

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Sept. 25, 2006; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, and Robert Miner. Also in attendance was Anthony Primiano, Scott Little, and Fred Cavallaro.

Minutes from the previous meeting read. B. Remy made motion, seconded by R. Miner, to accept as submitted. Motion unanimously passed.

Correspondence:

 WMD Public Safety Drill to be held Oct. 1st, Kennedy Plaza, Providence, from 0700-1500 hrs. We have been invited to participate. Chief would like one rescue with two EMS personnel to attend. Chief said he thinks personnel will be paid \$9.00 p/hr. Chief submitted information concerning estimated cost, including \$250 for any EMS supplies, which may be used during exercise. Chief will attend, but he will not be paid.

 Swansea Fire Dept. invited us to participate in their annual fire prevention exercise on Oct. 8th. Chief would like Engine 1 and Ladder I to go, along with Freddie the Fire Truck. Need to be at Swansea Sta. 1 by 12:30.

Old Business:

 Hose Cards – Eng. 2's received; still need Eng. 3's.

 Updated Membership List – Ladder 1 being updated with new members

 Pig Roast – Scheduled for Oct. 7th at Pete Sepe Pavilion, 1:00-6:00, for all department members and their families. Food, soda & water will be furnished. There will be a band. Chief said fire trucks are welcome, and wants two rescue trucks in case of calls.

 Photo ID's – Only 17 members came in; if anyone else needs an ID, they will have to wait until later.

New Business:

 Emergency Access Box updated list distributed.

 Station Reports: Sta. 6 moving along; burner is in. Sta. 3 burner was fixed, but there is no hot water; not known what the problem is. Chief will contact Brennan Oil about this. Sta. 2 has new hot water heater and new toilet. Chief is working on the parking lot for Sta. 2; sewer department tore it up, and will need to repair. Chief will send letter to Town Manager about this, with copy to Sewer Commission. Sta. 5 second floor radio room now complete. Chief finally found a plumber to do work at Rescue; Chief wants Nathan Gifford to skim coat the floor to seal it.

 Blue Mass – Scheduled for Oct. 11th at 0715 hrs, St. Mary of the Bay Church. Anyone who can attend is to wear dress uniform.

 Chief showed generator, questioning if it would accommodate Sta. 6; he will also look at getting one for Sta. 5.

 Chief stated an individual on rescue fell on a call; she was told by the doctor to stay out of work. Chief told her to complete an

accident report, copies of which should be on all trucks; there was none. Chief distributed copies to be placed on every department vehicle. The front page is to be completed by the injured person, and they are to take it with them to the hospital/doctor. The second page is to be completed by the attending physician.

 It is time for all 120 Scott air bottles to be hydro tested; needs to be done after five years. We will send out 20 at a time for testing; test will be good for another five years. After that, they will not be able to be hydro tested again; they will have to be replaced.

 Oct. 1st, noon-6:00 p.m., Oktoberfest scheduled at Burr's Hill Park; apprx. 1,000 attendees anticipated. Chief wants two rescue personnel and one firefighter on side; this will be a paid detail.

Training:

 FF II class done; Chief has not yet received results on who passed and who didn't. Chief went to Union Fire District (S. Kingstown) on Saturday; he would like to take assistant chiefs to see the facility. The facility will accommodate any type of exercise you want; they just need to know in advance. There is a fee for facility use.

 Chief would like to start another FF I class in January, followed by FF II. This system seems to work well.

 Mark Oribello putting together power point program the fire academy wanted, and will do presentation.

 Tanker shuttle drill scheduled for Oct. 15th at the Highway

Dept. on Birch Swamp Rd. Swansea and Rehoboth to participate. Chief will have John Massed move the old boat they have there so it can be burned during the exercise. Exercise to start at 0900; should be done by noon; it will be toned out. Board members should meet at the site between 0800-0830 to start walking the site. Drafting to be done from the reservoir.

 Orientation for new members scheduled for Oct. 17th, Sta. 3, 1830 hrs.; attendance mandatory.

Other:

 N. Blank stated he was informed by K. McPhillips there is \$30,000 left in the grant account; N. Blank asked Chief about it, and was told there are still outstanding bills from the completion of Sta. 5. N. Blank mentioned the possibility of getting a repeater system, if the funds were there. Chief said he and Chief Gordon have been looking into.

 Chief said he has been discussing with Chief Gordon the possibility of his meeting with all dispatchers to review fire department SOPs, apparatus response to smoke conditions, marine rescues, CO alarms, residents calling for Fire Chief and being told to leave a message, and communications between dispatch and the Fire Chief, and when equipment in and out of service. Chief Gordon stated he will bring dispatchers in, on overtime if necessary, to meet with Fire Chief.

 Chief is going to ask Town Manager for monies for boat for

Touisset.

 J. Sousa stated K. Kelleher would like to have additional Safety Officers in order to make program work well. Chief said to have word put out to all department membership that anyone who is interested should contact J. Sousa. K. Kelleher wants to schedule training classes, but some companies will only do if other communities involved also. Chief said okay to have K. Kelleher make necessary contacts.

 F. Cavallaro told Chief he would be willing to have someone from the Registry's office come to town on a Saturday to conduct driving portion for CDL, Class 2 (for fire trucks). Prerequisite is minimum five years driving fire trucks. Anyone interested needs to submit name to Chief.

 N. Blank informed Board he will be out of town Oct. 5-11. A. Primiano said he will be away Sept. 30-Oct. 9.

 A. Primiano informed Board apprx. 1 ½ weeks ago rescue was called for mutual aid to Swansea. Rescue 2 called as responding from Rt. 195 Exit 2. They were responding lights and sirens. Chief received phone call from individual concerned about accidents rescue has been involved in, stating one vehicle had been forced into Jersey barriers. State police notified by them. Report shows incident at Rt. 95 and 146. Chief spoke with members involved, giving them a verbal warning since they have not been a problem in the past. Mention of verbal warning to be placed in their files for 90 days, and removed if no further incidents during that time. R. Miner made

motion, seconded by B. Remy, for such action; unanimously approved.

 Eng. 5 Halloween Party scheduled for Oct. 31st.

**There being no further business to discuss, N. Blank made motion, seconded by R. Miner, to adjourn; motion unanimously passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**