

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

November 15, 2021

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1700 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, M. Rogers, and N. Celeste.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers. Public Comment Chief Winn introduced new hires Ryan DiPilato and Seth Karter.

CORRESPONDENCE

COVID-19

COMM Fire is again now requiring all personnel to wear full PPE when responding to a congregate care or skilled nursing facility. This includes N95 mask, eye protection and gloves.

COMM Fire continues to follow Town of Barnstable Board of Health recommendations when any members or family members test positive or are required to isolate due to an exposure. **Town of Yarmouth possibly implementing a mask mandate as Covid cases are increasing.**

PERSONNEL

Lieutenant Eric Bengston – Retired on October 25, 2021.

FF Justin Medeiros - is out due to an IOD injury to his hip. Justin had surgery on July 26th on his injury and is convalescing well. Justin is anticipated to be out till February.

Dispatcher Laurie Motte – has announced her retirement, retirement date is November 19th.

Seth Karter and Ryan DiPilato have completed their new hire orientation. They start on their respected groups starting November 16th.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was held in Auburn. The educational session was on emergency two-way communication systems and areas of refuge presented by Space Age Electronics.

The quarterly Cape and Islands Fire Prevention meeting was held in Harwich at the new Cape Cod Regional Technical High School.

The Best Buddies Challenge was held at Craigville Beach.

Fire Prevention investigated the structure fire at 46 Dory Circle in Marstons Mills.

The FPO's conducted a fire safety presentation and gear demonstration to 100 K-5 students at Cape Cod Academy.

The Jr. Firefighter program began at West Villages Elementary teaching to (5) first grade classrooms. The program was scheduled to start at Centerville Elementary in October but was cancelled due to weather related school cancelation.

This past month a total of (88) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2200.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (53) and inspection (53). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (213) inspections and/or activities (48) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

OEMS Ambulance inspection took place on November 9. No major issues found. Plan of correction to be completed within 10 days.

First Responder training for dispatchers had to be postponed to December due to instructor illness.

Update on new ambulance; likely will not be in service until early next summer (2022). Delays in obtaining parts continue to push build back.

Matt DePippo has passed his paramedic exam and will be able to function as a paramedic soon.

New hire Ryan DiPilato has started his paramedic internship here at COMM.

Assisted with new hires on several EMS topics during their 2 week orientation.

DISPATCH

The no name storm of October 27th to 30th saw COMM units dispatched to 219 calls over the four days, for a monthly total of 566. That is 154 calls more than the previous October. 4206 calls is the ten month total, up 307 over the same period a year ago. We also dispatched 104 calls for Cotuit FD in October, which is up 51 compared to last October and up 78 year to date compared to last year.

Of the 566 COMM emergency responses in October: 290 Medical, 16 Fire, 13 Motor vehicle, 161 Alarm responses, 36 Service calls, 28 Investigations, 14 miscellaneous, 1 Marine, and 7 Mutual aid.

Total calls dispatched for October, including COMM and Cotuit, were 670. Call sources were 315 from 911, 122 on Alarm Lines, 96 via Business lines, 7 from COMM units on the road, 11 from Barnstable County Control, 19 in person reports, 70 from Barnstable Police, and 30 call response sources were unrecorded.

EQUIPMENT

Station 2 – replaced generator block heater

E303 – replaced light tower controller

E304 – replaced officers seat belt assembly, adjusted officer seat pack bracket, repaired power steering fluid leak at steering pump, replaced roll up door switch in right side front compartment, replaced 110V shore power receptacle, replaced right front marker light, installed and wired in WIFI charging timer, installed four (4) new portable radio holders, and installed new department radio.

E305 – replaced a bulb in light tower and brow light, and ordered new LED side scene lights.

E306 – repaired broken SCBA in officer's seat, rebuilt Q2 siren, and ordered new LED side scene lights.

E307 – back from Allegiance the engine, transmission, and pump were serviced, four (4) new tires installed at Cape Tire.

A324 – serviced and ordered new LED side scene light.

A325 – temporarily repaired rear door latches, there are none in stock here or at the dealer had to order directly from manufacturer should be in within the week, repaired backboard compartment door, and replaced windshield washer tank sensor.

A327 – replaced boot between cab and body, reinstalled compartment light above CPR seat, ordered new LED lights for patient compartment and outside lower rub rails, ordered new hand held spot lights, and installed new hand lights.

TRAINING

December Training:

EMS-Prodigy Class

Cold Weather Emergencies-Prodigy Class

Ice Rescue PowerPoint/Equipment Review

Live Fire Training:

- December 3rd – Group 3
- December 6th – Group 4
- December 7th – Group 1
- December 8th – Group 2

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

M310 remains in service at the dock. The VHF antenna was found to have a broken base and was replaced. In total, the Department has responded to 26 Marine Incidents this calendar year. There have been 100.5 hours of operator-based underway time logged since commissioning in March.

Dive Team

In October, The Dive Team conducted training at Wequaquet Lake using small boats and diver tow sleds.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Leaf and branch clean up after Northeast storm at all three stations.

Set up and broke down for voting at Station 2.

Mid Cape Door adjusted door #2 at Station 1, ordered new parts. Still waiting on the motor for door #7.

Setup for LASER training staff at Station 1, training ran from November 8th – November 10th. **ATIRC training will be starting on November 16th – November 18th**

Checked casement windows on apparatus bay at Station 2, need to order new hardware and sash. Checking with Shepley Wood Products for a quote.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

We are accepting applications for the dispatcher position. We have placed the ad in the Cape Cod Times, Indeed, COMM website, and COMM Facebook page. Applications are due by November 17, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1733 hrs. Next meeting December 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk