

Scituate Fire & Rescue Engineering Board

P.O. Box 123, North Scituate, RI 02857

Minutes – January 27, 2014

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:14pm at The Hope Jackson Fire Department.

The following members were present:

Station 20: Chief Adam Hebert and Deputy Chief Ryan Adams

Station 40: Chief Donald Campbell

Station 60: Chief Peter Cugini

Secretary/Treasurer Kerri Dexter

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from December 17, 2013 accepted and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Accepted and placed on file

4. Old Business

Training:

Chief Cugini reported that the Fire Fighter 1 class is still being held at Chopmist Station on Monday and Wednesday Nights. Should be done be in March 2014

Deputy Chief Ryan Adams reported the training house on Pine Hill

Road is only available on Monday Nights and is available for use by Station 40 and Station 60. Deputy Chief Adams can follow up with Chris Riley if any other nights can be used.

Chief Cugini reported that DEM mentioned having a training in spring with all for departments in Scituate. DEM will get back to us.

Communications:

Chief Hebert is sending letter to Police Chief Randall to have form filled out for the I Am Responding program.

SOPS: None to Report

Other business

North Scituate is still down four forestry bags from a brush fire a few months ago. Station 40 and 60 all set with forestry bags.

5. New Business

Question of HIPPA violation with names of residents said over the radio by Dispatcher. Will be addressed.

Chief Cugini reported equipment for Engine 62 still on hold.

Chief Cugini asked in event of chimney fire is the Tanker or Engine better to respond. Chief Hebert advised the Tanker is the better response truck.

Chief Hebert reported Ladder 22 failed the Ladder Test and estimated \$13,000.00 for repairs.

Chief Mark Ellis will not take part in the Scituate Engineering Board. Board proposed the idea for separate meetings to include Chief Ellis.

The Board voted against outside meetings. Chief Ellis is open to attend and provide input during normal meeting times. Chiefs to compile a list of responses for past 5 years including number of runs, where response was, what type of runs they were, number of volunteers per year and where volunteerism is now and projected. Also, putting together a vehicle replacement schedule and capital items purchase schedule for equipment over \$2,500 - \$3,000 that will need to be replaced for each department including lifespan and cost to department and/or town for the next meeting.

Chief Campbell reported the Central Coventry Fire Department are taking offers for the smoke trailer including the smoke generator. Scituate Fire Engineering Board made an offer of \$3,000 for the use of trailer during Fire Prevention.

6. Reports

A. Station 20:

Chief Hebert reports Ladder 22 is Out of Service. Rescue 1 possibly out of service indefinitely. Chopmist Rescue 1 has airbag suspension problem that needs to be fixed. Tasca said Rescue 1 was not to be in service to Town Highway.

B. Station 40:

Engine 42 will be out for repairs in a few weeks. SAFER Grant approves some projects to be done.

C. Station 60:

Brush 63 out of service and waiting to hear from Insurance Company. Concern about Town Highway Mechanics not being EVOK certified and possible liability issue. Issue will be brought up to Fire

Suppression and EMS Committee.

The next Engineering Board meeting will be held on Monday February 24, 2014 at 7:00pm at the North Scituate Fire Department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.