

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
March 18, 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, 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 February 26, 2024, meeting.

There were no ambulance waivers.

Interviews for Acting Lieutenant position available. At the completion of the interviews a motion was made and seconded to promote Steven Coombs as Acting Lieutenant.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

R. DiPilato started physical therapy. Hoping to return to work in late April, early May.

C. Rogers had back surgery on February 29th, everything went as expected.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. FPO's conducted numerous business inspections focusing mainly on churches and places of worship within our district. Often, this type of construction is presented as extremely hazardous under fire conditions, so crews are also encouraged to preplan and familiarize themselves with their heavy timber-like layout. Fire Prevention also concluded a quarterly inspection of Cape Regency Nursing Home, which is also considered one of our "target hazard" responses.

Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, and Lt. Hill met with neighboring agencies and members of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation at Orchard Way in Sandwich. This meeting was to discuss the designed fire break that was constructed back in the early 1960's by the Barnstable Forest Fire Control Department. This break consists of a 4-mile-long stretch running from Race Lane to the Service Road. Current access to this area is limited due to overgrowth of vegetation, lack of maintenance, and numerous encroachments. Additional information to follow. **Chief Winn - this area is called a "fuel break" and it is in the area of Settlers Path, Sandwich.**

FPOs conducted their third round of fire drills at district area schools, preschools, and daycares. Fire drills at these educational facilities will be conducted (4) times per year. "Senior Safe" Saturdays continued with the assistance of our Community Outreach team members. As mentioned in the past, these visits include testing fire alarm systems, installing smoke and CO protection, replacing batteries, installing residential lockboxes, and any other fire safety measures that may be applicable. Our Jr. Firefighter Program continued at both West Villages and Centerville Elementary. This month's topics was Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH), along with a PowerPoint presentation and simple "family-friendly" homework assignment.

Lt. Hill attended the 3-Day Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) conference in Worcester with presentations by Fire Chief (ret) Jeff Johnson of Tualatin Valley, Deputy Fire Chief (ret) Frank Viscuso of Hudson County NJ, and Battalion Fire Chief Dr. Candace Ashby of Indianapolis Fire Department. This month's FPAM meeting in Auburn was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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

EMS Officer Davern continues to catch up on QA/QI and report review after returning to light duty after being out of the office for 4 weeks of recovering from shoulder surgery. Will remain on light duty for at least 6 more weeks until doctor evaluation on May 8, 2024.

Stryker has been to HQ on 2 occasions to repair a LifePak 15 monitor that had a faulty sensor and to adjust a stretcher load system in A-324.

Continue to enter and track recertifications for expiring EMT's along with new CPR and ACLS certifications.

Working on articles and annual report for District Meeting with Chief and Deputy.

DISPATCH

During the month of February COMM units responded to 408 calls for service. That is up 9 compared to last February and an increase of 41 over the same period a year ago. Of the 408: 277 were EMS or MVC related, 3 Fire Responses, 59 Alarms, 26 investigations and 8 Mutual Aid Responses. We also had 22 Fire Prevention response under the Senior Safe Program in February.

COMM also dispatched 69 calls for Cotuit FD in February, giving them a year-to-date total of 174, up 59 over the same period a year ago.

New console furniture has been designed and ordered, under the previous approved article for dispatch upgrades.

E. Riley – has there been any talk regarding the Dispatch center? Chief Winn - we haven't heard anything official.

EQUIPMENT

Removed cross lay dividers on all four engines and cut them down to fit the new hose load that is going to be in place. While the dividers were out, cut the hand hole bigger around the coupling so you can fit your hand in and be able to remove and tighten the hose easier.

BCSO programed 321 radio and updated 307s radio. Now all trucks with DVRS are programed and ready to use. **Chief Winn – this is a great thing as COMM can now switch to DVRS channel once on scene and inbuilding penetration. This will be tested with all personnel in the next couple of weeks.**

Attended a 2-day class on ladder trucks followed by EVT tests at the FCAM Conference.

C302 – Replaced all brakes, wheel bearing and two tires.

C321 – Installed the remaining items before truck was put in service.

Changed over former C321 to new C329 – Removed console out of back seat and installed rear seating back in car. Wired new fuse panel to have a power block, interior lights, and the Knox box. Installed new seat cushion for driver's seat.

A325 – Replaced batteries and install a temp gauge in IV draw.

A326 – Went to Allegiance for a failed DPF fluid quality sensor under warranty. Replaced both siren speakers and both headlight bulbs. **Chief Winn – the ambulance was received and as of today it is back up at Allegiance for the 11th time.**

B318 – Not starting; rewired start circuit. Also found faulty fuse for defroster motor and covered missing plug and tested blower. Ordered a new blind spot mirror and horn. Installed new microphone clip for PA system. **Chief Winn – this vehicle is used for brush fires, but more importantly as a high-water vehicle as the storms recently have brought high tides and flooding.**

With help from the Deputy installed ambulance overhead airline at Station 3.

TRAINING

April Training:

- 1.) Marine Operations (Review the marine policy and the Maritime Response System (ISO T2))
- 2.) Company Drill (s):
 - a. Boatyard familiarization/Standpipe Flushing (ISO T2)
 - b. New hose load practical (Lt. Miskiv and Lt. Carpenter to coordinate) (ISO T2)
- 3.) M&M Rounds: Cape Cod and Falmouth Dates TBD

Training Hours:

Month: February

of Member's Reporting: 52

Total Hours: 422

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

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 310 is in service in the water at Crosby Yacht Yard. The Department responded to no marine-related Incidents in 2024. There have been no hours of operator-based, and no total personnel hours of underway time logged in the

2024 calendar year through February 29. All small boats are in service at their respective stations and prepped for ice rescue incidents.

Dive Team

The Dive Team conducted training in February at Massachusetts Maritime Academy with the County and Hyannis teams. The focus was basic skills review.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Patched and repaired grass areas damaged from snow plowing.

Yard cleanup from windstorms.

Station 1 – Removed stuck drain cover in apparatus bay. Cleaned basket and drain, removed rust scale from cover and basin.

Station 2 – Additional sealing of cracks in apparatus bag floor, adjustment/repair lower rear door, adjusted overhead door #1, and setup/breakdown for voting.

Station 3 – Checked apparatus bay overhead doors, contacted Mid Cape Garage Door to replace both cables and faulty switch on door #3.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

Deputy Eldridge – went over the budget items for FY25.

Chief Winn – went over the articles for FY25.

PLANNING

Joint meeting with the Prudential Committee on March 27th with a presentation from the Apparatus Committee.

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

Chief Winn – seeking guidance from the Commissioners, does the district sell or trade in vehicle 308? Are there any objections surplus on the Munis website or do does the district trade the vehicles.

D. Brown – I am more than willing to help. Believe the district can get more money by selling.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1826. Next meeting is April 22, 2024, at 5pm due to Patriots Day holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Doug Brown, Clerk