

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

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting will come to order at 1706 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 and N. Kennedy.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the October 16, 2023, meeting.

There were no ambulance waivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Reaching for Inclusivity” training December 19th.

PERSONNEL

Firefighters Corey, Mosher and White graduated from the MA Fire Academy on November 17th. They are back to working with their respective groups. FF Mosher has moved to Group 3 with Capt. Goodearl.

FF Ryan DiPilato is scheduled to have surgery on his back on December 1st.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. This month also marks the start of Fire Prevention Week which adds additional educational components throughout the month. Fire Prevention Week was started by the NFPA in 1922 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The Great Chicago Fire burned between October 8th to October 10th, with most of the damage done on October 9th. The fire caused roughly \$200 million in damages, killing around 300 people, and destroying over 17,000 buildings and structures. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week to occur from October 4th through October 10th. Fire Prevention Week teaches children and adults how to stay safe in the event of a fire.

Our FPO’s visited Bright Promises Preschool, Fair Acres Country Day School, Building Blocks Preschool and Bayside Montessori to speak about fire safety. Each presentation included “Story-time” (with a firefighting themed book), a gear demonstration and a “Touch-a-Truck” presentation. Our FPO’s also began their annual Jr. Firefighter Program at both West Villages and Centerville Elementary for 1st & 2nd graders. This includes six (6) sessions throughout the

school year varying in topic. This month's session was an introduction to the fire service including "What do Firefighters do?" and "Good Fires vs. Bad Fires."

Both FPO's attended the monthly FPAM meeting in Auburn. This month's topics included "Boat Yards" and "Food Truck Inspections and Permitting" with presentations by Matt Murray of DFS and (Ret) Deputy Chief Dean Melanson. FPO Lehane also began a five (5) week PFALSE course at the Mass Fire Academy which focuses on fire and life safety education. This certification, which one member of our members must hold, allows us to receive our annual Safe Grant funding from the state.

Lt. Hill organized and directed a four (4) day live training session in a house to be demo'd at the end of the month. Along with the guidance of Captain Morrison and Longfellow Design, each group had the unique opportunity to force entry, advance hose line, and perform search pattern techniques in a house filled with smoke using a theatrical smoke machine. The training was highly praised by the members of our department, and we look forward to additional opportunities in the future.

This past month a total of (69) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1850) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (26) and inspection (27). Overall Fire Prevention completed (118) inspections and/or activities, (32) of which were Community Outreach "Senior Safe" inspections.

EMS

Nero Law Training is to be held at COMM on November 29th and 30th with two sessions per day. **How to care for a Police K9.**

New ambulance 324 was sent back to Greenwood Emergency Vehicles to correct several minor issues. Was returned to COMM on November 21st after 2 weeks at the dealership.

EMS Officer Davern assisted Eastham Police and Fire with an Active Threat Class held the evening of November 15th in Eastham.

Continuing to work on Image Trend version 3.5, minor issues have been identified and corrected.

DISPATCH

In October COMM dispatched 414 calls, for a year-to-date total of 4537. That is down 9 compared to last October. COMM also dispatched 117 calls for Cotuit FD in October.

Dispatchers Monroe and Perkins, and part time dispatcher Nichole Martinelli wish to thank the district for the opportunity to attend the APCO Atlantic Chapter Conference in Albany last month. **Each dispatcher received credit for classes attended.**

The conference training opportunities varied, including many sessions on dispatcher mental health and wellness. One session featured the idea of comfort dogs in the dispatch center, and featured Baxter the Maine Public Safety Communications Comfort Dog and his handler. After attending the conference on Wednesday, the comfort dogs headed straight to Lewiston, ME to assist in the Mass Shooting incident.

While at the conference met with several vendors regarding revising quotes to upgrade the Dispatch Console.

EQUIPMENT

A324 – Sent to Greenwood Emergency Vehicles for repairs.

A326 – Issue with stretcher charging, replaced batteries and charger. Stryker also came down to go through the stretcher and load system. **Deputy Eldridge – believe the issue was charger was tripping itself.**

Former A324 – Replaced transmission control module, replaced left front hubcap, replaced oil, and changed filters.

A327 – Replaced both EGR coolers.

E303 – Removed foam from truck due to cross contamination. Intermittent check engine light found system low on coolant.

E306 – Diagnosed and replaced both crank and cam shaft position sensors.

L307 – Faulty all steer hose, had new hose made. Installed new hose. **Chief Winn – went to Robert B. Our and had the hose made within minutes.**

C308 – Cape Tire repaired check engine light and tire light. Also replaced oil and filter.

New 322 – Brought to dealership to have utility body installed.

Attended Pierce training classes on apparatus maintenance, husky foam systems, and frontal air bag.

TRAINING

December Training:

- 1.) Cold Weather Emergencies (ISO T2)
- 2.) Company Drill: TBD/New Hose loads (ISO T2). **Purchased new nozzles and attack hose.**
- 3.) Ice Rescue PowerPoint/Equipment Review (ISO T2)
- 4.) M&M Rounds: Cape Cod 12/21 Falmouth 12/18. **Remote via Zoom with doctors from Cape Cod Hospital and Falmouth Hospital.**

Training Hours:

Month: October

of Member's Reporting: 48

Total Hours: 358:00

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

All groups in October conducted search and hose line advancement evolutions at 132 Point of Pines in Centerville. Well received by the groups. Thanks to Lt. Hill for securing the structure.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 310 is in service in the water at Crosby Yacht Yard. The Department has responded to 14 marine-related incidents through October 31, 2023. There have been 92 hours of operator-based, and 191 total personnel hours of underway time logged as of October 31st. All small boats are in service at their respective stations. **Chief Winn – last week when on way to drive drill on Marine 310 a call came through that there was a boater in distress, Marine 310 was first on scene and brought the boater to safety.**

Dive Team

The Dive Team conducted joint team training in October at Hathaway's Pond. The focus was recover of a lost outboard engine.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Leaf cleaning began and irrigation has been blown out and turned off at all Stations.

Station 1 – Repaired sump pump.

Station 2 – Cleaned and repaired central vacuum system and set up and broke down voting area for November 7th voting. **Fire Commissioner Macallister – thank you to everyone that was involved in the voting and to the crews. All were very accommodating to the volunteers.**

Station 3 – Boiler repair and installed new ballast and led lights on apparatus floor.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. **Deputy Eldridge – currently 42% through the budget.**

PLANNING

Chief Winn – At the last Prudential Committee meeting it was voted to establish two (2) gift accounts. One for the Community Outreach program and future program to for Support COMM K9.

At the May 2022 Annual Meeting it was voted on to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 to be used by the fire Department as needed. A motion was made and seconded to move the monies in Article 27 to be used for the vehicle shortfalls that have come up.

COMMITTEES

The Apparatus Committee has been working hard on gathering information to narrow down the search for new apparatus. **Fire Commissioner Brown – the committee has been working extremely hard on this project.**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

COMM hosted a weeklong Pierce training class that was held October 16th – October 20th. Mechanic Randall attended the classes on maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1758hrs. Next meeting is December 18, 2023, at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk