

Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
January 9, 2017
Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1703 hrs. Fire Commissioners Riley, Macallister, and Frank were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge, Lt. Davern, Lt. Arrascue and K. Thut.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers nor public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Homeless for the Holidays success – **Highly successful year accepting donated toys, food and cash for those in need locally (see attached letter.) Kudos to Malone, Perry and Travis.**

PERSONNEL

- C. Schneckloth – out on IOD since 8/10 – no return date imminent. Surgery likely.
- J. McGonigle – 12/12 he injured his back on duty. Expected return now around Jan. 15.
- C. Adams – 11/16 he injured his shoulder while on duty. Currently out until at least 1/19.
- A. Travers – surgery on finger scheduled for 1/13/17. Rehab will take 2 weeks.
- L. Sassone – out until 1/18/17 with broken ribs.
- D. Ferola – IME on shoulder scheduled for Jan. 24. **IME rescheduled for 2/28/17.**

FIRE PREVENTION

BUDGET

- FY 2017 is beginning week 28/52 or 54% complete. Please see attached information submitted by Sandra Mackey. **OT and salaries are “right where they should be.” Given it was difficult during the last storm to get FFs to come in for standby it is necessary to have the Storm Coverage SOG in place.**
- FY18 – guidance & instruction – **FY18 will be a 2.75% increase for FF salaries and a COLA for the Dispatchers on July 1. The “ordinary maintenance” budget lines have no real changes (maintenance slightly increased based on last year’s expenditures.) Chief handed out possible articles to be considered (see attached.) Future changes in health care costs were discussed. Ladder 307 refurb (suggested that a refurb would add 10 more years to the truck giving COMM 25 years on the 2001 vehicle) vs. purchase was also debated. Purchasing would mean losing the all-steer. Upgrading security in all of the buildings (including water dept) and purchasing a gear washer were discussed as well (gear is then air dried.) The new mandated IV pumps will be purchased and possibly be used for more meds than just epinephrine. The required radio upgrade listed will hopefully be supplemented by a grant that 301/302 have submitted.**

EMS

- New SOG re COMM's response to Assisted Living Residences – **Lt. Davern explained that assisted living facilities (group homes also) are responded to as we would a private home, not to use nursing home protocols.**
- Opiate use – **2016 statistics – 2015 – 25 overdoses & used Narcan 25x & 2016 – 39 overdoses & used Narcan 44x. Numbers are trending up, averaging at least 1x/week. Chief mentioned that Fentanyl is much stronger than heroin and becoming a problem as well.**
- **The new ambulance will be in Attleboro for inspection during the first week of Feb. and then in service soon after.**

DISPATCH

During Calendar Year 2016 the COMM Dispatch Center handled 4975 calls for emergency service in the COMM and Cotuit Fire Districts. That is the third highest year on record, bested only by 2015 with 5259 and 2013 with 5208.

Total COMM calls for the year were 4146, which is down 303 when compared to last year. December 2016 saw 358 calls, off by 13 when compared to the previous December. We also dispatched Cotuit Fire and Rescue apparatus 47 times in December, 829 for the year. That is down by 1 when compared to Cotuit responses for 2015.

Open Burning Season for 2017 begins next week. We expect few issues going into the 2nd year without requiring specific permits for residents. Dispatch will continue to post to the web site and recorded phone line each day as to whether conditions allow open burning. We will also have printed letters available at the window with Open Burning Regulations and procedures, as well as Cooking Fire and Recreational Fire information.

– Bill Monroe

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Snowstakes are in and wall packs for the lights on the exterior of the buildings have been converted to LED. Deputy Eldridge explained that due to the lightning damage last year the insurance company required us to perform electrical testing of integrity of building ground. COMM did very well. There were a couple of minor repairs suggested especially in conjunction with the radio tower.

EQUIPMENT

Routine maintenance and winter storm prep have been the focus of this month. Ambulances 324, 326 and 327 have been serviced, the skid unit and starter/battery cables on pump motor were replaced on 317. 307 required the replacement of 4 rear tires. Plows were installed on the trucks in anticipation of the recent winter storm.

COMMITTEES

TRAINING

- 1/16 Monday – MLK Day – Administration closed

OPERATIONS

PLANNING

- Employee Evaluations

MISCELLANEOUS

- Chief gave an update re Conant Lane neighbor issue as there have been more calls.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting was adjourned at 1823 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2017 at 1700 hrs. **Update:** Meeting moved to 2/15/17.