

**Regular meeting of Board of Fire Engineers held Oct. 25, 2004; meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m. In attendance: Al Galinelli, Raymond Johnson, Jim Sousa, Brian Remy, Robert Miner, Norman Blank, Jon Ulmschneider, Steve Asselin, and Carolyn O'Brien.**

**Minutes from Aug. and Sept. meetings read. Bob Miner made motion to accept as submitted; Raymond Johnson seconded; motion unanimously approved.**

**Correspondence: Chief read letter re: parking at Sta. 2. Memo sent to policy chief; cars towed. Per Chief, if any member wants to park their car at a station, he is to be informed immediately if it will be left on premises more than 48 hrs. Cars are not to be parked beyond 30 days.**

**Old Business: Fire Prevention Week - school/day cares done.**

**Drivers - Jim Sousa asked if any other members to cross-train - Rocky, Dave Brule & add'l E-2 names submitted. Jim wants to work with Ladder and Eng. 6 next.**

**New Business: Knox Box update distributed.**

**Sta. 5 being gutted; Monarch Industries doing cabinets, etc. for no cost. Needs new water tank & boiler. Sta. 2 will probably need a new boiler soon; Steve said he can get a good price for a new gas boiler.**

**He is to look into cost. Sta. 3 needs new low water cut out; Chief said he will get one.**

**Close to \$5,000 rec'd for Richard O'Brien donations. Chief wants to go to Emmitsburg, MD next Oct. when Richard's name is added. Chief has someone to drive a bus; family will be flown down. Any firefighters who want to go will pay their own expenses.**

**Pnds/Touisset - Chief wants to know locations of ponds & pools in Touisset which can be used in event of emergency. Do not hesitate to call for 5,000 gallon tanker from Rehoboth's south station if needed or call Swansea for task force tanker to stand-by at Long Lane and Child St.**

**Ham & Bean Supper cancelled for Nov. 6th.**

**Nov. 7th at Sta. 3, 2:00 p.m. - all Board members, company officers & chiefs from surrounding communities to be invited to surf & turf dinner.**

**Training/Room Stewards updated.**

**Other: Chief said anyone taking a truck to a call/facility and then leaving it there will be removed from department.**

**12-Lead Monitors - Bids rec'd from Medtronics & Zoll. Chief said at**

first Medtronics seemed confusing; however, they are part of PhysioControl, who has always given us good service. Bob Miner made a motion to accept Medtronics; Norman Blank seconded; motion unanimously approved. They do not charge for first year service contract; Zoll charges \$900. Private donation of \$5,000 given to help offset town's portion of cost.

Multi-gass meter tripping; needs to be checked.

Tractor trailer needs to be emptied. Beds & mattresses will be set aside for stations; Chief has 200 coming in. Let him know if you are aware of any family needing these.

Chief stated if any members feels they have been mistreated, they are to let their officers know. Derogatory remarks are to be kept to themselves, not spread throught the department.

Health First Fitness - Amy Jones, wants to help firefighters for better fitness. Any firefighter wanting to join program, Chief will pay 50/50 split. Individuals pay \$15 for 3 mos.; department pays \$15.

VFIS Forms - Will need to be updated.

Station Reports: Sta. 2 - Eng. 2 has air leak; could be control valves.

Sta. 6 - Jim Sousa looking into new compressor.

**Special Hazards - Still out for repairs. PTO dropping; light flashing. New cable being put on front wench. Tension cable need to be watched when rewinding.**

**Radio Boxes - Chief doing field work; Chris Johnson will handle extra computer input; Chief will talk to Tom Gordon about this.**

**Chief said he and Steve have spoken about Thereselee being made full member; she is EMS only. Steve said the officers have not said anything about putting her on. Chief stated personality conflicts need to be stopped. In future, rescue officer will need to sign off on individuals being ready for membership; the Board will appoint members of EMS. Steve will work on a form, and will bring it to next Board meeting for review.**

**Training: Will be Wed. nights in Nov.; forcible entry will be at Sta. 5.**

**Power Poing - new system to be ordered.**

**FF I & II - Mark Pare very busy; Jerry Bessette said he can get an instructor in Jan. Chief said possibly to start class in April.**

**Other: Voting - Tues. elections - Rescue & Special Hazards details to be 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. These will be paid details; hopefully, will be reimbursed by state. Town Clerk will pay**

**initially (\$28 p/h p/p).**

**There being no further business to discuss, Jon Ulmschneider made motion to adjourn; Norman Blank seconded; motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**