

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
January 23, 2023

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1702hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with N. Kennedy, Prudential Committee Chairman C. Crocker, Clerk Treasurer M. Stevens, and Local 2346 member A. Travers.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2022 meeting. There was one (1) ambulance waiver.

Public Comment: Prudential Committee Chairman and Clear Treasurer spoke regarding new tax rate for COMM Fire District.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

New hires Odane Murphy and Jack Tuohy-Bedford start date will be February 13th.

M. Rogers is out on sick leave due to Achilles tendon surgery. Hoping to have Mike return the beginning of February.

R. Sahl is out on sick leave due to shoulder surgery, per doctor's request on January 13th will be out another 6 weeks.

M. Dillon has given notice that his retirement date from COMM Fire will be February 1, 2023.

Retired Deputy Philip Field passed away suddenly on Friday January 20, 2023. Wake will be held on Tuesday January 24, 2023 with private burial on Friday January 27, 2023. We all keep the Field family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

FIRE PREVENTION

Both inspectors attended a mock ALICE drill put on by the Barnstable Police Department at Centerville Elementary. ALICE drills, (which is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), have become overly popular over the past few decades due to the rise of school shootings across the nation. The mock drill attended was in preparation of a larger scale drill scheduled for fall of 2023.

Both inspectors attended the monthly FPAM meeting in Auburn. This month's topic was 527 CMR 14.4.4 "Exterior Egress" with a presentation by Cambridge Fire Lt. Chris Towski. New fire code has been adopted by NFPA 1 (2021 ed.) as of December 9th, 2022. Changes to be discussed at January meeting of Cape & Islands Fire Prevention Association.

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.

EMS

- 1) Lt. Davern attended a weeklong GRIN/CISM/Suicide Prevention class hosted by COMM Fire
- 2) Massachusetts DPH/OEMS Ambulance Service Inspection took place on January 19th. There were no major deficiencies found only minor repairs to ambulances will be required.
- 3) New ambulance update – currently delayed by a few months citing “supply chain” issues.
- 4) Training and education continue many personnel are recertifying in the next few months.

DISPATCH

COMM ended 2022 with 5134 dispatched calls for emergency service. That is an all-time high for district call volume, besting last year's 5047, and 2019 had 5053.

In December COMM dispatched December 481 calls and 71 calls for Cotuit Fire. Also received updated run cards for Cotuit Fire.

Currently training three part time dispatchers with previous public safety experience. They will supplement the members of Local One and the spare dispatchers from Local 2346 to fill dispatch shifts caused by vacations, sick time, etc.

Dispatchers Brouillette and Perkins took the one-day RIT for dispatcher's class offered by the Massachusetts Fire Academy which was held in Hyannis.

EQUIPMENT

E304 - Replaced rear wheel seal, repaired air leak on service brakes, and replaced broken flasher.

A324- Replaced both front tires and aired up rear tires.

A326 - checked engine light for exhaust system, brought to Allegiance to replace dozer injector nozzle under warranty, welded rear Captains seat swivel bracket, serviced, and ordered parts for replacement.

Replaced parts in chain saws; all running and operational.

Received metal dumpster from Mid City Steal to do a metal clean out of all Stations with the help of Deputy Eldridge.

Donated 3 Johnson outboard motors to Cape Cod Tech Marine Division.

Water Tank repair company came and welded cap on 304 and foam tank on 317.

Truck 317 – calling weekly to check on back ordered transmission control module.

Truck 308 - installed fender flares, Cape Tire replaced two tire sensors, truck inspection sticker, mobile radio sent to Motorola for repairs.

Replaced air compressor at Station 1.

Cleaning and organizing parts room and upstairs on mezzanine.

TRAINING

January Training:

- 1.) SCBA Cleaning Procedures (ISO T2)
- 2.) Ice Rescue practical (weather dependent) (ISO T2 credit)
- 3.) FireRescue1 Academy: HAZMAT R&I- Planning and Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents (mandatory) (ISO T6 credit)
- 4.) RMI & Ergonomics (mandatory) (ISO T2)
- 5.) Med Sled: Practical and video (ISO T2)
- 6.) FireRescue1 Academy: 12 lead ECG Class (paramedics) (CAPCE 3 hr credit) (continued from last month)

Additional Training/Certificates:

- Chief Winn, Lt. Sabatinelli, Lt. Davern, Lt. Rogers, FF. Hammond, FF. Mullin, and FF. DiPilato participated in the GRIN class held at COMM FD January 9th-11th.
- Chief Winn, Lt. Davern, Lt. Rogers, FF. DiPilato, and FF. DePippo participated in the Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention class held at COMM FD January 12th-13th.

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

FireRescue1 Academy:

On January 1st the department has stopped entering training data into FireHouse and are now entering all data into FireRescue1 Academy. Fire department personnel and dispatchers will fill out the training form on FireRescue1 Academy for all EMS and fire training done at COMM FD as well as any fire, EMS, classes, MFA classes, seminars, conferences. Etc., that they have completed. Members started entering completed training in the new platform in December. Lt. Davern and Capt. Morrison will be looking at the data in the near future in particular the number of hours members have completed every month. This data will be included in the monthly Fire COMM report.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 310 is in service 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 9 personnel hours total of underway time logged to date in 2023. Over the past month, budget requests have been submitted for the following:

1. Replacement of VHF radio on M310 and purchase of new VHF and antennae for C321: \$434.87
2. Replacement of four rescue lines and bags: \$1,300.
3. Repainting of the foam collar on M310: \$11,000.
4. Overtime for training to comply with department guidelines for marine operator credentials \$79,750.

****Attached is a situational awareness briefing sent on 1/15/23 regarding ongoing activity in the near shore waters.**

Dive Team

The Dive Team conducted its monthly training in December at Headquarters station which included orientation for new members. A joint training event is scheduled for January's drill.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Station 1

- Briggs Landscaping completed fall clean up.
- Painted metal table and desktop and installed shelf in apparatus bay charging area.
- Painted new door, 2nd entry door, and trim to apparatus bay.
- Repaired downstairs vacuum.
- Cleared bathroom lav and toilet in Dispatch.
- Painted and hung hardware in guest lobby bathroom.

- Painted lav stalls in men's bathroom.

Station 2

- Replaced kitchen cabinet hinges as needed.
- Cleaned central vacuum unit.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

PLANNING

Budget planning has begun and will take more shape in the next month or so.

COMMITTEES

Peer Support Committee meeting on January 24th to discuss the possibility of COMM Fire obtaining a Peer Support Canine.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1814hrs. Next meeting February 27, 2023 at 5pm due Presidents' Day holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk