

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held August 25, 2008; meeting called to order at 7:05 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 J. Ulmschneider, to accept as submitted; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« Firefighter I certificates distributed, together with requirements for those who need make-up classes

„« Letter from Eng. 1 Capt. Jannitto recommending Tom Estrella for membership on Special Hazards.

Old Business:

„« Updated Membership Lists ;V Still need Ladder I

New Business:

„« Fire Prevention Week ;V Oct. 11-15 ;V Training Division discussed having water shuttle drill on Oct. 19 at 0900 hours. Would like to have DEM wild land fire and Search & Rescue participate during week.

„« Fuel slips distributed ;V to be filled out each time and turned in to Chief's office.

„« Updated Emergency Access Box listing distributed.

„« Abandoned Houses ;V Chief stated any fires at abandoned houses at Serpentine @ Schoolhouse Road and 178 Touisset Road are to have defensive mode of attack used unless determined anyone is in the building. Chief to provide this information to police chief.

„« Leave of absence requested by Colin Brody for academic reasons, and by Aaron Gyrus due to personal and work related reasons. N. Blank made motion, seconded by J. Sousa, to accept both. Motion unanimously carried.

„« Chief stated VFIS has incentive pension-like program for volunteer fire department members and EMTs. It is based on years of service, but would require the town to contribute. Chief stated he would consider including this in the 2009-2010 budget request.

„« Chief informed Board the Town Manager will be leaving as of Oct. 1st.

„« Town Manager and Town Council wants 25% cut on energy/fuel costs. Chief reminded all to close doors and turn off lights when leaving stations.

Station Reports:

„« Chief to meet with Eng. 5 truck committee Aug. 26th re: new vehicle.

„« Chief and J. Sousa met concerning Sta. 6 construction. Still would like to have Mt. Hope High students do some of the work. Chief

wants to have bid requirements to include utilizing Barrington Lumber, JT's Lumber, and Arnold's (all local) for some materials.

„« Chief and J. Sousa met with Pierce re: new Eng. 6.

„« New ladder truck will be late coming in due to lay-offs at the company.

„« Sta. 3 needs to get rid of their old shed; the new one has been ordered.

„« Sta. 6 still does not have generator.

„« Chief still working with John Massed about a new roof for fire headquarters. J. Massed has not yet located funds for the work.

„« J. Ulmschneider said there is no phone in back-up dispatch at Sta. 5. Chief informed him he will get one; the number assigned to is 247-7940.

„« Chief ordered new doors for rescue headquarters.

Training:

„« CPR class scheduled for Oct. 20 & 27. Second night will also be for anyone needing re-certification. Chief wants it put in local paper.

„« Large diameter hose drill scheduled for Sept. 10th at 1830 hours at Jamiel's Park.

„« New training room ¡V Chief will order pull-down screen, overhead projector, computer, and Firefighter I and II 5th Edition discs (discs apprx. \$6,700.) to put in new training room. We can still hold in-house programs for Firefighter I and II; however, unless all instructors are state certified, attendees will not get national certification.

**„« Joe Castro wants to wait until January to hold a Firefighter II class.
New Firefighter I class can probably be sometime in the spring.**

There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by R. Miner, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.