

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
February 28, 2022

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1701 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn and Deputy Eldridge

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the January 24, 2022 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

COVID-19

Effective November 30, 2021 ALL COMM Fire Stations are closed to the public. Our top priority is, and always will be, the safety of the citizens of our district and employees. COMM Fire and Rescue is fully staffed and operational for our community's needs.

Effective February 17, 2022 masks are no longer required while on duty and in the station or while on apparatus with the exception of a patient occupied ambulance. Any patient care situations require use of a surgical mask at a minimum. Fire Prevention has the option of continuing to wear masks during Fire Prevention activities.

PERSONNEL

Lt. Eric Sabatinelli has declined the Cotuit Fire Chief's position and will be staying at COMM.

Lt. Matthew Dillon is out on IOD. Lt. Dillon injured his knee on 12/22/21. Lt. Dillon is having an MRI and will start physical therapy, he will remain out till his follow up doctor's appointment the beginning of March.

Justin Medeiros is still out on IOD. He has been working light duty in administration. He will remain on light duty for another 6 weeks per his doctor.

Adam Travers had a non-work related surgery and will be out on sick leave till the beginning of March.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Jr. Firefighter programs at both Centerville and West Villages Elementary Schools was temporarily suspended due to Covid.

Informal site plan was held via zoom for 1336 Main Street Osterville for food storage for Cape Kids Meals, no construction. Informal site plan was held for a new cell tower at 36 Wequaquet Lane Centerville. The tower will be in COMM with access through the rear of 1060 Falmouth Road in Hyannis.

Construction continued on the 26 apartments on the 2nd floor of Bell Tower Mall.

This past month a total of (93) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2325.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (51) and inspection (57). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (143) inspections and/or activities (22) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

1. All members have completed CPR and ACLS for those who needed it.
2. All but 1 member needing to recertify for their Massachusetts EMT have done so. Deadline is March 30, 2022.
3. 10 new sets of ballistic gear have been ordered via the grant secured by Captain Arrascue. Some components have arrived.
4. EMS supplies are sufficient at this point with consideration of a tight budget. As with everything else, costs have increased by at least 5% on most items.

DISPATCH

Thanks to the month ending blizzard, run statistics For January were up substantially over a year ago, with 485 calls compared to 376 last January. Of those 485 runs, 130 of them occurred in the 3 day blizzard period and its after math. The break down was 284 medical, 104 alarms, 60 service calls/investigations, 14 mutual aid, 5 fire, 8 motor vehicle, 8 misc., and 2 marine responses.

We also dispatched 109 calls for Cotuit Fire District in January, compared to 59 a year ago.

The 2022 Open Burning season is underway. 26 of the 30 days thus far have been deemed acceptable with burning allowed within the COMM Fire District.

Dispatch continues to monitor extensive roadwork in the town, with portions of West Main Street, Strawberry Hill Road, and Craigville Beach Road frequently closed due to Vineyard Wind and TOB Sewer system related work. Frequent detours are required for units accessing CCH and those portions of the District near Strawberry Hill Road. **Construction has started at six (6) day schedule.**

All COMM Buildings remain closed to public access due to covid protocols. During January Dispatchers assisted members of the public at the Vestibule window approximately 110 times during the morning, and 75 times during the afternoon hours.

EQUIPMENT

322 – Repaired exhaust system leak and put plow on to get ready for storm

318 – Replaced starter

317 – Repaired leaking tank fill valve and got inspection sticker

320 Wrecker – Repaired plow frame to get ready for storm

E306 – Continue to work on electrical issue and several other open work orders

A326 – DEF tank sensor issue, SAV repaired under warranty

L307 – Replaced six (6) batteries and checked charging system and replaced halyard on 35' ground ladder per the recommendation of the ladder company

TRAINING

March Training

- 1.) Brush Fire Review (F-317/F-318)
- 2.) Area Familiarization (Lakes and Ponds)
- 3.) NIMS policy 609 (mandatory once a year)
- 4.) EMS Prodigy Class (assigned by Lt. Davern)

All four shifts will be training on the new extrication equipment (late February early March.) Training dates TBD. **Firefighters Association purchased battery operated extrication tools to replace the current hydraulic tools.**

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

M310 was relaunched and placed at the dock in late January, primarily to support the ongoing barge and crane work off of Covell's Beach. This is part of the Vineyard Wind transmission cable installation. On February 9th, M310 was dispatched for a wellbeing check on a vessel in East Bay that made port just before the blizzard arrived, and was beset in ice. In total, the Department responded to one, marine-related incident year-to-date. There were 2 hours of operator-based underway time logged to date in 2022.

Dive Team

The Dive Team last trained in December 2021.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Snow and ice removal at all stations for ongoing winter storms

Garage door #4 at Station 1 damaged during snow storm on February 6th; door has been removed and boarded until replacement

Gas pit storage alarm was alarming due to water from snow melting; drained water and cleaned pit area

Trimmed broken branches around dumpster area from snow storm at Station 1

Installed new ballasts in non-working lights in apparatus bay at Station 1

Repaired leak under left side sink and repaired water flow in right side sink of ladies room bathroom at Station 1

Repaired toilet in guest bathroom at Station 1

Photo cell issue with door #3 at Station 2, Mid Cape Garage Door has repaired

Adjusted side door and lower bathroom door at Station 2

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. **Meeting with Prudential Committee and CPA Bill Fraher to go over the budget and re-appropriate articles at the annual meeting. Motion to support five (5) articles fire department is requesting for FY 23. Motion to approve operation budget as proposed for FY 23.**

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

All IT hardware is in good working order. We continue to struggle with customer support implementing the Logics platform for the Water Department and the RedNMX platform for the Fire Department. Both are moving very slowly as we wait for responses from the companies.

We continue to wait on a proposal from Thrive for our system upgrades. This phase will include updating our server and backup systems as well as organizational and security rules that are outdated.

We have purchased a cellular internet backup for the Centerville station and will be installing it as a failover. If the Comcast service goes off line, the firewall should automatically switch to the Verizon cellular modem.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1754 hrs. Next meeting March 21, 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk