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Board of Fire Engineers Board, Committee, Office, Etc.

Date: January 7, 2019 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Minutes from December 3, 2018 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

REVIEW QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Board reviewed the quarterly reports. Capt. Newlands will try to contact FF. Goyette to see what his status is. Deputy Chief Rudge noted three with low attendance at Station 2. Asst. Chief Silver was pleased with the attendance at Station 3-as were all Board members. Asst. Chief Piscitelli noted Lt. Krumsiek's attendance was low. Lt. Krumsiek has been working in Lawrence.

FIRE CHIEF'S REVIEW

The item will be addressed once all evaluations are turned in.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

The Board reviewed a pre incident plan (PIP) for Pinecrest Baptist Church, 379 Greenwood Street, prepared by Chief Hamilton. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to approve the pre-incident plan for 379 Greenwood Street with one correction. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton asked how the Board wanted to handle the captain's position at Station 5. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he would like to hold off doing anything until the end of January. He said he did not see a need to post outside the station because there is someone from Station 5 that is capable of doing the job. The Board agreed. Discussion took place. It was agreed to post the position at Station 5 and have the sign-up sheet returned by 1/22/19. Interviews will be held on 1/28/19. Asst. Chief Piscitelli will ask the crew to submit a letter indicating their choice for the position. He will submit his choice as well.
- FF. Neal Morrissey requested an additional six-month leave. Discussion took place. FF. Morrissey will be notified that his request will only be considered after he returns his pager and uniform in accordance with S.O.G. #24. Until then, his leave has ended and he is expected to return to active duty. The Board will research how extended leaves were handled in the past.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will work on a training schedule for January. He is trying

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- to arrange a tour of United Material Management, but has not heard from the owner.
- Lt. Dalton took the VFIS Emergency Vehicle Driver Training course through MedStar. He is now certified as an emergency vehicle driver trainer. He asked if he could assist FF. LaVallee with driver training. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge asked if Lt. Dalton has a CDL. He does not. The Board agreed that Lt. Dalton could assist with the classroom portion of the training but could not do any driver training on his own.
- FF. LaVallee asked if he could wear his veteran's ribbon on his uniform. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco said with no disrespect to his military service, a uniform should be "uniform". There should be nothing on it except fire department insignia as approved by the Board. Deputy Chief Rudge agreed and said all uniforms should be the same.
- Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to purchase a pair of white gloves for each member of the department. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Each member will be responsible for their gloves (keep them clean and replace them if lost).
- Chief Hamilton explained the difficulty he is having in ordering a gear dryer. The dealer notified him that the manufacturer wants payment upfront for each order even though previous dryers were paid for but not delivered. Discussion took place. The Board reviewed other options. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to purchase an IPSO cabinet dryer (5-set) from Garment Machinery. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- A public hearing concerning Nature's Remedy will be held on 1/14/19. Chief Hamilton will attend and update the Board.
- The Board reviewed a thank you letter from Sergeant Chris Polselli.
- Chief Hamilton reported the Fire Department received \$200 in donations made in memory of Jack O'Connell. The Fire Department also received a \$400 donation from James & Cynthia Flynn.
- The Dept. of Fire Services awarded the Fire Department with a \$3,754 S.A.F.E. grant and a \$2,400 Senior S.A.F.E. grant.
- Chief Hamilton informed the Board that Aquarion Water might shut off service to 175 West Main Street for lack of payment. If this happens, the facility will be in violation and could be subject to penalty.
- Chief Hamilton looked into several ID machines. He is getting sample cards for the Board to review.
- Deputy Chief Rudge reported the phone at Station 2 has been disconnected. Chief Hamilton explained that Verizon would only send a repair crew to 215 West Main Street because that is the address they have listed for the station. Several attempts were made to get this corrected. Chief Hamilton said it was easier to disconnect it and establish a new (fiber optic) line.

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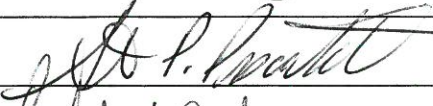
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- Deputy Chief Rudge said the portable pumps need their carburetors cleaned. He was told to have the pumps taken to Rt. 146 for service.
- Asst. Chief Gasco had nothing to report at this time.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he was concerned with radio communications and has heard a lot of "what's your pleasure" on the air. Discussion took place. The Board agreed to send out a reminder to keep the chatter to a minimum and that when returning to quarters, it was not necessary to say "back in service". "Back in quarters" was sufficient.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked about the light over the man door at Station 5. Chief Hamilton said it will be repaired soon.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked about the piping for the gear washer at Station 5. Chief Hamilton said MPC should get to it this week. They will also check the pressure reducer valve.
- Asst. Chief Silver asked if information was available for the gear rack installed at Station 5. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he could provide the dimensions.
- Asst. Chief Silver will order a part to repair the light swivel on a portable generator. This was damaged during an Academy training session.
- Asst. Chief Silver asked about the traffic lights at Station 3. Chief Hamilton said the DPW will repair the lights this week.
- Asst. Chief Silver asked about the District 7 meeting of area departments concerning standardization of R.I.T. response. Chief Hamilton said the meeting already took place.
- Asst. Chief Silver said he is interested in attending services for the FDNY member who died after falling through a bridge opening. Service details were not available at this time.
- The Radio Communications S.O.G. needs to be updated.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 20:18.









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