

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Sept. 29, 2009; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Brian Remy, Jon Ulmschneider, Christopher Stanley, and Anthony Primiano. Also: Robert Horton, John J. Jannitto, and Vincent Calenda.

Minutes from previous meeting read. B. Remy made motion, with second by N. Blank, to accept as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« Letter from Police Chief Thomas Gordon thanking fire department for acknowledging his upcoming retirement.

„« Thank you letter from the widow of an emergency dialer recipient read.

„« American Legion Post 11 Senior Vice Commander thanked fire department for participation in their recent clambake. They are still looking to have interior bar demolished; they do have someone interested in the bar.

Old Business:

„« Ground ladder testing to begin Friday, Oct. 2nd.

„« Since only two full Board members besides Chief in attendance, B.

Remy made motion, with second by N. Blank, to table discussion of John Cummings. Chief wants to have a special Board meeting with Deputy Chief and all Assistant Chiefs to discuss this issue. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

„« Bart Axelrod submitted request for temporary leave of absence; he is in a paramedic class. N. Blank made motion, with second by B. Remy, to approved; motion carried unanimously.

„« Request for re-instatement to rescue by Jonathan Chan discussed. Based on previous problems and short period of time since, N. Blank made motion, with second by B. Remy, to deny. Motion unanimously carried.

„« Updated Emergency Access Box list distributed.

„« Chief wants to start calling back gear and pagers held by inactive members. ID's need to be done for new members. Can come into office Monday through Thursday.

„« H1N1 vaccination volunteer forms distributed for any member who either wants to assist or get the vaccine.

Form to be completed for members to get the vaccine are available on-line. This is for first responders only. Chief will provide them with a list of our personnel since not everyone has a department ID.

Station Reports:

„« Overhead door at rescue headquarters fixed, but needed to order two more sections.

„« Sta. 6 is approximately 97% complete; night lights and doors are working. Sprinkler system not yet up and running. Will possibly put truck in old section next week; Chief will discuss with J. Sousa. PlymoVent station and ramp grading to begin.

„« Sta. 5 had power outage; generator started right up.

„« Went out to bid for new roof on Fire Headquarters; Chief believes they were opened.

„« Sta. 3 old boiler to be removed and capped.

„« New battery put in Sta. 2 generator. Oil tank needs to be drained and removed.

Training:

„« Chief held training session for all dispatchers on Mayday policy. One issue brought to light was the possible problem of there being only one dispatcher on duty (especially at night), if there is a bad fire it gets too hectic for one dispatcher to handle everything (fire and police). Chief said even though fire department has some personnel trained to dispatch, they usually want to be at the fire. After new police chief is hired. Chief will meet with him to discuss possibility of calling in a second dispatcher at least for the duration of the fire.

„« FF I class scheduled to begin Oct. 6th. Phil Simmons, Chief Lynch, & Chief will be instructors. This class is more difficult than previous ones. There will be a study guide disc which generates test questions; attendees will be permitted to use this in the Training

Room with notice to the Chief. Books are in. Due to high cost of books, it was decided to keep them, instead of letting attendees keep them. They will be turned in at the end of the course.

„« EMT-B class to start Oct. 21st. Steve Asselin will be instructor. Chief needs list of names.

„« Chief wants to start doing Mayday class for department members a half hour before each company meeting. Chief will conduct for Eng. 1 & Tower 1, Eng. 3 & 5 in November. Eng. 2 & 6 and rescue will be done in December.

„« Fire Prevention Week ¡V Chief will make announcement Sunday, Oct. 4th. Begin going to schools and day cares Monday, Oct. 5th. Anyone who can help, let Chief know as soon as possible. Chief wants Tower truck to go to Swansea on Oct. 4th for Fire Prevention Week.

Other:

„« Chief ordered something for Police Chief Thomas Gordon as a thank you. Chief would like Board members and company officers at October Council Meeting for presentation ¡V dress uniform. All department members welcome to attend. Chief will request to be added to meeting agenda.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by N. Blank, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.