

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

April 24, 2023

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1700hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, N. Kennedy, Local 2346, and COMM hiring committee members.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

Interviews took place for Firefighter/EMT and FirefighterParamedic.

CORRESPONDENCE

Save Greater Dowses Beach-Wind Farm
Wakeby Road-Solar Farm

PERSONNEL

FF Rich Sahl is still out on sick leave due to shoulder surgery.

Lt. Mike Carney is out on sick leave due to shoulder surgery. Is due to return in May.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Jr. Firefighter program continued at both West Villages and Centerville Elementary. This month's session was "Exit Drills in the Home" along with identifying our families safe meeting places.

FPO Hill attended the annual FCAM Conference in Worcester and the monthly FPAM meeting in Auburn was cancelled due to inclement weather. Both FPO's attended the departments quarterly officers meeting with a brief presentation from FPO Hill regarding the potential launch of Community Risk Reduction Program which incorporates trained firefighting personnel with in-home visits and educational opportunities throughout the district. FPO Lehane also coordinated a "Lithium-Ion Battery Class" which in recent years has become a hot topic within the fire service.

Both FPO's attended a Senior Expo at the South Congregational Church located at 1200 Old Stage Rd, Centerville. FPO's set a display table and handed out "File of Life" magnets along with informational handouts. The third round of fire drills were performed at the schools throughout the district and quarterly inspections were conducted at both 120 South Main Street (Cape Regency) and 22 Richardson Road (Harbor Point). FPO Hill was also activated as part of the Cape & Islands Youth Firesetter Intervention Team for a potential youth firesetter within our district.

This past month a total of (43) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1325) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were down this month but remained the most common type of permit (23) and inspection (33). Overall Fire Prevention completed (121) inspections and/or activities, (24) of which were CRR/Senior Safe inspections.

EMS

EMS Officer helped coordinate and participated in Town of Barnstable wide ASHER training at BHS on April 7th that had over 200 participants including Barnstable Police and all 5 Fire Districts.

Instructed a portion of ASHER Training for Wellfleet Police and Fire on April 18th. Presented "Bleeding Control" to all participants in the classroom and assisted with live scenarios at Wellfleet Elementary School.

Instructed Barnstable Harbor Master Office in the administration of Narcan. Class conducted at COMM HQ on April 20th.

Participated in new hire interviews April 12th.

Attended Honor Guard training held at HQ April 13th and 14th.

New OEMS Protocols were implemented on April 1st which includes new medications required. All personnel are trained, and ambulances stocked.

All supplies and equipment related to EMS are in good working order.

New Ambulance 324 is expected to arrive mid-summer. We have been assured that the chassis is on the ground at Horton and in production.

DISPATCH

COMM dispatched 442 calls in the month of March for a total of 1215 calls for the first quarter.

Of the 442 runs last month 309 were EMS or motor vehicle related, and 30 were Fire Prevention: 26 Senior Safe Visits and 4 Public Education visits.

COMM also dispatched 72 runs for Cotuit Fire District in March.

Dispatch training this month is centered on Duplicate and similar street names within the town, as well as a review of the procedures for dispatching Cotuit calls and the recent changes to Mutual Aid responses for Cotuit calls.

The Open Burning Season, by state-wide regulation, is set to end on May 1st.

EQUIPMENT

A324 - Serviced engine, oil, filters, and greased chassis. Check and found air leaks throughout truck, replacing miscellaneous fittings and valves. Also replaced air dryer, rear leveling valve, shocks, serpentine, tensioner, front brake pads, and handheld spotlight in the cab of ambulance.

A326 – Sent to Allegiance for EGR Cooler covered under warranty. Also replaced rear door latch.

E304 and E303 – Serviced transmissions oil and filters. Sent oil sample for testing to check for cross contaminants.

E304 – Rebuilt intake relief valve on pump, sent light tower glass lens out for replacement, and ordered new panel with light to replace pump panel light.

E306 – Replaced internal transmission harness and oil level gauge inside transmission. Found faulty connector on transmission, made temporary repair, and ordered new harness. Rebuilt intake pressure relief valve, replaced pumps anodes, and rebuilt front bumper discharge valve and pump valve.

C317 – Officially filed a claim regarding part. Currently waiting to hear back from GM.

C318 – With help from Richard Randall wired engine, working on connecting dashboard. Replaced fuel line from tank to engine. Sent drivers side windshield out for replacement, made new window brackets for new windshield.

C319 – Sent to Greenwood for reverse system repair; reverse lights, alarm, and camera not working properly. Greenwood repaired faulty wires inside the walls of box. Also repaired inside lights.

B311 – Ordered full tune up kit. Boat is currently out of service while awaiting parts.

Removed all Class B foam from all apparatus.

TRAINING

May Training:

- 1.) EMS: Glucometer and Stretcher Safety (mandatory once a year)
- 2.) Small Boat Training (boat operator form will be filled out) (ISO T2)
- 3.) Marine 310 Practical (continued from last month) (ISO T2)
- 4.) Company Drill: Deck gun operations/portable deck gun/2 1/2" operations (ISO T2)

Training Hours:

Month: March

of Member's Reporting: 48

Total Hours: 253.30

(The above was recorded in FireRescue1 Academy and includes firefighters and officers)

Additional Training/Certificates:

More than 20 members of COMM FD participated/instructed in the townwide ASHER drill held at Barnstable High School on April 7th 0800-1600.

Lt. Davern, FPO. Lehan, FPO. Grossman (ret,) FF. Long (ret,) FF. Hammond, and FF. Koretski took part in the National Honor Guard Academy class that was held at COMM FD April 13th and 14th. Thank-you to FF. Koretski for coordinating.

FF. Coombs received certificates in the following MFA classes: Fires in 2 ½ Story Wood frame Dwellings, Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire Service, and Automatic Sprinkler Systems.

Capt. Morrison traveled to Nashville, TN April 17th - 19th to assist with the IAFC Firefighter Near Miss Reporting System training website.

(The above training was completed in addition to the COMM monthly training)

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 310 is in service in the water at Crosby Yacht Yard. The Department has responded to zero marine-related incidents year-to-date. There have been 7 hours of operator-based, and 11 personnel hours total of underway time logged to date in 2023. All service seasonal service work and bottom painting was completed prior to launching. A new VHF radio was also installed to replace an older unit.

Boat 311 is out of service awaiting engine repairs.

As part of April training and in compliance with the department's marine operator policy, operator evaluation and credentialing for the three small boats is being completed and entered into personnel records.

Dive Team

The Dive Team conducted its monthly training in March at Long Pond in Harwich with the County team.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Outside weed control at all stations.

Knell Irrigation turned on irrigation at all stations. Need to repair the wiring to zones 2-5 at Station 1 and valve repair at Station 2.

Station 1

- Cleaned and painted training room office.
- Install air conditioning unit in dispatch.
- Installed new toilet valve in men’s locker room.
- Cleaned and mulched front and side beds.

Station 2

- Repaired control button on overhead door #2.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1918hrs. Next meeting May 15, 2023 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk