

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS
OF
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Sayles 6:59 p.m. Present were Chief Sayles, Asst. Chiefs Morrone and Fusaro. The Board of Engineers is awaiting the election of a new member. The election will take place on Wednesday September 16, 2009.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sayles recognized Captain Peter Mercurio of the Rhode Island Ones and Michael Quattromani, an honorary member of the Rhode Island Ones, who wished to come back active. Captain Mercurio presented a completed application packet with physical and criminal background check. Chief Sayles welcomed Candidate Quattromani and discussed the honorable service he had previously given. He reminded Mr. Quattromani the District employees are very busy and are not always available to members. He also reminded him family must come first. Asst. Chief Morrone welcomed him back. He stated the need for Mr. Quattromani to become familiar with the Accountability system. Free lancing will no longer be tolerated. Asst. Chief Fusaro welcomed Mr. Quattromani. He stressed the need to get

right back into the training on going in the Department. The more he attended the quicker he would be allowed to do more things. Mr. Quattromani and Captain Mercurio thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

Decon Coordinator Ralph Abruzzese entered the meeting and asked to address the Board of Engineers. Mr. Abruzzese is the acting head of the Westerly Fire Department Decon team. Chief Sayles commended Mr. Abruzzese for the job he did at the CRICES drill in North Stonington on Saturday September 12, 2009. Mr. Abruzzese took this opportunity to thank the Board of Engineers for the confidence they have in him and the team. The drill went smoothly but several areas need to be addressed and Mr. Abruzzese will take them up with the new Asst. Chief when he is elected. Members of the Rhode Island EMA were on hand and Westerly's team received kudos for the yeoman's work performed. Steve Preston stated he was impressed at the knowledge and training of the Westerly members. Mr. Abruzzese thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to pay the bills of the evening. Asst. Chief Fusaro asked what the notations on the new Ginger's statement refer to. Chief Sayles stated he would call Ginger' for a clarification. Asst. Chief Fusaro also noted a double payment on the IFSTA statement and the amount of \$596.50 was deducted. Motion passed unanimously. The following bills were paid:

Lawson Products 402 103.02
S. Tinnerello 402 55.00
AT&T 403 32.67
Cox Communications 403 200.19
Sprint/Nextel 403 383.72
Verizon 403 55.68
Verizon 403 45.08
National Grid 404 937.33
National Grid 405 74.76
National Grid 406 44.39
Griggs & Browne 407 81.00
Mastro 407 108.97
McQuade's Ace 407 304.14
National Grid 408 363.54
Chase 501 384.24
Citgo 501 40.56
Ginger's Service Station 501 185.35
Citgo 502 381.62
Ginger's Service Station 502 201.34
Black Magic Carwash 504 61.00
CarQuest Auto Parts 504 37.30
Mastro 504 40.43
Minuteman Trucks 504 659.48
Ocean House Marina 504 92.75
Paul Cornelius 504 200.00
Grainger 601 61.43

Motorola 602 78.00
Stobes N More 701 135.00
Stobes N More 701 24.99
IFSTA 801 795.48
IFSTA 802 595.80
Chase 803 1425.00
Chase 900 1701.71
Shipmans Fire Equipment 1201 5130.00
Shipmans Fire Equipment 1202 650.00
Shipmans Fire Equipment 1202 110.00
Chase 1500 98.26
FedEx 1500 76.36
Office Depot 1500 135.98
OpalWorks 1500 240.00
OpalWorks 1500 4691.47
S&A Paramount Printing 1500 483.20
Chase 1700 170.65
Westerly Packing 1700 140.92
Westerly Medical Center 1800 190.00
Westerly Public Schools 1800 300.00
Sherwin Williams 2100 93.01
Chase 2700 29.97
Cox Communications 2700 100.00
Town of Westerly 2800 174.19
Town of Westerly 2800 506.03
Shipmans Fire Equipment 2900 280.00

Toscano's 3000 75.00

Britton Morrone 3200 195.00

Globalstar 9400 65.92

Verizon Wireless 9400 90.80

Sean Mackay 90.00

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Michael Gomes 210.00

Chief Sayles reported on the following items:

He passed out a lamented Priority response guide from National Grid for electrical and gas emergencies. He advised Board members to begin using these as soon as possible.

He reported on the outcome of the carbon monoxide incident at Crestview Drive. H.C. Woodmansee sent a letter stating the problem existed with the range and oven being used. The appliances were meant to be used with natural gas but were instead supplied by propane. Chief Sayles expressed thanks to Asst. Chief Fusaro for his handling of the call.

He reported on the status of the Potter Hill Road property. The stakes were now clearly visible and show a smaller foot print for building a station. Asst. Chief Morrone stated the Board should take this opportunity to re-evaluate the use of the property.

He reported he attended a meeting upstate regarding regionalization of services around the state. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated he saw no need for regionalization in South County since most services are already regionalized. He cited Westerly Dispatch as a prime example of this. Chief Sayles concurred.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported on the following:

The Driver Operator class began this evening. Several of the trainees do not have Commercial Drivers' licenses. He asked if we could arrange a class in Westerly for them. Chief Sayles would look into it.

He also brought forth the name of Brandon Fricke of the Rhode Island Ones has a Driver trainee.

He reported Foreman Ed Haik of the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. # 1 has advised him Firefighter Peter Fusaro is ready to be tested on the driving and operation of Ladder 1. Asst. Chief Morrone stated he would schedule the test.

Asst. Chief Fusaro reported on the following items:

A tanker shuttle drill will be held tomorrow evening with Pawcatuck Fire Department at 6:00 p.m. Two engines have been requested for the drill.

He reported he has given a set of books to Dunn's Corners Fire Department member Michael Beach who is enrolled in the Driver operator class. He asked Chief Sayles if he wanted a bill for the materials sent to Chief Frink. Chief Sayles stated no.

He asked Board members if there were any additions or deletions to the four run cards presented at the last meeting. Chief Sayles stated he did not have any. Asst. Chief Fusaro asked that he specify in the notes section where mutual aid rescues would come from and what departments would be listed as our foam task force. Chief Sayles would do this and Asst. Chief Fusaro would type them out for final approval.

He reported the Southern League would be offering a basic pump operators course at Dunn's Corners Fire Department on Tuesday September 22, 2009.

He reported he was asked by Dunn's Corners Chief Frink about teaching a standpipe class for his department at the Westerly Middle School. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated he would ask Firefighters Frick and William Palmer to assist with the class.

He reported on the drill in November involving tankers on Havens Road. Chief Sayles asked him to contact DEM Ranger Karl Kenyon to see if money was available for installing a dry hydrant in the area.

He asked Chief Sayles for a list of all courses currently offered by the Rhode Island Fire Academy. Chief Sayles would compile a list of these courses and any available funding sources for them.

He reported many members of the training committee would like to become 1041 Instructor certified. Chief Sayles stated we may be able to hire our own coordinator and do the class.

Asst. Chief Fusaro addressed his concerns about those drivers unable to take the driver operator class and their status when the current one is completed. He proposed an in house course for those drivers which would be equivalent to the curriculum taught by the Rhode Island Fire Academy by our own instructors. He felt these drivers, some of whom have served the department for years, deserved to not be discarded. The Board has relied on their experience and availability. Asst. Chief Morrone stated he was against the certification from the start and he felt all the drivers had been given ample opportunity to take the class. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated he was only thinking ahead for a solution to a problem on the horizon. Asst. Chief Morrone stated he felt we should let the issue raise itself if it does at all. Chief Sayles stated this was good discussion and we needed to continue to think about his.

Money collected by the District:

Agenda for the next meeting

Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro Jr.

Secretary, Board of Engineers