

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Sept. 26th, 2005; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Chief Al Galinelli, Robert Miner, Brian Remy, James Sousa, Jon Ulmschneider, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also in attendance were Robert Horton, Kenneth McPhillips, Dennis Roderick, and Dennis Beaulieu.**

**Minutes from previous meeting read. Jon Ulmschneider made motion to accept as submitted, seconded by Robert Miner, and unanimously approved.**

**Correspondence - Information distributed re: Oct. 10th "Beyond Our Walls" community service day.**

**Old Business - . HazMat DOT books are in. Phil Simmons should be back soon to complete class; he will be paid from FEMA grant.**

**. Hose testing - Eng. 2 needs to be completed.**

**. Oct. 7, 8, & 9 - Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend - everything being finalized for attendance.**

**New Business - . Bronco, with plow, being put up for bid; manager approved. Minimum bid will be \$500.**

**. Updated Emergency Access Box list distributed. Black Horse Farm now has box; Jim Sousa to work on scheduling a walk-through for the department.**

**. Chief and Brian Remy to meet re: Sewer Dept. purchasing portable pump for department.**

- . **Barrington FEIMA drill Oct. 18th for bio-chemical and terrorist attacks. Apprx. 50 students/faculty to participate. Special Hazards, Eng. 1, and rescue to go. Need to be at Barrington High School, staging area, by 8:00 a.m. Let Chief know if interested.**
- . **Rescue Hoe Down Oct. 15th, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Chief wants department to support. Chief will contact Rec Board about bon fire.**
- . **LOA - Heather Oliver requestin loa until paramedic school finished. Steve Asselin & Thereslee Asselin requested extension of leave through Nov. Chief said individuals returning after extended loa need to meet requirements of SOPs.**
- . **St. Mary's holding Blue Mass on Oct. 11th, 7:00 p.m. John Jannitto organizing. Chief gave info to be posted at all stations; he would like to have a good turn-out from department.**
- . **Swansea Annual Public Safety Day is Oct. 9th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Chief wants Ladder and Eng. 1 to attend.**
- . **Chief read letter from Raymond Johnson re: resignation. All his gear, etc. has been turned in. Bob Miner made motion, seconded by Brian Remy, to table the letter until after Chief speaks with him. Eng. 1 postponed action on his resignation for several months.**

**Station Reports - . Rescue & Sta. 2 have new overhead doors.**

- . **Fire escape installed at Sta. 2.**
- . **Kitchen almost finished at Sta. 5.**
- . **Ladder Co. room full of mold/mildew. Chief will send memo to town manager.**
- . **New overhead door at rescue hit; nobody seems to know who did it.**

. Chief gave portable extinguishers to stations for mounting. Inter-local will be going out to check each station.

Training - Norman Blak stated there is a need to appoint several people to handle accountability at fires, especially after the Main Street fire. Peter Bento & John Oliver will be safety officers; Norman wants them to be given an identifying vest or helmet. Chief said he will purchase orange helmets once he knows who will need them. Chief stated he would like to have more than these two names. Anyone assigned as safety officer will need to go through accountability system training with Bob Miner. Chief wants names from each company for consideration.

Fire Prevention Week Open House activities will be combined with Hoe Down on Oct. 15th. Chief will have info put in the Times.

"Highway Watch" wants to hold seminar on Oct. 26th at Sta. 3. Chief will notify John Massed at Highway Dept.

Chief waiting for John Massed on generators; John needs to go out for bid. Ken McPhillips stated we need to get this completed; we only have until Nov. 30th.

Chief gave updated EMS policies to Dennis Roderick. They will be reviewed each February for possible changes.

**Apprx. \$9,200 collected with boots for Hurricane Katrina victims. Fire Dept. Relief Fund gave \$700. Bank of Newport is to match funds.**

**Fire Department holding food drive to benefit Rhode Island Food Bank on Oct. 2nd. Anyone who can help should be at headquarters by 9:00 a.m.**

**New cell phone for new rescue not yet received. Chief will reimburse EMTs for use of their personal cell phones to call the hospitals until one placed on the truck.**

**Chief waiting for grant funds to purchase gear ordered from last basic class. Fit tests for masks will be done later.**

**Chief Burke will hold a "Close Calls" class in Swansea; date to be determined later. Chief said it would be a good class for our members to attend.**

**Chief has not heard from Chief Burke about pump class.**

**There being no further business to discuss, Jon Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by Brian Remy, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**