carney-out for an unknown period of time. Mike has been working in Admin for the past two weeks assisting the Fire Prevention Officers and Admin Staff.

Michael Rogers-out for an unknown period of time. Mike will return to limited duty as soon as his MD approves. Mike injured himself while off duty.

Enrique Arrascue-has completed his surgery and will be returning to work on Light Duty on June 15, 2021.

John C. Greene-New Hire - **John Green is local from Marstons Mills**

Mathew DePippo-New Hire – **Matthew DePippo currently works for Brewster Fire Department**

Both new hires will be going to the Fire Academy.

I am happy to report that two (2) conditional offers of employment were made on June 10th and both were accepted; John Green and Mathew DePippo. The hope is to have both members complete their physicals by this time next week. Our hope is to rapidly obtain a successful PAT test for both and a prospective start date of 19Jul21.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts 2 day annual conference was held via zoom with 2 full days of educational classes.

Both FPO's taught a fire safety class to approximately 25 group home staff members of Community Services via zoom.

Construction continued on the 6 contractor bays building at 1330 Main Street in Osterville and on the solar project at Cape Resources 280 Old Falmouth Road. **This project will require a Bi Directional Amplifier which they are aware of as it is common in new buildings.**

The Junior Firefighter program at West Villages Elementary resumed at West Villages Elementary School.

The senior safe program has been placed on hold until July 1st due to budget reasons.

Site plan was held for the Craigville General Store at 628 Craigville Beach Road for food service and seating for 12.

This past month a total of (103) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2455.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (68) and inspection (64). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (180) inspections and/or activities (6) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

CCHC is allowing 1 visitor to accompany a patient to the hospital with the exception of COVID patients (no visitors). Children may have both parents with them in the ER. One (1) person may either ride in our ambulance (with a mask on) or advise them to drive themselves to the ER to meet if appropriate.

New statewide EMS Protocols are now in effect and all personnel have attended the required training.

4 new Lifepak 15 cardiac monitors have been ordered and should arrive in mid-July. Sales rep will assist in setting up new units upon arrival. **Lifepaks are in four (4) ambulances and engine 306.**

With the State of Emergency being lifted. All previously changed treatment protocols and Administrative Requirements will revert back to pre COVID.

New Ambulance has been ordered. Chassis due to arrive at Horton in October. Delivery of ambulance to COMM not expected until early 2022.

All inventory is sufficient and equipment in good working order.

Training continues to be done via Prodigy. Will begin to implement some in person, hands on training in September.

DISPATCH

During the month of May COMM personnel were dispatched to 354 calls for emergency service. Of that total, 249 were rescue related. This represents a drop of 119 calls when compared to May of last year. Much of the difference is likely attributed to the rolling birthday celebrations COMM was participating in at that time. Most of those celebrations for District residents isolated during Covid-19 were conducted in May of 2020. The total of 1787 calls

for the first five months of 2021 represents a decrease of 53 when compared to the same time period a year ago. COMM also dispatched 77 calls for the Cotuit Fire District in May, which is up by 17 calls compared to the previous May.

With the opening of headquarters building for public access to administration and permitting functions, the tracking of Dispatch Window assists has been discontinued. During May COMM had 161 window assists, 186 in April, 203 in March, 111 in February, and 144 in January. The dispatchers wish to thank all the duty officers, headquarters crew, and administrative staff who assisted during the many times the buzzer rang while the dispatcher on duty was tied up with 911 calls or other emergency tasks during the Covid-19 related shut down of public access.

EQUIPMENT

TRAINING

July Training

- 1.) Small Tools/Saws/Ventilation
- 2.) Hearing Protection policy 606 (mandatory once a year)
- 3.) Building/Area Familiarization

Two week new hire orientation

OPERATIONS

Marine Division:

M310 remains in service at the dock. The Division has been working with Young's Electronics on warranty issues with the FLIR Camera and RayMarine Navigation system. 36 hours of underway time have been logged since commissioning in March. **There was a mayday call over the weekend in Osterville North and West Bay, searched and could not locate anyone in distress.**

Dive Team:

In May, Dive Team training was suspended until the next fiscal year. No activations in the past 30 days.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On-going lawn maintenance and weed control at all three stations

Cleaned coils on outside split unit at station 1

Checked and replaced some apparatus bay lights, scraped paint and replaced trim under rear window of station 1

Cleaned and snaked drain in prudential kitchen sink

MidCape door checked non-working motor on door 4 at station 1, found parts not available ordered new motor for door 4

Scraped, sanded, and repainted exterior doors at station 2

Cleaned leaves and debris around outside rear condenser at station 3

Built staging for repair of attic unit at station 3 – HVAC unit at Station 3 is high up, staging is needed to access unit.

Changed door signs at all stations due to Covid restrictions being lifted

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet

Spending freeze was placed more for business than financial as there are two (2) payrolls and two (2) warrants left till the fiscal year ends. May need a special meeting for an article on reimbursing the salary of the retiree in August.

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

Rescue Tool Committee-COMM Fire has initiated a committee to investigate all battery powered hydraulic rescue tools to compliment the rescue tools already utilized. The COMM Firefighters Association has generously offered to purchase the battery hydraulic tools once a decision is made. The Committee includes Captains Adams and Morrison, Lieutenants Mike Miskiv and Zach Hunter and firefighters Charles Riley, Scott Mullin, Ryan Scott and Tucker Laffey.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

Would like to use October meeting date to recognize retirees, new hires, outside awards, and pinning as this was on hold due to COVID. This would be the 3rd Monday in October.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1731 hrs. Next meeting July 19, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk