

Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

April 13, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:45 p.m.

Members present: Chief Michael S. Trovato
Gerard Menangas
Russell Zawaduk

Others present: Police Chief James Golden
Rescue Captain Denise Russell

Chief's Report

Police Chief Golden informed the board that the new police dispatcher hired has taken a position in Eastham because it is closer to her home.

The disbanding of the Fire Department's Unpaid Auxiliary status discussed. Chief Golden questioned why he was dismissed since he lives in Truro and the minutes stated members who lived beyond the Town of Truro.

The Chief stated that members on the list, who work for the Town, will be considered on a case by case basis. He added they should not create a burden on the Training officer when obtaining their certifications. They should also make the effort to attend Rescue meetings and drills to retain their status as Unpaid Auxiliary members.

Captain Russell explained that there were new state requirements for a standard level of care as well as in house training on how the calls are run. Members should also have knowledge on how to complete the new computerized SARF report forms. Power Stretcher and CPR Thumper training would also be required.

Chief Golden stated that the Rescue should be operating under qualified and operationally qualified because clearly he and Police Sergeant Enos would be able to give a standard of care to a patient in an emergency medical situation.

Captain Russell explained that when the Inspector from the State performs his inspection and asks for the training rosters on file the department has to prove that all members have been trained. She added that members on the unpaid auxiliary list have not been trained to the same caliber as the regular rescue members.

Motion: Chief Trovato motioned to amend the previous motion regarding Unpaid Auxiliary status to: members who work for the town and live from the Truro/Wellfleet line to Provincetown will be considered for Unpaid Auxiliary membership on a case by case basis.

Victoria Ainsworth will be placed on the Unpaid Auxiliary list on Ladder 2; Zawaduk seconded the motion, All in favor.

The Chief added that if the board found it was not working they would re-visit the subject again.

On April 12th the Chief was informed by the members of #1 that their pagers were not working. At the shed on Winslow Street where the radio console is stored, he found the door was compromised and water was on the floor of the shed and the circuit breaker was tripped again. Town Electrician Arty Martinez will be advised since it may be defective.

CPR class will be scheduled on May 1st at the Main Station. Makeup class will be held on May 15th. The Chief will confirm the dates with Paul Tucker.

Hazmat training (8 hours) will be held in the fall.

Burn Building Training - On May 10th Provincetown will work with the Brewster FD at the Burn building at Barnstable Fire Academy in Barnstable. Seven members have signed up so far.

RIT Training – A two day RIT Training program will be delivered by Mass Fire Academy in Truro on April 30th & May 1st. Members can register on-line. The program qualifies for 5 OEMS credits

SCBA Maze Training Trailer from Mass Fire Academy will be in Truro on April 16 & 17. All are welcome to attend.

Company Officer Strategy and Tactics course will be held on April 20 at Yarmouth F D.

R196 - Accident report for Rescue vehicle 196 received from Mike Coelho. Repairs to vehicle will be taken care of.

Air Duct Cleaning quotes received: E.F. Winslow - \$2,610.00
American Clean Air - \$7,200.00

Quote from Servpro not yet received. Joyce will call Servpro.

Bi-Directional Amplifiers in Buildings – Memo received from Ralph Swenson (Chief Deputy of Technical Services, Barnstable Sheriff's Office) regarding registering the amplifiers with his office. The amplifiers are used to boost public safety coverage on any frequency band. Swenson will be contacted although they are most likely not in our building.

Portuguese Festival and Blessing of the Fleet will take place from June 23 to June 26, 2016. All Captains and Lt's received the information.

Rescue Report

2016 Seasonal Rescue Standby positions were received by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Forty two applications were received. Thirty eight applicants were approved by the board, four were not approved.

Motion: Zawaduk motioned to accept the thirty eight applicants; Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.

A Rowing Regatta will be held on June 4th behind St Mary of the Harbor church. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dr. Livingstone is the contact person for the Regatta. Captain Russell spoke to him regarding his Safety Plan.

Rescue portable radio is missing.

Cabinet to store rescue supplies in apparatus bay requested.

Captain Russell attended a DICO (Designated Infection Control Officer) Training at Stonehill College in N. Easton, Mass on April 5 & 6, 2016. The course was sponsored by Southeastern Mass EMS.

House Reports

House #1 - #3

Power ventilator on Engine 1: Luis Ribas repaired it.

Engine 3: Unknown if Scott Enos has repaired it?

Application for membership received from James W Silva for House #1.

Motion: Zawaduk motioned to approve Silva's application as an Auxiliary member of #1, pending his physical exam; Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.

Adjournment

Motion: Zawaduk motioned to adjourn the meeting; Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.