

Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

March 13, 2013

Meeting convened at 7:41 p.m.

Members present: Michael S. Trovato, Chief
James Roderick, Deputy A
Gerard Menangas, Deputy B
Ronald White

Others present: Jeff Jaren, Provincetown Police Chief

Chief's Report

Regional Dispatch discussed.

Chief Trovato stated he would consider Regional Dispatching if it was under the control of the fire and police chiefs. He was not in favor if it was under the control of a State agency. He also expressed his concern regarding town police dispatchers being unemployed if Regional dispatching was implemented.

Police Chief Jaren advised the board that he would bring their message forward to the Cape Law Enforcement Council as a unified message on behalf of Provincetown. Chief Jaren will inform the board when the next Regional Dispatch meeting will be held so they can attend.

Air Compressor in Main Station needs to be serviced. Ingersoll Rand will be contacted.

An Air Compressor for the vehicle exhaust system will be installed at the Main Station.

Sprint Nextel Cell phones discussed.

Email received from Ashley Johnson reminding the board that the Nextel network will cease to operate on or before June 30, 2013. Email: DedicatedCare18@sprint.com

The board discussed changing cell phone service over to Verizon and the number of phones needed. Minutes from previous meetings re the cell phone change will be reviewed.

Rescue

Rescue Standby Coordinator position. Letter received from Denise Russell requesting to be reappointed to the Coordinator position.

Motion: Roderick motioned to retain Denise Russell as the Seasonal Rescue Standby Co-coordinator, seconded by Ron White, All in favor.

MVA with Rescue Vehicle 196 discussed. The Chief was upset after receiving a call from the Rescue Captain advising him that Ms Lucy on Atlantic Ave was looking for someone to repair her stairs that were damaged by a rescue vehicle. It was Paul Brazil's 2nd accident. The board agreed that anytime a fire or rescue vehicle is backing up the driver should have a spotter. It should be SOP. Memo will go out to all personnel - In the event of any accident the Chief should be notified immediately and a report will be submitted to Headquarters.

Motion:

Roderick motioned to add the following to Chapter 18, Article 4 of the Personnel Rules: Anyone involved in an accident with a department vehicle shall immediately notify their superior, (Captain, District Chief or the Chief); Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.

Motion:

Roderick motioned to add Chapter 15, Article 10 (New Article): Automobile washing except emergency vehicles is forbidden. The BoFE supports this policy. Private vehicles are not to be parked or left inside of the Main Station.

Captain and Lieutenant's will be advised. John Thomas and Stephen Roderick will also be advised.

EMT Derek Menangas - Letter received from Derek requesting the board to consider him as a candidate for Paramedic School.

FD Budget and the One Twelfth Rule discussed. Balance of budget reviewed.

The 1/12 Rule is a Massachusetts General Law and the section 9-5-2 of the Provincetown Charter.

9-5-2 In the final three months of any fiscal year, no division, department, commission, office or agency may expend, except for amounts previously encumbered, more than one-twelfth of its annual appropriation in each of those three months, except with the approval of the finance committee.

Purchase of three Motorola portable radios discussed.

Motion: Roderick motioned to purchase 3 Motorola XTS 2500 I w Pocket Mike, Spare battery and Leather case. Radios will be issued to Gerard Menangas, Paul Silva and E.J. Martinez.

Laptop for the new Chief's vehicle discussed. Laptop and Bracket will be installed in the new Chief's vehicle, if the vehicle purchase is approved.

House Report #3

Lack of participation with drills and meetings in Engine Company 3 discussed.

House Reports # 4

Generator at the Johnson Street Station will be placed in service. Automatic transfer switch is needed for the generator.

Cleaning of Johnson Station and Main Station discussed.

House Report #5

4 – 25 ft 4 inch Niedner Yellow Hose w storz connections requested by Captain Roger Martin. Hose will be ordered from Ed Lyons Fire Equipment.

Motion: Menangas motioned to purchase the hose; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

Text paging system discussed. Questions asked: Will the district location of fire incident be added to the page. When will the remaining members be added to the paging system? Sgt Golden will be contacted.

Generator needed for station #5. Estimate will be obtained from South Shore Generator. 5 KW, 2 cylinder, (size needed to run station) Generator should run on Propane Gas.

Air Pak Mask Fittings will be held on Sunday, March 24th. Sign up sheet is posted on bulletin board at Main Station.

Ear Plugs are needed for responders to Fire Alarm calls.

Adjournment

Motion: Roderick motioned to adjourn, White seconded the motion,

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.