

Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
October 16, 2017
Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1802 hrs. Fire Commissioners Riley, Macallister, and Frank were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge, FF Dalbec and K. Thut.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting. There was one ambulance waiver which requires further follow up and no public comment.

Interviews were conducted for Acting Lieutenant position: FFs Malone, Williams and M. Rogers. **The position was offered to FF Matt Malone until the return of Lt. Sabatinelli at the end of December 2017.**

PERSONNEL

- C. Schneckloth – out on a back IOD since 8/10/16, surgery on April 11 – pursuing physical therapy. **Suggested that Chuck be invited to January 2018 meeting to discuss his status.**
- T. Miskiv – injured his shoulder on 9/5/17. Tom will have surgery on 10/27 with a 5-6 month recovery period following.

FIRE PREVENTION

BUDGET

- FY 2018 is beginning week 16/52 or 30.7% complete. Please see attached information submitted by Sandra Mackey.

EMS

Currently working with Kathleen to explore a grant for the purchase of 4 new ambulance stretchers, loading systems and a maintenance program at a cost of \$207,719.60.

SOG 03.03.30 Active Shooter/ Hostile Event (ASHE) Policy has been drafted and is out for 2 week comment period. The department continues to train and keep in mind that these event can happen anywhere. A drill is being planned at the Cape Cod Mall for the end of the month (**10/29**). COMM will participate.

Monthly EMS training continues to take place as well as a Basic EMT Core Competency Program (refresher) will be conducted this month. **Both online and hands-on portions of the class will be available at COMM Station 1.**

Working with Paramedic Scott to review his patient care reports for quality. This process is required by CIEMSS while he is operating under a “provisional” authorization to practice until he has 30 calls evaluated by myself and CIEMSS after which time he will be allowed to work without another paramedic. He is doing an excellent job.

An update to the Massachusetts OEMS Protocols will require us to carry and offer non-opioid pain reliever such as Tylenol (**IV type of Tylenol is much more potent than OTC**) and Toradol. This will require training all members on its use and dosing as well as an added expense to purchase these medications. The deadline to comply is December 31, 2017. **Mandated IV pumps are still on hold.**

DISPATCH

Massachusetts Fire Academy held two sessions of a day long class, “Dispatching the Firefighter Mayday”, at Barnstable County Control during September. All COMM Dispatchers and Spares participated. Class included procedural methods as recommended by MFA, as well as listening to multiple Mayday incidents from across the Country, and discussion of their effectiveness.

Call volume for 2017 continues to be ahead of 2016, with 395 calls in September as compared to 354 last September, an increase of 41 for the month. Through nine months of 2017 we were at 3433 calls dispatched, which is an increase of 283 over the same period a year ago.

For Cotuit Fire district we handled 70 calls in September for a nine month total of 642 which is down 34 calls compared to last year.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Fall fertilization is complete at all stations. The helicopter pad at Station 1 was repainted and light fixtures/bulbs were replaced at Station 2.

EQUIPMENT

Deputy Eldridge and David Scott traveled to Wisconsin to observe progress on the Ladder 307’s refurbishment. **In the original budget there was a \$60k contingency line. Now that the ladder has been “opened up” there are \$26k of additional repairs needed. Deputy explained what he observed and distributed photos. He noted there was not much rust and after being cleaned up and repainted (Carwell too) the goal is to get another 10-15 year of life from it.**

On 303 the deck gun seal was replaced and the coolant leak repaired. Ambulance 325 was serviced as well.

OPERATIONS

Car seat installations:

- # September: 5 (-6 from August)
- September OT hours: 6 (same as August)

September OT cost: \$329.62 -\$.52 from August)

COMMITTEES

TRAINING

PLANNING

- Request to host EMTS Inc's paramedic program beginning September 2018. **Chief will gather more details on program and discuss at next meeting.**
- Expected MassHealth reimbursement (CPE) is ~\$58k

NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 1951 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 1700 hrs. due to the Thanksgiving holiday.