

COLCHESTER HAYWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY OFFICERS MEETING

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(Special Meeting due to snow cancellation of 2/8/16)

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chief Cox, DC Lee, 1<sup>st</sup> AC Giudice, 2<sup>nd</sup> AC McKenna, Capt Jones, Capt Babineau, Lt. Howard, Eng Bush,

BOF – J.McNair, FD Liaison, BOS – Rosemary Coyle, FD Liaison

**Called to Order:** 1900 hours

**Approval of Minutes:** January 11, 2016 Motion to approve by DC Lee with one correction: radio room ENcoder, not Decoder. Seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> AC Giudice. Approved.

**Citizen's Comments:** none

**Budget issues:** 46390 issues: ET328 oos since Oct 2015. May be back soon - 1st line has worked out problems w/ Hale pump. Est still stands at \$12-14,000.

ET 128 oos last week due to aluminum cab bushings. After speaking w/ J. Paggioli DPW, and first selectman Shilosky– it was approved for Fleet to purchase a Tig welder \$2500, from capital reserve funds. Estimate OOS – 30 days to weld repairs.

Mr. McNair questioned if we had a list of all equipment, problems we had, oos service time, costs for repairs. DC Lee described the prior software program that did track repairs, down time, costs by vehicle, but it is not in operation now. Replacement software supposedly cut from Budget. Mr. McNair to inquire.

OEM Inspection of both ambulances – they both did not pass inspection.

Capt. Babineau reported Narcan intervention for overdose – 4 pouches were ordered @ \$530, w/ 1 yr expiration. \$47 per dose replacement, 2 day turn around. DC Lee asked if Cpt. Babineau had asked around a local pharmacy could provide this. This is to be looked into.

FY 17 – Selectman working w/ depts. to review budgets. With change in KX dispatch the FD will be down \$80,000 on dispatch services. Selectman Shilosky is attempting to add \$20,000 back into budget to address the Emergency Siren Warning system in town, which will get a portion of the system back up in critical areas.

**Career / Staff Personnel:** lent kiosk for funeral of local fire chief. The Strategic Plan is in the SWOT / analysis phase. Going to BOS for further discussion / action.

Thur.- 2/11/16 Chief, and Jean Walsh, are going to Middlesex Hospital for a round table discussion possible changes in the Middlesex Paramedic program. It may include the addition of fees for PM services due to cuts in state funding.

1<sup>st</sup> AC Giudice read a letter of interest from Chris McDowell to become the Engineer for Hose Tender 128. He meets qualifications. No objections.

**Training** - On-line training is up. AC Giudice had a conversation w/ John Soltys from ConnOsha re: structural FF training requirements. OSHA does not require live fire training (ISO and CHVFD requires 2) OSHA only does quarterly training – requirement is that ALL interior FF attend 1 training session per quarter on some structural fire related topic. This is not assessed by hours. CHFD is required to meet ISO requirements so the training can't be changed too much. Some changes will be implemented 4/1/16.

**CAPTAIN REPORTS** - EMS: Capt. Babineau – April refresher scheduled. LUCAS training scheduled. Gear discussion from last month still not finalized. Prefers blue – has flash protection and blood borne protection. Issue – if we issue duty uniforms some people will wear it constantly. All EMS staff are compliant w/ physicals. Fit testing still being done.

Due to inspection of ambulances by OEMS – Engineers now told they must do a weekly check. They had not been informed about looking for expired products (anything sterile) they were only doing inventory.

The equipment list is updated annually, but OEMS must not have sent it to the EMS captain. Will keep an eye out for new list.

DMV registrations will be on each fire apparatus – each will have a municipal plate. Ambulances must have an ambulance plate, and are inspected every 2 yrs. Ambulance maintenance inspections can now be renewed at an approved station – our town garage can do it.

Last BOF meeting the Chief presented an ‘Ambulance program justification’. It was agreed that the services provided were necessary. Chief/BOF Vice Chair will be putting together a narrative, outlining costs, explaining the 2 licenses (transport, and 1<sup>st</sup> responder services). Quality of service was being delivered at the best price. Mr. McNair suggested this will be a legacy document – for ALL future inquiries or challenges to the program. He also mentioned it had been discussed at a public meeting of the BOF that the ambulance fees over the budgeted amount should be moved into a contingency fund to support the FD / large ticket items, etc. Ambulance 628 due to be leased purchased – it is on budget list for 2017.

Capt. Papp – Fire – on vacation

Capt. Jones – Fire Police – everything is going well. Nothing else to report

Capt. Rowland – Health & Safety – absent

**Chief Officers:**

1<sup>st</sup> AC Giudice : company 2 – generator issue still not resolved. Roof leak / and rotted door need to be replaced or repaired. Pictures sent to Tony G (facilities)

Cadets working on new rules.

ET2 issue w/ fuel sensor has been fixed.

Order for the struts has been placed, training to come

Thu. 2/1 – had an Active Shooter training for EMS – 35 members attended. Need to hold a daytime session for paid staff and other depts. A confined space program is scheduled 2/25 Thur., and 2/18 Sun.

2<sup>nd</sup> AC McKenna: Chief of Hebron invited Colchester to join in Maple Fest for recruitment and retention. More details will follow. Mock car crash scheduled for Bacon Academy HS 5/12 Thurs 8:00 am. 11 kids will be participating, as well as Life Star, Colchester PD, Aurora McCarthy funeral home. Need to get cars / van to hold 11 kids.

DC Lee: QV failure last storm was due to Frontier failing to maintain their field equipment. The 911 / communications portion went down.

Chief Cox: QV contract is in legal review. 2/18 approved contract should be before the BOS for final approval.

NLC Fire Chiefs meeting may be here on April 6, 2016.

Fire Marshal Sean Shoemaker has agreed to forward all reports for the prior month on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month which will give us enough time to have all NFIRS entered. January 164 calls, up to #16- 244 2/18/16

Colchester Fuel bank donation effort “freezing for a reason” will be happening Feb 13 & 14. Parks donated all the wood from recently fallen trees to bonfire! Colchester half marathon is scheduled for 2/20.

President Gordon: not in attendance

DC Lee motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> AC McKenna seconded. Adjourned 8:00 pm Respectfully submitted, Jean Walsh