

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Dec. 20, 2007; meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Jon Ulmschneider, Christopher Stanley, Anthony Primiano, and Carolyn O'Brien.**

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

### **Correspondence:**

**„« Individual companies' correspondence distributed.**

**„« Memos read and distributed re: Placement of rescue pay cards in separate location from run reports; Overhead door at rescue headquarters being left shut during truck checks; and Overhead doors being left open when apparatus leaves stations.**

**„« 2008 Duty Chief schedule distributed. (A COPY FOLLOWS)**

### **Old Business:**

**„« Officer radio designations reviewed; changes to take effect January 1, 2008. Dispatch to be notified.**

**„« 2008/2009 Budget v Proposed capital items: new Chief's vehicle, EMS computer system. General items: Tracy Wazecha being full-time, and increasing station repair amount. Chief stated station**

**repair account and replacement gear accounts are revolving.**

**New Business:**

**„« LOA ¶V Levi Maaia (Sta. 6) moving to California; however, will be keeping his residence here. He turned in all department issued gear. Motion made by J. Sousa, seconded by R. Miner, to accept; approval unanimous.**

**„« Updated Emergency Access Box Location listing distributed. This will also be given to dispatch, requesting they notify responding apparatus.**

**„« 2008 Board meeting schedule distributed.**

**„« R. Miner made motion, seconded by N. Blank, to appoint Carolyn O¶Brien as recording secretary for 2008; motion passed unanimously.**

**„« Mark Oribello, Eng. 5, submitted letter of resignation; he is moving to Swansea and has been hired by Swansea Fire Dept.**

**„« Chief stated he needs list of individuals who were on storm stand-by at the stations. He also needs names of rescue personnel who did Thanksgiving detail so all can be paid.**

**„« Chief stated future rescue details will be paid hourly (\$10 for first responders and \$13 for EMTs); they will not be paid per individual run.**

**„« Jonathan Francis from Wright Law Associates is offering to provide free will services to fire department personnel; spouses will be charged a reduced rate. Chief distributed information.**

**„« Chief informed everyone an access box has been installed at**

headquarters with a key to the utility truck in it. All assistant chiefs' keys will open the box, as will a key on Hazards. The key on Hazards will only open that particular access box; it will not work on the other boxes around town.

„« R. Miner questioned if we could install a toolbox in the back of the utility truck to put pumps in. Chief said he will give it some thought, and it can be discussed at the January Board meeting.

„« Chief stated he has sent two letters, one certified, to Fred Cavallaro; he has had no response. If Chief does not hear from him, Chief will go to Cavallaro's apartment after Christmas to get back all department issued gear.

„« Address changes, particularly for members of rescue, need to be provided to Chief's office, so that monthly duty schedules and stipend checks can be mailed.

#### **Training:**

„« Chief is hoping to have Firefighter I and Firefighter II classes beginning sometime in January. There are approximately 25 probationary members who will need FF I. Chief will purchase books.

The department received a \$4300 grant for training purposes; these funds will be used to pay the instructors.

„« J. Sousa stated he feels we should think about advertising for new members. He stated Sta. 6 in Touisset is in particular need of new members.

„« N. Blank distributed proposed monthly training schedule for 2008. Chief requested all department members be made aware in advance of February CPR re-certification and officer's test. Chief stated that

due to possibility of the reservoir being low in August to switch drafting and pumping drill to May.

**Other:**

„« J. Ulmschneider stated committee for new Engine 5 has not met for two months; they were waiting for Chief to finish with new Ladder.

J. Ulmschneider wants to schedule a meeting with the committee and Chief for sometime in January.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by A. Primiano, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

**MONDAY, MARCH 31ST**

**MONDAY, APRIL 28TH**

**MONDAY, MAY 19TH**

**MONDAY, JUNE 30TH**

**MONDAY, JULY 28TH**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH**