

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Feb. 23, 2010; meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Robert Miner, Brian Remy, James Sousa, Norman Blank, Jon Ulmschneider, Anthony Primiano, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Daniel Costa.**

**Minutes from previous meeting read. B. Remy made motion, with second by R. Miner, to accept as submitted. Motion unanimously passed.**

### **Correspondence:**

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

**„« Invitation to Bristol Fourth of July Parade ;V participation TBD. J. Ulmschneider said if Chief wants to show off new Eng. 5, he will make sure someone takes it.**

**„« Steven Calenda running in race to benefit Leukemia Society; looking for donation. R. Miner made motion, with second by B. Remy, to donate \$100. Chief will have drawn from relief fund.**

### **Old Business:**

**„« Gear/Pagers ;V Eng. 2 submitted list of individuals needing these. Chief stated there is a new program available, which allows dispatch to go through cell phones instead of needing separate pagers. Call information would be sent as text and voice message. R. Miner made**

**motion, with second by N. Blank, to have the Chief look into the system cost, etc.**

**„« H1N1 Clinic, Feb. 6th jV Chief said it went well; 276 vaccines given. \$5,000 received to use towards cost.**

### **New Business:**

**„« Procedures jV Rescue lieutenant lodged complaint against rescue member. Chief stated no jeans and sneakers are to be worn on calls when the member is staying at rescue headquarters waiting to respond; they should bring EMS clothes with them. Also, only WFD pagers are to be carried on Warren calls. Chief advised A. Primiano to contact the other rescue lieutenants to have all rescue lieutenants meet with this member before the next rescue meeting.**

**„« Proposed 2010/2011 budget reviewed. First budget workshop scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27th. Workshop for capital items will be the following Saturday.**

**„« Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade jV Eng. 1 may want to participate.**

### **Station Reports:**

**„« Chief to contact electrician to finish with Sta. 6 PlymoVent System. Will go out to bid this spring to have shingles stained.**

### **Training:**

**„« HazMat Classes jV Classes finished. There are a few individuals who need to take the final; they are to come to the Chief's office to**

take it. Chief spoke with Chief Martin from Bristol about FF I and II; does Board want to bring these back to in-house instead of bringing in instructors from Fire Academy. N. Blank stated he feels as much or more gotten from our in-house classes, because there is more hands-on. Chief said we have everything the academy has except ability to generate questions for final. Chief wants Board to find out from company memberships whether or not they want to revert to in-house classes. J. Sousa suggested having a one-year trial back to in-house; Chief said possibly have in-house FF I starting some time in July. Also, in fairness to those just completing FF I, Chief will have FF II in August or September given by academy. Chief said as long as in-house training complies with IFSTA manual, it will not have adverse effect on ISO rating.

„« EMT Basic Class ÿV Class time finished; finals coming up.

„« Officer ÿ's Test ÿV Everyone passed.

„« EMT Re-Certifications ÿV Chief needs list of all EMT ÿ's needing to re-cert this year. Chief spoke with Ed Jernigan; he will hold a class in the spring and another in the fall. Any EMT responding to calls in 2009 to present will be paid for by department. Anyone wishing to re-cert elsewhere must pay for themselves.

„« Thermal Imager class scheduled for Feb. 25th at headquarters.

„« Some basic EMT ÿ's want to be ET certified. Chief will have Ed Jernigan teach class.

„« Engs. 5 & 6 will get together for a department drill when the weather warms.

„« SCBA re-cert scheduled for March 25th. Chief will check with John

**Massed about using Main Street School. R. Miner suggested including Mayday drill at same time.**

**„« Chief advised N. Blank to contact Joe Bourquin, who is VFIS certified to teach defensive driving, to conduct 4 hour re-cert course. Any department member not participating will not be able to drive apparatus. The Trust also wants this done, in part due to department accidents.**

**Other:**

**„« Tach channels needed on portables. Air horns are not working on Eng. 3.**

**„« J. Sousa to work on SOP re: carbon monoxide levels, and questions to be asked of individuals in buildings when responding to these calls.**

**„« Chief advised child seats in rescue trucks, per state, do not need to be built-in type.**

**„« Blue lights cannot be used on fire department apparatus; used only on police vehicles.**

**„« Electrical problems with Ward LaFrance. Seagraves (old Eng. 5) runs well, but needs some body work. Chief will propose to Council to keep Seagraves, which will need to be added back on insurance and re-registered.**

**There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by N. Blank, to adjourn. Motion carried**

**unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**