

**Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department**  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
**August 19, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting will come to order at 1701 and will be recorded. We will begin our meeting with public comment. If you wish to provide public comment, please raise your hand, and wait to be called on by the chair. Speakers should identify themselves when called on to speak. Each speaker may have a minimum of three minutes. To be complaint with the Open Meeting Law, the board may choose not to engage in discussion on a particular comment but may wish to include the topic on a future agenda. The Board of Fire Commissioners strives to maintain an orderly and peaceable public meeting environment.

Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Eldridge, Deputy Hill, and N. Kennedy, and district resident Craig Coombs.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the July 8, 2024, meeting.

There were no ambulance waivers.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## PERSONNEL

C. Rogers is still out on IOD due to back surgery. Hoping to start work hardening in September.

T. Booth and M. Looney completed their new hire orientation on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mike Looney has been assigned to group 2 starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Z. Hunter is out on IOD due to continuing shoulder injury. Currently out for up to 2 months.

## FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. Resale/transfer inspections were down for the month.

This past month a total of (81) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1945) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (49) and inspection (32). Overall Fire Prevention completed (101) inspections and/or activities, (20) of which were part of our Community Outreach "Senior Safe" campaign.

## EMS

Report from ambulance dealer is that COMM is next to have 2 Ford F-550 chassis assigned and delivered to Horton. Possible completion after the first of the year. **Chief Eldridge – put into the "que" once chassis is delivered.**

Online EMS training has transitioned back to Prodigy as the training platform; will no longer use Fire Rescue 1 for EMS training.

Working with training officers M. Rogers, M. Malone, and M. Miskiv on EMS training priorities and more in-person lessons.

Scheduling preventative maintenance for all Stryker and Physio products in the near future per maintenance agreement. **Chief Eldridge – Stryker and Physio perform maintenance on site.**

Paramedic student from Cape Cod Community College will be riding with our crews as part of his internship (approximately 2 months). **Deputy Hill – will also have two (2) high school interns starting in September.**

## DISPATCH

During the month of July COMM units were dispatched to 556 calls for service That is an increase of 27 calls compared to last July. Medical/motor vehicle responses accounted for almost 59%, alarm responses 26%, fire prevention 4%, service/investigation/fire and marine responses making up the remainder.

In addition, COMM dispatched 106 calls for Cotuit Fire Department in July. That is an increase of 27 compared to last July.

## EQUIPMENT

A325 – Found Opticom light not working. Per manufacturer is a faulty circuit board. Sending serial numbers to manufacturer for replacement.

A327 – Replaced oil pan, transmission cooler lines, and both front tires. Brought to Tirrell Radiator to replace a/c compressor, condenser evaporator core and receiver dryer for cab a/c system.

E303 – Found faulty portable generator light, reinstalled screws on light and replaced bulb.

E304 – Stuck in 2<sup>nd</sup> gear, replaced sensor. Also replaced portable holder and two (2) helmet holders in cab. Replaced water tank sender and gauge and transfer valve switch.

E306 – Replaced headlight.

L307 – Replaced faulty fuel cap, fan belt, and tensioner. Rebuilt primer valve and replaced cable that activates valve. Also replaced internal anodes on pump.

C321 – Sent to Copeland Chevy to take care of recall, change oil and rotate tires. Also repaired tool mount in box.

C329 – Purchased a new 2023 Ford Explorer to replace current vehicle. Waiting on arrival of vehicle to install light package and graphics.

T308 (new) – was delivered in July. Installed 800 radio and installed toolbox onto the bed of truck.

B310 – Fire pump freezing up, flushed out salt water and soaked pump for several days with oil to free. Repaired faulty clip-on choke lever.

## TRAINING

Probationary firefighters Booth and Looney completed the weeklong New Hire Orientation. The majority of this training included classroom lectures pertaining to significant and mandatory department policies and procedures, rules and regulations, the collective bargaining agreement etc. The hands-on practical evolutions involved M310

operations conducted by Captain Adams and vehicle extrication with FF Riley. It was a pleasure working with our newest department members for the week.

Monthly training for August includes an introduction and review of the DVRS (digital vehicular repeater system) policy by Lt. Carpenter, school walk-throughs and review of new FACP at Barnstable United Elementary and Centerville Elementary Schools, and hurricane/prolonged weather event preparedness.

Ongoing training for paramedics includes the online Hantevy (pediatric medical care) review through Prodigy and for all department members the KnowBe4 cyber-security training assigned by IT Director Sargent.

The new department training model is still being developed with the anticipation of implementation beginning in September, more to follow.

## OPERATIONS

### Marine Division

Marine 310 is in service in the water at Crosby Yacht Yard. The Department responded to eleven marine-related incidents as of July 31, 2024. There have been 36.5 hours of operator-based, and 161 total personnel hours of underway time logged in the 2024 calendar year. All small boats are in service at their respective stations. Work for the replacement of the foam collars (warrant article) has been scheduled for early January. **Chief Eldridge – work will take place at COMM stations.**

### Dive Team

The Dive Team conducted training in May at Hamblin's Pond, and the focus untethered diving.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Lawn maintenance and irrigation repair.

Station 1 – Repaired sheetrock on apparatus bay next to dispatch door and repaired sheetrock in men's basement bathroom due to plumbing repairs.

Station 2 – Installed new faucets in men's locker room, installed new backflow in laundry, and repaired cleaning solution unit.

Station 3 – Replaced central vacuum.

## BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

## PLANNING

9/11 Ceremony at Station 1.

Deputy Chief interviews will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>. **Chief Eldridge – will be starting at 4:00pm instead of 5:00pm.**

## COMMITTEES

Peer Support K9 has been put on hold due to unforeseen issues.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Hover Craft – declaring surplus for disposal. Chief Eldridge – M. Stevens is working on setting up the online account for Municibid, once that is established will list the hover craft on the site. The hover craft has not been used in up to 12 years. Would like to use the basement of Station 2 to store the items for training.

## ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1720. Next meeting is September 16, 2024, at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Brown", is written over a horizontal line.

Doug Brown, Clerk