

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held July 27, 2010; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Brian Remy, Christopher Stanley, Scott Little, Anthony Primiano, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Brendon McStay, Joseph Costa, Nancy Hayes, & Omer LeTellier.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by N. Blank, to approve as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence:

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« B. Goodhart and J. Chan sent a thank you card for the gift card from rescue when their baby was in the hospital.

„« 800 radios distributed.

Rescue: Chief requested attendance by all rescue lieutenants. Copies of current licenses distributed to be placed on each truck. A. Primiano will be back to work as of Aug. 2nd; Chief thanked B. McStay for taking over while A. Primiano unable to act as lieutenant. Chief stated if B. McStay interested he will be offered lieutenant position in January.

Chief stated he received a letter from Steve Asselin about the EMT-B class he held stating a number of those students have not provided him with information they have completed the required hospital time or the immunization forms. Chief stated he has to appear before Town Council for approval for going over budget in the training account to pay S. Asselin for the class, yet only a few have completed everything.

Chief informed rescue officers Wheeled Coach will be at here with demo truck July 29th at 1800 hrs. Another demo will be Aug. 4th at 1800 hrs. Chief wanted to know if rescue wants him to go for emergency vehicle purchase or go out to bid, due to the on-going problems with the current trucks. N. Blank made motion, with second by R. Miner, to go for emergency purchase. Chief is looking to sell Res. 3, keep Res. 2, and get rid of Res. 1 later. Chief wants to be placed on August agenda for Town Council meeting concerning this.

Chief stated EMT re-certification programs to start in September; Ed Jernigan and Mike Dimello will hold classes. Chief needs to know who will be taking these. Cost will be aprx. \$125 iV \$170 per person.

Chief said it has been brought to his attention people are going to hospitals in shorts. He wants everyone reminded they are to wear the jumpsuits over their shorts.

M. Andrade was on bike patrol. Chief asked if patrol still active, since

he was told O. LeTellier said the first responders couldn't be on the patrol because they weren't EMTs. There is no schedule for shifts, so Chief asked N. Hayes to oversee the bike patrol and scheduling for it.

Chief plans to meet with police chief and police lieutenant re problems with dispatchers. Also, rescue not calling in ALS or BLS. Rescue lieutenants are to contact each person in their group to advise them to start getting exact mileage to put on the reports, and to call in either as ALS or BLS.

Chief said there is an EMS individual nobody seems to want to work with, but he has not received any written complaints about the individual. Chief stated anyone skipping a shift to avoid working with this person will be dropped from the department immediately. In addition, any officer refusing to work with this individual can leave their radio, keys, etc. tonight.

Old Business:

„« Hose testing ¶ Get information back to Chief as soon as possible.

„« Chief advised hydrant at Sunset Court not to be used. All hydrants are to be opened slowly, as they were not flow tested this year.

New Business:

„« Letter of Resignation received from Nick Defusco; he will be attending med school out of the country.

„« Leave of Absence requested by Samuel Curtis until end of year

due to work schedule. Chief will send him a letter requesting department issued items be returned now, and re-issued upon his return.

„« Chief received a call from Greenwood; they now offer to pick up and return trucks for pump tests. Chief will have trucks tested beginning August 9th, so he wants companies to make sure they have full fuel tanks prior to being picked up. Chief hope to get a dry hydrant and the necessary equipment in place by next year in order to do our own testing.

Station Reports:

„« Sta. 5 needs attic ladder.

„« Sta. 6 jV Chief has number for person who will put anti-freeze in system.

„« C. DaCosta is to order supplies for new paper towel dispensers for all companies.

Other:

„« Katie Amaral submitted scholarship application late. R. Miner made motion, with second by B. Remy, to give it to her anyway. Motion unanimously carried.

Training:

„« Chief has names of 99 members who have taken the VFIS driver's training class re-certification. He wants to run one more class after Labor Day for those who were unable to make these.

„« Bill Heon will run a paramedic program beginning in September and would like to use our training room; the class time will be apprx. 6 months. Chief said he will let him know we will work with him to avoid a conflict with a FF I class to begin in February.

There being no further business to discuss, B. Remy made motion, with second by N. Blank, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.