

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

November 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting will come to order at 1712 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, Deputy M. Rogers, N. Kennedy, and Local 2346 President.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September October 21, 2024, meeting.

There was one (1) ambulance waiver.

Interviews for Lieutenant position available. At the completion of the interviews a motion was made and seconded to promote Jason Travis for Lieutenant and Steven Coombs for Acting Lieutenant.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

C. Rogers has been cleared to return to work. His first shift back will be November 19th.

T. DeGraan has returned to full duty.

Z. Hunter is still out with a shoulder injury. Surgery date has been scheduled for December 12th.

Captains' exam was conducted last month. The top 3 candidates are Lt. Matthew Malone, Ryan Scott, and Michael Carney. The official list of candidates will be posted on December 1st.

FIRE PREVENTION

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

Our "Senior Safe" smoke installation campaign continued this month with help from the Community Outreach team. These visits are conducted on Saturdays from 0900-1200 and are eligible for residents 65+.

Both FPO's attended the October FPAM meeting in Auburn, this month's topic was NFPA Ch 30 2024 revisions which include flammable and ignitable liquids. The presenter was Michael Joanis, Chief Engineer NFSA.

With October being Fire Prevention Awareness month, we not only taught fire safety to every preschool class in the district, but we also gave a presentation to two separate groups of home school children. We based this training on the curriculum that we use in the Junior Firefighter program. Our Community Outreach team played a big part in these sessions.

Both FPO's along with Deputy Hill attended the Community Safety Day which was held at the Barnstable Community Adult Center on September 25, 2024, from 1:00-5:00pm. This has become an annual event which includes all 5 fire districts along with the police department and many other agencies. It gives us an excellent opportunity to interact with seniors from all over the Town of Barnstable and to get the message of home and fire safety to all our seniors, along with explaining about our senior safe program.

FPO Booth is doing a great job! He continues to excel every day, along with learning about Fire Prevention, he also made the time to learn and drive all the equipment and apparatus and has earned full driver status. With this it is my belief that he is and will continue to be a great asset to this department.

This past month a total of (108) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting (\$1910) in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes were the most common type of permit (76) and inspection (56). Overall Fire Prevention completed (132) inspections and/or activities, (22) of which were part of our Community Outreach "Senior Safe" campaign.

EMS

Massachusetts DPH/OEMS Annual Ambulance Service inspection was held on October 28th. Minor issues found may need to address some corrosion on A-327 if we decide to keep it once new ambulances arrive.

All Stryker stretchers, load systems and stair chairs were serviced on November 13th and are working properly.

EMS training continues. Currently the focus is on airway procedures with some new training and new devices to maintain the airway being implemented with the help of Lt. Malone. **New intubation device.**

COMM Fire assisted with CPR and AED training for COMM Water Department employees. They will now have an AED at their office. Thanks to Paramedic DePippo for his assistance.

DISPATCH

During the month of October COMM units were dispatched to 439 calls for service. That figure is up by 25 when compared to last October, which is down by 98 when compared to the first ten months of 2023. COMM also dispatched 72 calls for Cotuit Fire Department in October, which is down by 45 compared to last October but an increase of 92 compared to last year.

Of the 439 COMM calls in October, 300 were EMS/MVC related, 66 alarm responses, 24 Fire Prevention responses, 18 investigations, 6 Mutual Aid responses.

Dispatchers Brouillette and Perkins will attend APCO Atlantic Chapter Conference in Portland, Maine November 17th-20th.

Chief Eldridge and IT Director Sargent have begun to rearrange and prepare dispatch for the installation of the new primary console, which was delivered last month.

EQUIPMENT

C301 – Replaced rear brake pads and rotors along with front brake pads. Changed oil and rotated tires.

C322 – Brought to Balise Ford for oil change.

C329 – Car was outfitted and put into service on November 1st.

A325 – Replaced drivers side mirror, replaced head light, and replaced passengers window switch.

A326 – Replaced liquid spring motor and sensor. Replaced rear rotor bearings and pads.

E305 – Replaced both front tires.

Truck 309 – Replaced all tires and brake assemblies.

Truck 318 – Replaced fuel filter, installed city horn, and checked air in all tires.

Kubota 309 – Brought to Norfolk Power Equipment for service.

Truck lifts inspected and wiring repaired.

TRAINING

November fire training includes hands on training involving Mayday/Firefighter survival practical skills using low profile and wall breach props. Continuation of tactical and strategical roundtable discussions on first arriving units at a two-story structure fire.

EMS training includes annual Communicable Disease training, review of Communicable Disease policy 903, a review of Bloodborne Pathogens and Exposure Control Plan and FireRescue1 Academy, Infectious and Communicable Disease online course. Also included is an online Prodigy course on Advanced Airway Management for BLS/ALS providers.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 310 is in service in the water at Crosby Yacht Yard. The Department responded to 14 marine-related incidents as of September 30, 2024. Recent incidents include a vessel collision in North Bay, and a disabled jet ski in Nantucket Sound after dark. There have been 86 hours of operator-based, and 209 total personnel hours of underway time logged in the 2024 calendar year. M310 is scheduled for haul-out for annual maintenance in mid-December. SafeBoats International will be onsite the second week of January to replace the foam collars, bow skirt, and lettering. All small boats are in service at their respective stations.

Dive Drill

The Dive Team conducted training in October at Hathaway's Pond. The focus of the training was the use of new communications equipment. **Underwater communications equipment was donated by the COMM Fire Association.**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Irrigation has been turned off at all stations.

Repaired toilet and heater in dispatch.

Set up and broke down for voting at Station 2.

Repaired faulty fence at rear of building at Station 3.

Chairman Macallister thanked all who participated in the voting at Station 2. Deputy Hill – are there any safety concerns having it at the Station. Chairman Macallister said he does not feel there are but is open to discussing possibly having the voting off “campus”.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. **Currently working with M. Stevens to formalize the budget process.**

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

Chief Eldridge – currently working with Deputy Hill and Deputy M. Rogers along with finishing projects.

Deputy Hill – currently attending Chief Fire Officer (CFO) course on Tuesdays. The course is 14 weeks and is invaluable. There are 38 Fire Chiefs in the class, and they go over all aspects of being a Fire Chief.

Deputy M. Rogers – attending a class hosted by MRI regarding HR issues.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1841. Next meeting is December 16, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk