

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
January 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting will come to order at 1700 and will be recorded. We will begin our meeting with public comment. If you wish to provide public comment, please raise your hand, and wait to be called on by the chair. Speakers should identify themselves when called on to speak. Each speaker may have a minimum of three minutes. To be complaint with the Open Meeting Law, the board may choose not to engage in discussion on a particular comment but may wish to include the topic on a future agenda. The Board of Fire Commissioners strives to maintain an orderly and peaceable public meeting environment.

Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn via Teams Meeting, Deputy Eldridge, N. Kennedy, and M. Rogers (Local 2346)

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the December 26, 2023, meeting.

There were no ambulance waivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

R. DiPilato had surgery on his back on December 1st. **Per Chief Winn - starting physical therapy, feeling great.**

C. Rogers is out on IOD due to a back injury on December 1st. Meeting with surgeon on Jan. 23rd.

S. Coombs is out on IOD due to abdomen injury on December 31st, hoping to return mid-February.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. Although resale/transfer inspections were down for the month, FPO's conducted numerous business inspections focusing mainly in the downtown Osterville area.

Lt. Hill conducted a presentation at the Marstons Mills library regarding our Community Outreach "Senior Safe" campaign. These visits are now being conducted on Saturdays from 0900-1300 with help from our newly established Community Outreach Team. This program, which continues to grow year after year, continues to receive praise throughout the community. Fire Prevention also concluded their "Smoke and CO" presentation at both Centerville Elementary and West Villages as part of our Jr. Firefighter Program. Next month's presentation will be "Ice & Cold Weather Emergencies".

Chief Winn and Lt. Hill met with representatives from Cape Cod Academy regarding ongoing issues with their fire alarm system after receiving a referral/complaint from their previous alarm company. A lengthy discussion took

place, and it was suggested that a second opinion would be beneficial to the school due to the overall costs of replacing their current system. AS Jones out of Mendon, Ma. was contracted and able to make all the proper corrections. The system was repaired and tested by fire prevention, and the fire alarm system is now fully operational.

This month's FPAM meeting was held in Auburn with a presentation by Michael Roescher, President of Expert Systems. Topics discussed include Fire Alarm Systems and the Construction Review Process. FPO Lehane also attended a Special Joint Education Meeting, also held in Auburn, which focused on NFPA 855 Energy Storage Systems (ESS). This meeting included both fire and building officials.

This past month a total of (59) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1550) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (18) and inspection (29). Overall Fire Prevention completed (146) inspections and/or activities, (17) of which were part of our Community Outreach "Senior Safe" campaign.

EMS

EMT NCCP Class for COMM EMT's has been completed for those needing to attend.

Department CPR Classes will be held for each group the week of January 22nd.

Recertification for EMT's and Paramedics expiring on April 1, 2024, is in full swing.

First Responder Course has been completed for 3 of the 4 dispatchers needing the class.

Currently working on EMS needs for the upcoming fiscal year budget proposal. **Chief Winn - COMM has been informed by vendor Stryker that the annual contract we currently have will go up in costs next fiscal year. Commissioner Macallister asked what services are in the contract. Chief Winn explained we have a contract to service all Life Packs, stretchers, AED, Lucas, stair chairs.**

DISPATCH

COMM Fire ended year 2023 with 5425 calls for service, the highest ever in the history of the District. Of those calls 3542 were EMS or Motor Vehicle related, 947 Alarm responses, 59 fire responses, 11 Marine responses and 316 Fire Prevention (primarily Senior Safe visits). EMS and Motor vehicle represented roughly 66 percent of the call volume in 2023.

For December, COMM dispatched 480 calls, 1 less than last December. COMM also dispatched 1021 calls for Cotuit Fire last year, up 171 from the year before.

Continuing to work with vendors regarding proposals on the planned upgrades to the Dispatch Center.

EQUIPMENT

A326 – Sent to Allegiance for check engine light coming on. Allegiance inspected the exhaust. After arriving back from Allegiance, the brake lights stuck in the "on" position, checked wires and connections, also replaced oil and filters.

New A327 – Had numbers removed and new "327" numbers installed. Also brought to the body shop for front fender repairs due to an accident over the summer.

Spare Ambulance - Had numbers removed from ambulance. Install new front ties and replaced EGR valve.

E304 – Removed brackets from one compartment that are no longer used and installed new blitz gun. Also replaced failed door sensor.

E305 – Found left rear directional stuck in the “on” position. Checked and found faulty ground on the left side marker/directional light. Removed and soldered ground into the house and replaced bulb. Replaced front marker/directional light.

L307 – Annual aerial inspection has been completed, passed with minor issues. Replaced bulbs, rubbers stops and faulty gauge.

C322 – Has been lettered. Started installing tools and supplies in toolboxes. Currently waiting for lights and lift gate to be installed.

New C321 – Delivered to headquarters. Need to outfit the truck and have cap installed.

Brush Truck 318 – Have wired and is running, still have some items to repair. **Chief Winn - stated that this great as the department uses the for high water rescues and lately with the weather and the flooding COMM has had to call West Barnstable Fire to help with those calls.**

Chief Winn - Lt. Davern and Mechanic R. Randall found a local company to come to the station to install all lettering and decals going forward.

TRAINING

February Training:

1. RMI & Ergonomics PowerPoint and Quiz (mandatory once a year) (ISO T2)
2. Company Drill (s): Engine 306/Ladder 307 Annual Review (continued from last month) (ISO T2)
Ice Rescue Practical (ice/weather dependent) (ISO T2)
3. M&M Rounds: Cape Cod 2/15 Falmouth 2/26
4. Autism Awareness (Group 1 February 6th, Group 4 February 5th)
5. NFPA Article: Is There A Battery In There? (ISO T6)

New equipment to review:

- PPV fan on L-307 **Chief Winn - COMM Fire Association purchased battery powered fans to replace gas fired fans.**
- RAM HD ground monitor E-304 **Chief Winn - the ground monitor can flow water so someone does not have to always man the pump if needed and will shut itself off when needed.**
- Emergency Plug C-321 **Chief Winn - FF A. Travers found this product and it is a universal plug to plug into any electric vehicle to be able to turn off. Other fire departments have had issues when dealing with an electric vehicle that they think the vehicle is off and it is not. This plug will help us make sure that the vehicle is properly turned off.**

Training Hours:

Month: December

of Member's Reporting: 39

Total Hours: 191:30

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

Additional Training/Certificates:

- Lt. Davern acquired Region 5 to teach a 3-hour MCI Class on January 10th. Lt. Davern, Capt. Morrison, Lt. Carney, Lt. Carpenter, and FF Mullin attended.

(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 responded to 15 marine-related Incidents in 2023. There have been 95 hours of operator-based, and 198 total personnel hours of underway time logged in the 2023 calendar year. All small boats are in service at their respective stations and prepped for ice rescue incidents.

Chief Winn - Capt. Adams has ridden out the past couple of storms on Marine 310 as the water levels have become extremely high at Crosby Boat Yard.

Dive Team

The Dive Team did not train in December. Recently two team members resigned: CPT Tom Goodearl and FF Ben Stacy. FF Jack Tuohy-Bedford was added to the roster.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Snow, ice, and branch clean up after the past weather events. Replenished ice-melt at all stations.

Station 1:

- Replaced light bulbs in apparatus bay and basement hall and gym.
- Repaired lav faucet in locker room.
- Repaired heat in apparatus bay.

Station 2:

- Overhead door motor on door #1 replaced on January 18th.

Station 3:

- Overhead door repaired on door #5.
- Cleaned clogged drain in boiler room.
- Repaired dryer.
- Replaced ballasts in office and locker room.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. **Deputy Chief Eldridge - COMM is 54% through the fiscal year and 55% through the overtime budget.**

PLANNING

Chief Winn – The apparatus committee has been working hard on spec'ing two (2) engines and a ladder. Should have presentation ready within the next couple of weeks to present at Fire Commissioners Meeting.

Deputy Chief Eldridge – Working on updated capital plan as building maintenance is going to be needed. Station 1 roof is 20 years old and Station 2 roof has singles coming apart.

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

Deputy Chief Eldridge – R. Sargent has been working on upgrading the downstairs classroom along with the second floor conference room and meeting hall with smart screens along with phone system.

MISCELLANEOUS

Professional Health Services will be conducting the NFPA 1582 Physicals at COMM on February 22nd, 23rd, and 25th. Chief Winn – the cost for the physicals was approved in the last annual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

At 1754 hrs a motion was made and seconded to enter executive session. The regular meeting will not resume. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Next meeting is February 26, 2024, at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk