

COLCHESTER HAYWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY OFFICER'S MEETING
MONDAY, July 13, 2009
(rescheduled from July 6, 2009)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Cox, Pres. Martin, 1AC McMinn, 2AC McKenna, Capt. Jones, Capt Evans, Capt. Papp, Capt. Giudice

Chief Cox called the meeting to order @ 19:00 hours.

Motion made by accept by 1AC J.McMinn, seconded by 2AC K.McKenna June minutes, approved.

Citizen's Comments: None

Budget Issues: Still in budget freeze according to first selectman. Need 3 quotes. New Town purchasing policy to BOS for approval 7/16/09.

Ambulance Fees ended fiscal year 2009 end at \$465113-figures may be updated.

Final year FY2009\$ unused money[due to budget freeze] is approx. \$56,585, [training and overtime]. PO for vehicle ET-328 engine repair \$32,559, difference approx. \$18000 46390 vehicle maintenance line item.

Chief/Admin.Asst. wan approved \$ requests from training committee, etc. for FY 2010.[encumber PO]- K. McKenna will come up with something.

Fire station construction grant went out 7/10/09 for renovation project to HQ approx. \$5,000,000.

1AC McMinn asked "Do we need to get out something to BOS for the shovel ready projects?"

Chief Cox explained that this not shovel ready but grant must meet criteria. Information packet to town planner, engineer and zoning. Chief Cox to speak at upcoming P&Z meeting.

Career Staff/Personnel: - career staff union – signed a 3 yr contract at 2.75, 2.75, 3.0%,-union, chief furlough, admin.asst. wage freeze for FY2010 –give back over \$7000 to town.

POV Blue light response investigated. Chief Cox gave individual a 15 day suspension of dept. plate and permit. Chief Cox stated all members need to use extreme care while responding in POV.

Training: K McKenna: Calendar posted for next month. Intend to have a light month of August. Sign up list posted for re-certs (has 10-12 names on it), status of building at Dunkin Donuts fell through.

Applying to host 32 hr ladder course through state, and core curriculum course (confined space, etc).

Capt. Jones asked if training hours ha been corrected. May & June entered today. Hazmat class is planned for fall in house.

Chief Cox – new homes are going up w/ solar cells. Recommend training for such situations- Building Official Tim York p-o-c to set up training dates. .

EMS: refresher is posted. EMS appreciation clothing is being dispersed by EMS Captain... Passed 1000 emergency call volume.

Captain's Reports: G. Papp: personal vehicle issue, seat belts reminder. Manpower or lack of has led to unsafe conditions. Several incidents in town where no one has responded. Status of fire

alarm: mother board hit by lightning – may be covered by insurance, will be replaced. Squad-128 – going out for repair – quotes coming in.

Company 1 –ladder bay door repaired. Overhead door repaired; masonry work done- ET-128, Firematic came in for annual service to hydraulic tools/equip. - no major repairs. Fire police S-328 OOS 7/10-fuel flooded cylinder – not major, ET228 – S-cam brake retrofit plus other repairs- due back in 10 days or so per S. Sharpe, ET 1 – light tower repaired-no charge warranty work.

Company 2 – Service 228 – primer pump still out of service, oil needs to be replaced (has '05 tag), oil filter leaking, needs tune up. Modine heater is leaking and rusting through (warranty issue?), need more water filters. Well status? - stream moved toward to well, some cost saving things are planned vs. digging a new well. Thanks for lawn mowing-J. Babineau.

J. Greenman resigned from Company 2 Lt. S-228. Steve Morris is taking care of truck , approved as acting Engineer-has 1 more month till probation is over. Will be “promoted” to full Engineer at the end of month pending further review of chief officers.

J. Jones –Fire Police – Co. 2 is immaculate. Service 328 – key must be in off position. Recent incident on Rt 2 – close call-documented report. Warning to all- even with traffic pattern set up, etc.-personnel be careful out there-very dangerous on LAH.

EMS – Capt. Evans – high call volume at long term care facilities [Apple Rehab/H.C.G.] calls. Need meeting.

Old ambulance – in bid as trade-in (possible). If bids come in – it was suggested to retrofit as 3rd backup vehicle. RFP- Evaluation document being formulated for bids. Chassis specs are due.

Friday 7/18 next meeting. Monday is the target date. Got approval from first selectman.

July 28 –fire truck bid opening. 11 bids taken. Thank you to everyone on Truck Committee and Ambulance Committee-outstanding job!

Chief's Reports: Fuel comps handed out – part of grant –SAFER recruitment/ retention program. 18 mth of activity from Cpt – FF/EMT/FP. Diesel Exhaust bidder – asked for FOI, went to Atty General, FOI committee. Town/FD has responded appropriately to all parties regarding this issue..

2008 Safer grant – open again. To be discussed 7/16 at BOS meeting – 2 FT, 2 PT overnight shifts.

Will use LAH \$\$ for training materials.

Called State FMO, NFIRS #'s posted are incorrect. To be addressed.

Dan Rowland on vacation for 2 wks.

Uconn Fire Chief – passed away Sat. 7/11

Marty Stillman passed away (Rocky Hill VAA) –Longtime EMS advocate/instructor.

Presidents Report: D.Martin – Hebron Fair – backup. Notes from member meeting 7/9/09 minutes. Disconnect between members & chiefs. Report on open forum given by President. Recommends to create document to address issues, with time table. Received a questionnaire, may have come from strategic planning. Good tool. Use it as a mailing for input, info gathering. J.McMinn – pleased with input, need a meeting to discuss this soon. May be time to approach Selectman re: personnel not being available to respond. Maybe a town committee w/ members on it to brainstorm solutions. Need recruitment with a plan of action. Action should be prioritized. Also need support from membership.

J.Jones – recommend we try to take care of things in house first. Need more participation from all members.. Need to meet w/ groups for input on a regular basis.

G.Papp – take meeting notes and run w/ plan of action.

G. Avery – leadership comes from motivation.

Need to schedule w/ Jean. Monday 20th 19:00.

Motion made by 2AC McKenna, seconded by J. 1ACMcMinn , to adjourn the meeting @ 20:10 hours. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Walsh
Admin. Assistant