

# **Scituate Fire & Rescue Engineering Board**

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

**Minutes – December 22, 2014**

## **1. Call to Order**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the North Scituate Fire Department**

**The following members were present:**

**Station 20: Chief Adam Hebert and Deputy Chief Adams**

**Station 40: Chief John Chevalier**

**Station 60: Fire Captain Ralph Della Iacono**

**Secretary/Treasurer: Kerri Dexter**

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Minutes from November 24, 2014 accepted and approved.**

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

**Accepted and placed on file**

## **4. Old Business**

**Training:**

- South Foster Chief would like Chiefs to attend the Woonasquatucket League meeting to plan a water shutter drill. Deputy Chief Adams will be attending that meeting**

- o Captain Della Iacono stated the league has made a subcommittee to**

**focus on the tanker shuttle training so all surrounding towns are on the same page.**

**SOPS:**

- **None to Report**

**Communications:**

- **Chief Hebert states he has looked into finding engineering firms to survey our radio communications, however, he has not found any who are not related to sales.**
- **Chief Chevalier states he has talked to a sales representative from Utility Communications. They are not a practical company because of travel distance, but they do have engineers. If going through Motorola, the dealers won't compete against selves and would go through one of the dealers. Chief Chevalier suggested asking Dave Gaiwseki if he has any ideas of engineering firms.**
- **Deputy Chief Adams stated coverage has been better in town. The state police building has issues with radio communications and in the cell block cannot hear communications.**
- **Chief Hebert stated the Rocky Hill road, Cindy's and McDonalds area still have issues.**
- **Discussion had of truck repeater and multiple repeaters in town.**
- **Chief Hebert stated we have to put a written plan and look at non vendor specific companies and if we cannot find that, then go with vendors.**
- **Chief Chevalier discussed upgrading the Ztron equipment. Police Chief Randall asked Chief Chevalier if he could look at system. Chief**

**Chevalier asked for and received board approval for himself and Chief Ellis to meet with police representatives and get the upgrade into the budget as a capital purchase for police and fire. The operating system is working on windows 2000. Could replace Ztron equipment or replace with Motorola and man down function for police would work again. May be a big price difference.**

- **Chief Hebert reported that Deputy Keith Brown was handling the I am Responding. Chief Hebert is going to talk with Mark Anderson since there seems to be confusion on what steps to take next in getting the I am Responding program into the police department.**

#### **Other Business:**

- **Deputy Chief Adams stated at the council meeting it was said the police are having an issue with getting a generator. If the generator goes down there would be a huge issue. He suggested writing a letter to the council in support of the police station to get a new generator since the fire operations will also be interrupted if generator fails.**

- **Chief Chevalier stated that on the towns website, there is a feature that brings up maps of the town with buildings included. If you input an address, only the house numbers that are on the street will be shown unlike confusion with google maps. Length of driveways can also be seen. It can be used as a tool for knowing where houses are. Also, has property information and homeowner names. Sat with Karen Beattie and told you can add different layers to system to where hydrants, water holes and tanks are.**

## **5. New Business**

- **Rescues**
- **Chief Chevalier finished support letter for four wheel drive**
- **Chief Hebert said dimensions of what not to exceed added into the spec.**

## **6. Reports**

### **A. Station 20:**

- **Thank you to Station 40 for the use of Engine 41 while Tanker 21 was out of service**

### **B. Station 40:**

- **None to report**

### **C. Station 60:**

- **None to Report**

**The next Engineering Board meeting will be held on Monday January 26, 2015 at The Chopmist Hill Fire Department at 7:00pm.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.**