

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

October 18, 2021

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1820 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 September 20, 2021 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

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.

PERSONNEL

Lieutenant Eric Bengston – has filed for an accidental disability retirement with the Barnstable County Retirement Association. COMM Fire is assisting Eric with this effort and all paper work is being compiled for processing. **All is done and submitted Barnstable County Retirement Association is waiting to hear back from Parac, should be notified by end of October.**

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 for 3 months minimally.

Lieutenant Matt Dillon – returned to full duty on September 29th

Lieutenant Mike Rogers – returned to full duty on October 2nd

Dispatcher Laurie Motte – returned to full duty on October 7th

New Hires starting November 1st

- Paramedic Seth Karter
- Firefighter Ryan DiPilato

Both will be attending MA Fire Academy

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was held in Auburn. This was the first in person meeting since March of 2020. The educational session was a panel discussion on Energy Storage Systems with staff from the Department of Fire Services and a representative from Tesla.

Both FPO's attended the 2 day Fire & Life Safety Education Conference held at the Cape Codder Resort.

The plans for the change of use from offices to 26 apartments on the 2nd floor of Bell Tower Mall, 1600 Falmouth Road were approved and the building permit issued.

Site plan was held for Jake's Clambakes for a commercial kitchen at Windmill Square 3821 Falmouth Road Building 2.

This past month a total of (110) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2825.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (68) and inspection (96). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (245) inspections and/or activities (60) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

Assisted at the Hyannis Airport disaster drill as a Controller overseeing an MCI lane

EMS training continues with several refreshers and other pertinent classes scheduled

No update on new ambulance

There has been a slight increase in overdose incidents

Supplies and equipment are currently fully stocked and in great condition

DISPATCH

During the month of September COMM units were dispatched to 425 calls for emergency service, for a 9 month year to date total of 3640. That is a 9 call increase compared to last September and is up 153 calls over the first 3 quarters of 2020. We also dispatched 73 calls for Cotuit Fire Department in September for a year to date total of 671, up 27 calls over the same period a year ago.

All dispatch equipment and software is working well. We are awaiting vendor proposals on upgrading the Fire Station Alerting System during the next fiscal year.

Last month Lead Dispatcher Monroe attended an APCO class (along with BPD Communications Supervisor Ross Lloyd) on EMD Guide card systems, at Falmouth Police. We also toured the recently upgraded Falmouth Dispatch Center which handles both police and fire calls. Lead Dispatcher Monroe will also attend the annual APCO Atlantic Chapter Conference in Stowe, Vermont from October 24th to October 27th.

EQUIPMENT

L307 – sent to Allegiance Trucks for aerial service and repairs

A326 – checked engine light code and replaced NHS sensor in exhaust system

A327 – Remove and replaced left rear window and resealed.

E306 – Serviced engine and transmission, replaced priming pump, removed old radio and wiring, installed new radio, installed (4) new portable holders, installed wifi timer, replaced driver's seat cushion, replaced driver and officer seatbelts, replaced driver side rear door window motor, replaced heater core valve, replaced door sensor on right front roll up door, replaced bulbs in light tower, brow light, and right side scene light, repaired washer fluid tank leak, replaced hand lights, and replaced (6) truck batteries

TRAINING

November

Firefighter Health, Safety, and Survival Policy 614 (mandatory once a year)

Communicable Disease policy 903. Review Bloodborne Pathogens and Exposure Control Plan (mandatory once a year)

SCBA Air Consumption Course and PowerPoint (continued from October)

EMS Prodigy Class (Lt. Davern to assign)

Planning is underway to have the BCFRTA burn trailer at headquarters for live fire training. Training will start at 0900, tentative dates are:

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

BCFRTA received a grant to purchase a mobile training prop. Each group is to arrive as a group as they would if it was an actual fire. Important to operate as a Company.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

M310 remains in service at the dock with no service issues reported in the past month. In total, the Department has responded to 23 Marine Incidents this calendar year. There have been 97.5 hours of operator-based underway time logged since commissioning in March.

Dive Team

In September, The Dive Team conducted training as joint operation with both Hyannis and Barnstable County Dive Teams.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Fall fertilization and over seeding is complete

Fall cleanup by Briggs Landscaping around fences and outlying area mowing

Installed new dishwasher at Station 3

Blew out irrigation systems at all three stations

Repaired guest bathroom door and replaced defective washing machine valve at Station 2

Overhead Door made adjustments to door 2 at Station 1, also ordered new drive motor for door 7

Repaired/adjusted lav drain in basement of Station 1

Repaired wall and hung new blinds in IT Office

Hung new blinds in Prudential Office back room.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

Work on the inspection module of RedNMX is finishing up and we are starting to work on the Training module, which is the final module of the project.

We are currently waiting on a quote from Thrive for Phase 2 of our project, which will upgrade our servers and revamp our use of the services for better efficiency.

Working with Mechanic Scott, we have been changing the charging setup in the apparatus for the mobile laptops and the wifi "jetpacks" to better maintain the batteries without over charging.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program for FY21 was submitted on 10/13/21. The expected amount for COMM Fire \$169,157.00.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1800 hrs. Next meeting November 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk