

COLCHESTER HAYWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY OFFICERS MEETING
August 10, 2015 1900 hours

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Cox, DC Lee, 2AC Giudice, , Capt. Babineau, Capt Rowland, Capt Jones, Lt. Howard, Eng. Babineau, Eng. Bush

Rosemary Coyle, BOS FD Liaison, Kurt Frantzen - BOS

Received for record at Colchester, Conn.
on Sept 9, 2015 at 8:44a.m.

Called to Order: 1905 hours – multiple ongoing calls

Attest, Gayle Furman, Town Clerk

Approval of Minutes: Approved by : motion to approve by DC Lee, 2nd by 2AC Paul Giudice.

Citizen's Comments: none

Budget issues: FY2016 – next BOS meeting 8/20/15 JLN associates for strategic plan review contract on agenda.

46390 – issues – heavy rescue had hydraulic tools (TnT) leak – fixed under warranty

ET328 – piping rot issue – 1989

Util. 128 – hazmat vehicle – rot issues

ET128 – oil pan replaced – leak stopped

ET428 – air leak / compressor issue

Ambulance incentive program - 1055 calls through June 2015, 169 – July (need 160 average per month will exceed highest average) – budgeted for 6000/month

Crews getting filled, some gaps, recruitment & retention plan crucial.

In Capitol plan 90,000 to replace Fire Police vehicle.

Career / Staff Personnel: . 1st AC McKenna on vacation

Lost career staff: Matt Demar – 8/3. We extended the prior hire list – off which FD hired Jason Swan-7/31 was first day. Now at 6 career staff + Chief, and Jean Walsh(Asst to Chief) with over 100 volunteers.

Nick Reid – will be leaving for another job in Az. Wish him well..

Chief – on vacation 8/13 – 8/23/15.

Training - AC Giudice – Schuster Park training will be ramping up in September

Fire Officer II class: short 2 students, may not happen.

Still trying to schedule training on struts.

Man-on-Machine training – realized rescue is missing hand tools. Spoke w/ engineer (C Albert) – to get pricing for kits. Quotes: \$160 / kit – will need to adapt box to fit.

4 members tentative due to issues – 1- failed pulmonary test, 2 – not enough time, agility course set up here.

DC Lee – state fire schools have gone up on tuition due to state support decreases.

EMS: Capt Babineau – on EMS call. Football season to begin soon. Will staff.

Chief reported : Narcan skill teaching class will be held in September. Time etc TBD.

EMS crews now have ballistic vests – (2)per ambulance. Policy to be drafted

Ambulance specs being worked on. Higher end demos have come in so far. Lead times issue. Goal : EOM August w/ rough #'s to replace one , if not both. Looking for ALS capacity vehicles – future expansion

Past costs :\$250,000 per ambulance. Currently have International products w/ Horton module on top.– had issues since we took possession. \$15000 worth of (IH) repairs in 46390 last yr.

Had to borrow East.Haddam ambulance when both R2s O.O.S. for more than 5 days. Otherwise it would have cost over \$1000 / day to rent a commercial ambulance. 10 yr life span-(one 2007, one 2010) – starting now-due to manufacture time, bid time, draft spec time. Would like to purchase 2 at the same time but take delivery at a staggered date. Lease purchase last time? (R Coyle) – no :that was heavy rescue. New mandates out now re: patient care / stretcher/ loading device

Captain Reports:

Capt. Papp – Fire –on vacation – bunker gear, and gear repair to be reviewed

Capt. Jones –Fire Police – Saturday 8/15 in Jewett city – assisting w/ traffic detail, 8/22 will be East Hampton for fireworks display.

Bus will be parked in shoulder of road from now at a scene. Will not be used as a blocker any more.

Duane Palmes is resigning from the kitchen committee effective immediately.

Capt. Rowland – Health & Safety – physicals and mask fit tests due (sessions to be held in Sept & Oct) Honeywell is selling off gas meter division – our 4 gas meters will only be supported through this yr, then we will need to budget / get new meters – different manufacturer

Chief Officers:

2AC Giudice –. Hebron Fair – will provide gator coverage all 4 days. New lights on apparatus are great. Would like 2 more for other piece

1 AC McKenna: - on vacation

DC Lee: hose testing last week put 900 ft out of service, just removed last of 1974 hose.

Pump testing due tomorrow 8/11/15.

Met w/ re: regional dispatch centers. Need to develop plan to present to BOS, to give notice . Tower on Bulkely Hill RD is major problem if not accessible.

Pumper issue becoming a major problem.

Chief Cox: front building light@ HQ finally repaired. New air compressor. Bulbs in new lighting are hard to find.

Capt Rowland cleaned up mezzanine. Lines painted in lot. Curbs marked.

Those OICs/ Senior members – whoever fills out call sheets must write out legible reports, BO 8/6 &BOF 8/5 cancelled meetings.

9/26/15 Saturday 57 Fest

This dept was represented at Salem FD Chief retirement event.

Sail Fest participation appreciated by City of Groton FD.

President Martin: on vacation – message: Hebron Fair – Dunkin donuts – please consider giving a few hours to cover shifts.

If anyone is in helping w/ Muscular Distrophy boot drive campaign – please contact President Martin.

Work in ongoing for bylaws.

8/29/15 awards night tickets available. Laura Steinmeyer, Capt. Babineau or AC Guidice

Motion to adjourn: @ 8:05 hrs- Motion to made by: - 2 AC Giudice, 2nd by DC Lee

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Walsh