

COLCHESTER HAYWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY OFFICERS MEETING
October 5, 2015 1900 hours

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Cox, DC Lee, 1st AC McKenna, 2nd AC Giudice, Capt Rowland, Capt Jones, Capt. Babineau
Rosemary Coyle, BOS FD Liaison, Kurt Frantzen, BOS

Called to Order: 1900 hours –

Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2015 Motion to approve by DC Lee, seconded by 2nd AC McKenna.

Citizen's Comments: Rosemary Coyle did say she brought forward any concerns we(CHFD) address.

Budget issues: State budget : any cuts to towns fall on the towns. Eastern Ct Fire School letter read. 1990 tuition \$50 – 2015 - \$850. Expect our training costs to rise. Approx. 50% of vehicle repair budget has been expended YTD. Ambulance 628 due to be replaced 2017. 10 yr. life cycle for this vehicle. Looking at possibility of purchasing 2 but spread it over years – change from International to other brand. Perhaps Ford F550 series, 4 wheel drive, smoother ride. Est. budget- \$250,000 per unit. Average lead time: 4 months due to rear end issues. Old vehicle: sell. --will be included in 2017 budget presentation for needs. Although ambulance is key purchase Tanker is showing serious signs of wear / tear / disrepair. 24 yrs old. Ladder is 20 yrs old.

Career / Staff Personnel: Kevin Dalton is resigning from Tax Abatement committee. Fire House reports due by EOM Oct. Fire Police – Mike Ryder – will be resigning. We would like to thank Mike for his service. One member removed from ranks – waiting for gear to be returned. Email & letter were received by him but nothing was returned (pagers, etc).

Training - day time training to resume soon. Scheduled through December.

EMS: Capt Babineau – refresher begins next week. Marlborough MMC is official stroke center (to be confirmed). Jim Santacroce (Middlesex) to attend member meeting to discuss-Wants to do a Narcan class before going live. Town Sports events and road races keeping EMS busy.

Captain Reports:

Capt. Papp – Fire – not present

Capt. Jones – Fire Police – TIMS course – traffic mgmt. moved to 11/1/15. G. Lake, Salem, and Hebron invited to attend. Vests being ordered.

Capt. Rowland – Health & Safety – Fire prevention week this week- Going to schools next week. - Smoke detector display at town hall.

Physicals still an issue- Many over due.

SCBA are being flow tested. One had to go back for repair-8 batteries per unit. All replaced every 6 months. With trainers – replaced more frequently-Going to C cells. Next year cylinders will be needed - cylinders recommended: 30 yr life.

To look into the cost of a windshield cutting tool-“nipper” and cordless drill.

Chief Officers:

2AC Giudice : bought more radio batteries. Marcus in conversation w/ Kenwood. On board apparatus chargers may be problem. Rescue 1 has newest edition chargers – no problems. \$50 + per battery.

ET2 & ET1 keep frying batteries. \$1480 new chargers & mounts \$1700.

Rescue lights expected in soon.

1 AC McKenna: to address membership re: data entry on run forms.

DC Lee: Need a new air compressor at company 2 for tire inflation, etc. Been busy w/ JLN for strategic plan. Regional dispatching – almost done w/ draft RFP for dispatching services. Met w/ QV, Tolland, and Valley Shore.

Chief Cox: Open house Sunday 10/11 - 11-3 pm. Museum will also be open.

Town participating in state wide event 10/21 exercise for emergency planning.

Co1- Replaced 7 arborvitaes along Old Hebron Rd.

Thanks to all who participated @ 57 Fest..

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President Martin: going on vacation next week. Had presentation by Dunkin Donuts \$10,000, subsidized by Rob & George Veneziano.

Partnering w/ Dave Barnes re: recruitment & retention – change tax exemption for life members, if they become inactive the exemption would go with them till death. Could be used as incentive to keep younger members. Suggestion moved forward – unanimous by Officers.

Motion to adjourn: @ 8:00 pm hrs- Motion to made by: - DC Lee, 2nd by 1st AC McKenna

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Walsh