

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held May 29, 2007; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, James Souse, Jon Ulmschneider, and Christopher Stanley. Also in attendance was Butch Guertin and Nancy Hayes.**

**Minutes from previous meeting read. N. Blank made motion, seconded by R. Miner, to accept as submitted; motion unanimously approved.**

### **Correspondence:**

**„« Individual companies correspondence distributed.**

**„« CPR cards distributed**

### **Old Business:**

**„« Firemen's Memorial Sunday ĩV Mass at 8:00 a.m., St. Thomas Church (Portuguese mass); breakfast at Sta. 3; deceased members list updated.**

**„« Hose Testing ĩV Stations need cards to update**

**„« 2007/2008 Budget ĩV Chief thanked all who attended Financial Town Meeting and supported budget. All-day referendum scheduled for Mon., June 4th. N. Blank said he thinks it could be trouble for fire department, so need to get everyone out to vote. Word on the street is our portion may be shut down due to the large amount. Many**

people concerned because re-evaluations are out. J. Ulmschneider suggested putting something in the paper to better explain; Chief stated he did put something in explaining, although times are tough, the fire department portion is to be over 20 years. Chief distributed copies of referendum, and requested they be posted at all stations; also requested department members contact everyone they can to encourage them to vote. Chief also providing copies to Claire Martin at Kickemuit Village; he has already spoken to their residents.

„« Chief stated meeting was held with Kevin Kelleher and Board members re: safety division responsibilities. Chief stated he will be establishing policy on role of safety division, and the need for them at particular scenes.

„« Fire Department Scholarships ¡V Chief only received two requests ¡V Jim Zito¡'s daughter and Bill Estrella¡'s daughter. Chief asked Bill Estrella if we could be invited to present them at graduation. Chief extended cut-off date to June 7th for submissions.

#### **New Business:**

„« Hugh Cole School Cookout ¡V Fri., June 8th ¡V apprx. 500 people ¡V if anyone can help, be at HQ at 9:00 a.m.

„« Emergency Access Box Update distributed.

„« Quahog Festival ¡V July 21st & 22nd ¡V Chief needs one firefighter & one EMT for paid details. Sat. will be from noon-8:00 p.m.; Sun., noon-6:00 p.m. Anyone interested should submit their name to Chief.

Priority will be given to those who have not done paid details in the past.

**„« St. Thomas Church Holy Spirit Festival ¡V June 23rd & 24th. Chief needs one firefighter for each day; Sat. 6:00 p.m.-midnight & Sun. 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Anyone interested should contact the Chief. Priority will be given to those who have not done paid details in the past.**

**„« Rescue Headquarters clean-up ¡V scheduled for Sat., June 9th.**

**„« KMS ¡V June 23rd Dance Recital ¡V Submit names to Chief of any firefighter interested in paid detail from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Priority will be given to those who have not done paid details in the past.**

### **Training:**

**„« FF I class ¡V most participants doing well**

**„« N. Blank stated Sewer Dept. drill basically went well, but that most were waiting for Chief or Asst. Chief to tell them what to do. Part of the purpose of this drill was to see how the members could handle situation without Chief or an Asst. Chief. Members need to take drills seriously.**

**„« CDL Licenses - Chief asked N. Hayes to find out from F. Cavallaro the status of CDL class; Chief has list of names for those who are interested.**

**„« Ladder I had department drill, which went well**

**„« R. Miner asked Chief if class on use of thermal imager should be considered, since members were unsure of what they were seeing.**

**Chief said we could do this in the future.**

**„« Chief asked N. Hayes to report to rescue foreman that he found rescue headquarters in deplorable condition last week. Remind duty crews it is their responsibility to clean station.**

**„« Drivers Cross Training ;V Chief asked status. J. Sousa stated plan to be discussed by training division and resubmitted to Chief for approval. N. Blank stated he thought all trucks were to be brought to headquarters; first night to go through the trucks, second night drive them, and third night to pump. Chief said to put it on next month's agenda.**

**„« Chief stated he would like to suspend July and August meetings. Following discussion, decision made to suspend July meeting only, and reconvene in August. Should something come up which would require it, the July meeting will be re-instated.**

**„« Chief apologized to Board members for his outburst during April meeting.**

**„« J. Ulmschneider asked about generator for Sta. 5; Chief told him it is being worked on. J. Souse stated he will not pull old generator from Sta. 6 until new one comes in. Chief told J. Sousa the contact for specs so he can get necessary size for new pad.**

**„« Chief informed J. Sousa Eng. 6 was still at Greenwood due to seals on shaft leaking. Chief asked where bell is from truck; J. Sousa said probably taken off when some welding was done.**

**„« N. Blank questioned about sensor lights at Sta. 3; Chief told him bulbs need replacing. J. Ulmschneider said can't find replacement bulbs because town had them switched to energy efficient ones. Sta.**

**3 needs to have rear light realigned so it does not shine into neighbor's yard.**

**„« Chief informed N. Hayes new EMS protocols are to be implemented by June 30th. Rescue L-2 is to schedule trainings. Chief also advised her to mention at next rescue meeting that they are not to contact hospitals to find out status of transported patients.**

**There being no further business to discuss, U. Ulmschneider made motion to adjourn, seconded by R. Miner. Motion unanimously approved; meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.**