

## Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

### Fire Commissioners' Meeting

March 21, 2022

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1701 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, N. Celeste, and members of Local 2346.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the February 28, 2022 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### COVID-19

Effective March 14, 2022 all COMM Fire Stations are open to the public. At this time we are not allowing the meeting room to be utilized to outside entities.

#### PERSONNEL

Justin Medeiros has been cleared to return to duty. His first day back will be March 20, 2022.

Lt. Matthew Dillon is out on IOD. Lt. Dillon injured his knee on 12/22/21. Lt. Dillon has started physical therapy and remains out till his follow up appointment the end of March.

**Matthew DePippo and John Green will be graduating from the MA Fire Academy on April 8, 2022**

#### FIRE PREVENTION

Junior Firefighter Program resumed at both Centerville and West Villages Elementary. Program was temporarily put on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Informal site plan was held via zoom for 1336 Main Street Osterville, Sacred Space Wellness and 230 Route 149 Marstons Mills, medical offices. Construction continued on the 26 apartments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Bell Tower Mall.

This past month a total of (74) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$1850.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (40) and inspection (40). Overall Fire Prevention completed (126) inspections and/or activities, (0) of which were Senior Safe Program due to program being temporarily on hold.

Fire Prevention Officers attended monthly FPAM meetings in Auburn as well as a Cape & Islands Fire Prevention (CCIFP) meeting at Cape Cod Tech in Harwich. This month's presenters were Peter Orsi from

Colby Fire Protection Systems discussing NFPA 25 Sprinkler Testing & Maintenance and CCIFP had Jordan Greene-Williams (DFS) presenting 148A Non-Criminal Ticketing.

**Safe Grant funds have been received, FP will be purchasing lock boxes.**

## EMS

- 1) Spent several hours redesigning Image Trend Elite work flow to include a clearer printed report.
- 2) Working with ambulance salesman to provide an estimated cost of proposed new ambulance for next fiscal year.
- 3) Renewal of all required EMS certifications for expiring members is almost complete

## DISPATCH

During the month of February COMM units responded to 351 calls for emergency service, which is an increase of 41 calls over the previous February. The two month total for 2022 is 836, an increase of 150 calls over the same period a year ago. In comparison Cotuit Fire Department calls are down so far in 2022 with 37 calls in February, 22 less than the previous February. Of the 351 calls by COMM units in February, 243 were EMS or Motor Vehicle related, with 108 fire and service calls.

Of the total 388 dispatched calls last month for COMM and Cotuit, 209 came in via 911, 73 from alarm companies, 40 on the business lines, 1 from a COMM unit on the road, 10 from Barnstable County Control, 6 in person reports and 42 from the Barnstable Police Department. The sources for 7 calls were unrecorded.

By state regulation the open burning season runs each year from January 15<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. In February 24 of the 28 days were determined to be burning days for COMM Fire District Residents.

District buildings remain closed to the general public due to covid protocols. In February the dispatchers assisted members of the public at the vestibule window approximately 145 times. Of those about 90 occurred during the morning, 55 in the afternoon and 5 in the early evening.

## EQUIPMENT

E306 – electrical issue with compartment warning buzzer and lights was traced out to be a factory harness connector with reverse polarity. Removed all shelves and stainless walls in driver side rear and upper compartments to gain access to harness to trace. After electrical repair was made all stainless was reinstalled. Had to drill and tap all new holes to reassemble as they all stripped on removal. Serviced engine, transmission and gear case.

Items left on E306

- Mount new extrication tools
- Repair fuel leak on engine
- Replace front brake air chambers, hoses and possibly brake pads
- Repair oil leak on engine
- Repair coolant leak

- Diagnose inoperable Husky foam system

A327 – serviced and replaced several lights inside patient compartment and replaced patient compartment heat circulator pump

## TRAINING

### April Training

- 1.) Marine Operations: B-310, review maritime response system and marine policy (**B-310 check list has been added to training list**)
- 2.) Boat yard familiarization and standpipe flushing
- 3.) Forcible entry prop: Barnstable County Fire/Rescue Training Academy
- 4.) EMS Prodigy class

COMM Fire has received the new extrication equipment from New England Fire Equipment (cutter, spreader, ram, TL9 stabilizer, 6 batteries and chargers.) Group 1 will train with Randy Crowe (NEFE) and the tools tomorrow Tuesday March 22nd at 0900. The other 3 shifts have already completed the training. Lt. Hunter and Mechanic Scott have ordered brackets through COMM FF's Assoc. for the new and current cutter and spreaders and will be working to get them installed on Engine 306. Feedback from the firefighters has been very positive regarding the capability of the tools and learning about current extrication practices from Randy.

## OPERATIONS

### **Marine Division**

M310 remains in service at the dock. The Department has responded to two, marine-related Incident year-to-date. There were 2 hours of operator-based underway time logged to date in 2022.

### **Dive Team**

The Dive Team last trained in December 2021. **Training on hold due to spending freeze.**

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Snow and ice removal along with branch clean up from high winds. Cut and removed additional branches around rear camera and dumpster area.

Adjusted lobby lav drain and men's locker room lav sink at Station 2.

Raised downspout and regraded area near rear door by apparatus bay at Station 3.

Removed and disposed of mattress, box spring, and bed frame from dispatch area. Also disposed of broken dispatch office chair.

## BUDGET

See attached budget sheet

## PLANNING

## COMMITTEES

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

## MISCELLANEOUS

We have submitted payroll for the COVID Emergency Paid Sick Leave reimbursement through Mass DOR. COMM Fire is hoping to receive \$27,805.12 in relief funds. The maximum reimbursement per employee is \$850.00.

**Hiring process will begin in the next month. New hires will start on or around July 1, 2022.**

## ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

**Meeting adjourned at 1731hrs. Next meeting April 25, 2022 at 5pm (due to Patriots Day holiday).**

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk