

**Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department**  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
**February 27, 2023**

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1700hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with N. Kennedy, Prudential Committee Chairman C. Crocker.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> COMM had the privilege of hosting Senator Cyr for a ride along with Group 3. The correspondence below is from Michael Holcomb Senator Cyr's District Director.

*Good afternoon Chief Winn,*

*I can say that the Senator greatly enjoyed his time visiting and going on a ride-along. The crews were wonderful in sharing their time with the Senator to speak with him and answer some of his questions about their work in the District. I'll be pleased to be able to share with him the invitation to return and wouldn't be surprised if he took them up on the offer.*

*Thank you for arranging this, and through you to the crews and to Captain Goodearl (who I see is copied on your message) for their hospitality and kindness.*

### PERSONNEL

Capt. Enrique Arrascue has accepted the position of Yarmouth Fire Chief. COMM wishes Capt. Arrascue the best of luck on his new venture.

FF Brianna Griffin has resigned from COMM Fire effective February 24, 2023.

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

New hires Odane Murphy and Jack Tuohy-Bedford have completed their 2-week training and have started on their respective groups. O. Murphy will be on Group 2 and J. Tuohy-Bedford will be on Group 4.

### FIRE PREVENTION

The Jr. Firefighter program continued at both West Villages and Centerville Elementary. This month's session was on "Ice & Cold Water Emergencies" with demonstrations using our Mustang Ice Rescue Suit and MARSARS board. This session will extend into February as well. FPO Hill also attended a Tier 2 Reporting Workshop at the Barnstable Courthouse. Facilities covered by the reporting requirements of the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) must submit annual Tier II reports to their Emergency Planning Committee (EPC), and Local Fire Department, and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

Both FPO's attended the monthly FPAM meeting in Auburn as well as Cape & Islands Fire Prevention Association meeting in Harwich. This month's topic was "New Fire Code Orientation" with presentations by Matt Murray and Jake Nunnemacher of DFS. The new fire code (NFPA 1; 2021 ed.) went into effect on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

This past month a total of (65) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1775) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were down this month but remained the most common type of permit (25) and inspection (36). Overall Fire Prevention completed (157) inspections and/or activities, (33) of which were Senior Safe Program inspections. **For accountability purposes Fire Prevention is now logging all Senior Safe calls in RedNMX.**

## EMS

- EMS overview of Image Trend, Equipment, Supplies and EMS Orientation of new personnel.
- Continuous EMS training of all personnel through Fire Rescue 1 and Cape and Islands EMS.
- Assisting with recertification of all personnel expiring March 31. (EMT and Paramedic certification)
- Working with Ambulance salesman from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles to determine delivery dates for 2 ambulances on order and pricing on an additional ambulance for possible purchase next FY.
- COMM A327 was part of an ambulance strike team that was sent to Brockton Hospital for a major evacuation as a result of an electrical fire. COMM transported 1 patient to Falmouth Hospital. This is the largest evacuation in the Commonwealth in recent history if not ever.

## DISPATCH

COMM dispatched 95 fire and service-related calls and 279 medical and motor vehicle calls in January, for a monthly total of 374. That is a decrease of 114 compared to January of 2022. COMM also dispatched 55 calls for Cotuit Fire in January.

Training of two new part time dispatchers is well under way, with both to complete the training by month's end and become eligible to fill available shifts. A third part time dispatcher has had limited availability and will resume the training starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Open Burning Season for 2023 began on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Open burning has been allowed in the District on 36 of the 39 days.

## EQUIPMENT

- Continue to organize and clean parts room for office space.
- Attended a weeklong Pierce Fire Truck Training for Basic Electrical and Command Zone in Florida
- A324 - Replaced siren speakers, replaced bracket in cab that holds air horn strings, repaired rear squad bench, Sheriff's Department came and replaced C-med antenna.
- A326 – Issue with check engine light. Returned to Allegiance to get the SCR replaced under warranty.
- A325 – Repaired boot from cab to box falling off. Glued boot back up while having ambulance changed out worn rear suspension parts. Cleaned some rust up under frame. Replaced belts and tensioners. Changed oil and filter greased chassis.
- E306 – found faulty grounds, removed common stud and installed a bus bar. Looked into the engine retarder not working found two codes. Tested wiring for both codes and ordered appropriate parts. Check engine light for EGR took apart in truck and moved valve manually.
- E305 - Low power steering fluid and replaced head light.
- E303 - Replaced rusty/chaffed air brake lines, ABS valve, faulty exhaust tube, and rear brakes. Found antifreeze leak transmission cooler attempting to rebuild.
- Truck 308 - Installed radio from Sheriff's Department. Radio failed again within a day sent back to Sheriff's Department for repairs.
- Car 329 - Replaced oil and filter, belt and tensioners, replaced battery.

## TRAINING

### March Training:

- 1.) Brush Fire/317 practical (ISO T2)
- 2.) Area Familiarization (lakes and ponds) (ISO T2)
- 3.) FireRescue1 Academy: ICS-100c Introduction to the Incident Command System (ISO T2/T3)
- 4.) Fit Testing and N95 OSHA 1910.134 (mandatory once a year) (ISO T2)

### Training Hours:

Month: January

Number of Member's Reporting: 49

Total Hours: 617:20

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

### Additional Training/Certificates:

- Lt. Scott, FF. Hammond, FF. Koretski, FF. Green, FF. English, FF. Sparrow, FF. DiPilato, and FF. DePippo participated in a Massachusetts Firefighting Academy 7-hour Surface Ice Rescue class on February 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by COMM FD.

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

## OPERATIONS

### **Marine Division**

Marine 310 is in service on its trailer at Station 3. It is expected to be launched in early March after some routine maintenance. 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.

### **Dive Team**

The Dive Team conducted its monthly training in February at Hathaway's Pond with the County and Hyannis Dive Teams.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

### **Station 1**

- Replaced several 8' fluorescent light bulbs in fixtures on apparatus bay
- HAMCO Flagpole replaced hardware that was malfunctioning
- Installed new seals on men's locker room urinals
- Painting and preparation in tool room for installation of new Mechanics office
- Installed new ground fault outlet between door 6 & door 7

### **Station 2**

- Adjusted overhead door
- Prepped for painting of first floor areas

## BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

## PLANNING

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Articles. **Discussion regarding planning of replacing Engine and Ladder truck.**

## COMMITTEES

Peer Support Committee member FF Ryan DiPilato has completed and sent in his application for Puppies Behind Bars.

Discussion to open the hiring process for two (2) new members to replace Capt. Arrascue and FF B. Griffin

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> COMM Fire A327 responded to the Brockton Hospital with Task Force 1A led by Chief Burke of Sandwich Fire.

*The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is supporting a 10-alarm fire at Brockton Hospital, where a transformer fire occurred at an adjacent outbuilding, resulting in smoke and carbon monoxide entering Brockton Hospital. The entire hospital is being evacuated as power has been cut off to the building and its standby generators. 5 in district Ambulance Strike Teams, along with 5 Ambulance Strike Teams and 3 Structural Task Forces from the Statewide Fire Mobilization Plan have been deployed to assist with the transportation of about 160 patients to alternate hospitals. The Department of Public Health (DPH) has activated their Department Operations Center (DOC) in Marlborough with multiple agencies responding to coordinate hospital bed availability, communications, ambulance strike teams, and fire mobilization requests. A Tier 1 hazmat for air monitoring has been declared. The State Fire Marshal, ISU 3, and Rehab 6 have been mobilized to the scene from DFS. The Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) is on site to support the communications. This is an ongoing event.*

## ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

**Meeting adjourned at 1803hrs. Next meeting March 20, 2023 at 5pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk