

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Sept. 24, 2007; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Christopher Stanley, Robert Miner, Norman Blank, Jon Ulmschneider, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Omer Letellier, Norman Guertin, & Robert Horton.

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

„« Gated „Y“ given to N. Guertin for Ladder 1.

„« Chief stated hydraulic generator needs to be purchased for Eng. 3.

### **Correspondence:**

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« Letter from Charleton Hospital re: atropine recall given to O. Letellier for rescue follow-up.

„« Chief read thank you letter from Swansea Chief Burke for Warren's assistance during the firefighter's funeral.

**Old Business:** Freddie the Fire Truck is to go to Papa Gino's for Fire Prevention Week on Oct. 10th from 6:00

10:00 p.m. Chief also would like a fire truck to be taken.

## **New Business:**

**„« Leave of Absence: Dan Resnick will be out of country Sept. through Dec. for military reasons. Sean Obrebski submitted resignation; he is now a Newport firefighter and recently married. All his gear and department issued items were returned. Chief made motion, seconded by N. Blank, to accept both. Motion unanimously approved.**

**„« Chief stated once again that anytime individuals want to join the fire department, the applicant and application must first come through the Chief's office.**

**„« Chief told O. Letellier to inform rescue officers they will be receiving a letter from the Chief that they will be required to attend a mandatory meeting in his office to discuss rescue issues.**

**„« Chief stated he would like to change car designations to Chief 1, Chief 2, etc., with captains known by C-1, C-2, etc. Lieutenants would not be changed. The Board members agree; however, the Chief wants the idea discussed with company captains. Board members to bring results to October meeting.**

**„« Chief said information received for a grant for a generator, which could be put in Mary V. Quirk School. We could not match funds since the budget has been finalized. We were approved for \$45,000 with no matching funds required. We will be responsible for the cost of the pad only.**

**„« We lost \$9,327 in grant funds. Chief informed town manager these funds were originally to be used for NIMS training for town employees; however, town manager did not think the training**

necessary.

„« Chief purchasing new cribbing for Special Hazards with funds from grant received through Jan Malik.

„« Chief mentioned NIOSH firefighter fatalities statistics. He said a California female firefighter was killed after falling off the back of a truck, and it ran over her. The spotter has moved and did not see her fall. A Utah chief died when the tanker he was driving to get an inspection sticker rolled over.

„« Chief and J. Sousa went to Dighton and Rehoboth to look at their tankers; they are leaning towards a 2,000 gal. Advice was given to stay away from 4 door International; way to go is with a custom for turn radius.

„« Chief has information on Ladder truck. Chief said there will be an approx. 10% increase in cost as of January, so may need to go out to bid in December to avoid it.

„« Chief met with manager re: architect for Sta. 6. Chief holding up on rescue station until he looks into another area of town. Chief spoke with Malik and Felag re: former S.S. office and area of old Shell station/car wash at Vernon & Metacom. He may also speak with Avila about land. Chief said could have solicitor attend Board meeting to discuss validity of having any funds left from Sta. 6 or any bond issue transferred to another bond issue.

„« Copier from old training room repaired and given to rescue. The second one in Chief's office will be moved downstairs for use by training division.

„« R. Horton stated E-6 members would like to change Reserve E-1 to

**E-61. Chief said they can call it Reserve E-4, but must leave the number on it as is.**

**„« R. Horton said E-6 members asked about purchasing light-weight suits. Chief said he would speak with Chief Burke to find out about them and the cost involved.**

**„« Chief informed everyone all batteries have been changed in alarm panels at the stations.**

**„« J.d Ulmschneider said it's time to change batteries in Scott packs; he also feels the packs should be numbered. Chief's office will purchase 9-volt batteries. J. Ulmschneider will number packs as he changes them.**

#### **Training:**

**„« FF II class on hold until P. Simmons gets back to Chief about HazMat class. Chief will need list of anyone who needs HazMat certification in order to take FF I or FF II.**

**„« S. Asselin starting EMT re-cert class Oct. 8th. E. Jernigan already has class in progress.**

**„« CDL license class scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4th at 1830 hours at Central Fire Headquarters.**

**„« Chief has not heard from Chief Lynch about using Portsmouth's trailer for Fire Prevention Week drill. Red Cross is providing tent to use for triage for the drill; it will be set up at approx. 1730 hours. Pizza and soda provided by Papa Gino's will be at headquarters after the drill. N. Blank distributed copies of drill scenario.**

**There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by N. Blank, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried; meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**