

Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

July 11, 2001

Meeting convened at 7:55 p.m.

Members present: Michael S. Trovato, Fire Chief\
Warren G. Alexander, Deputy
James Roderick Jr.
Gerard Menangas

Others present: Captain Michael Benjamin #4
Lieutenant/Radio Officer Tim Caldwell

Chief's Report

FD Radio Simulcaster, located at Police Dept., not working during power outages/surges despite the fact that it's plugged into an interruptible power supply according to Radio Officer Caldwell. Chief will speak to Wayne DeForest re the problem. Add to Action List.

Radio Officer requesting new larger cabinet for radio equipment.

2.2 Air Paks purchased with State Grant funds delivered first week of July. Air Officer Benjamin and District Chief Roderick have distributed Air Paks and compiled an inventory list of all department Air Paks. 8 new Air Paks will be purchased thru the 2002 Capital Improvement Budget.

Air testing tubes have expired. NFPA requirements on air testing and the cost of air testing tubes will be researched.

23 Air Paks must be Flow tested by October. In the past Barnstable County acquired Scott to test all Cape Department Air Paks. Chief will contact Truro Fire Chief Prada re the testing.

Nine (9) Pass Devices needed for Air Paks.

One Air Pak and Proximity Suit for Hummer may be missing.

19 Voice Paks needed. Add to Wish List.

Award given to Russell LaPorte as Summer Rescue Standby Employee of the Month for exemplary job performance.

Awards given to Joel Macara, Kenneth Oxtoby and Russell LaPorte for the delivery of a baby boy in Rescue Vehicle 196 on July 5, 2001.

Rescue

Complaints received re Rescue Vehicle 196 cutting out. Vehicle will be checked out at B C's by Tom Roda. May be the cam sensor.

Summer Standby Applicant Amy Coelho discussed. She has just taken her practical & written exam and will not be certified in time to work summer standby. She would like to ride along on the rescue vehicle. When her physical examination is approved she may ride along in the rescue vehicle.

Application also received from Amy Coelho to join the rescue squad.

Motion: Roderick motioned to accept Amy Coelho as a member of the rescue squad, pending her physical exam, Alexander seconded the motion; All in favor.

Number of rescue slots available will be researched.

Floor in dispatch room needs to be stripped again and waxed with a sealer. Alan will be contacted.

Dispatching problems discussed. Chief will contact the Police department to set up a meeting with the dispatchers.

New chairs for upstairs meeting room, cost and style will be researched.

Wiring Inspectors position cut to 3 days a week. Present inspector, Ed Seery will be leaving the position. Wally Adams will fill in temporarily two half days a week.

Rescue Standby crew should notify dispatch when they are out of the station. Memo will be sent to that effect.

Motion: Alexander motioned that the Rescue Standby crew notify dispatch when they are out of the station; Menangas seconded the motion; All in favor.

Alexander questioned why when there was a transport to CCH from OCHS that Lower Cape Ambulance didn't pick up the patient at OCHS, for the comfort of the patient, instead of the rescue vehicle meeting LCA at the side of the road on Rte 6 to transfer the patient.

Captain Roda stated that unless it was a priority call the rescue crew performed their assessment of the patient and treatment. He added that many things could happen before the other truck signed on the air and was ready to go. If there is a priority call Lower Cape Ambulance does respond to the scene stated Roda.

Lower Cape Ambulance purchased two portable radios. One was given to EMT Justin White. It is not department policy to issue a portable radio to an EMT. Only command officers or the Rescue Captain or Lieutenant should have a portable radio.

Plaque honoring the late Douglas Trumbo, EMT-P will be given to Napi Van Dereck to be placed in a park. Board members in favor.

Chief's vehicle may have an oil leak and an exhaust leak. Appointment will be made at BC's to check out the vehicle.

Adjournment

Motion: Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting; Roderick seconded the motion; All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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