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

Date: January 27, 2014 Time: 6:00 P.M.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,
Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: None

Minutes from January 6, 2014 were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW - JOSEPH DeANGELIS

Joseph De Angelis met with the Board to review his application for membership. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Mr. De Angelis as a recruit in training pending a successful physical exam, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and passed on a 5-0 vote. Mr. DeAngelis will be assigned to Fire HQ.

7:00 P.M. INTERVIEW - ELISA SCHIPPERS

Elisa Schippers met with the Board to review her application for membership. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to appoint Ms. Schippers as a recruit in training pending a successful physical exam, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and passed on a 5-0 vote. Ms. Schippers will be assigned to Fire HQ.

7:15 P.M. SCBA DEMO-NEIL BAGDIS-BRIGHAM INDUSTRIES

Neil Bagdis, Don Raycroft, and Jeff Fleming met with the Board to demonstrate their ISI SCBA's. Mr. Raycroft explained that Avon Protection Systems bought ISI in 2005. They have a strong market in the military, police, and fire departments. ISI has always been considered the work horse of the industry.

1. There is no distortion in the mask
2. The communication system is integrated in the pass device.
3. Nomex head harness has only two straps for adjustments.
4. The frame is ergonomically designed to place weight on the lower body. A chest strap is included but use is optional.
5. An ambient air switch is located in the mask.
6. ISI's mask already complies with new standards going into effect in 2014.
7. A heads up display is located inside the mask as well as outside.
8. One battery pack (6 "C" batteries) is used for power and has a minimum 6-month life span. Brigham Industries will supply the batteries at no cost for 10-years.
9. Battery pack operates the pass alarm, microphone, console, and heads up display.
10. The bottle sits lower on the pack so it does not interfere with helmet.
11. Communication is very clear and amplification feature is standard. Amplification system is digital and not analog.
12. Lens will not fog, buddy breather will be included, entire face mask and tube is submersible for easier cleaning and elimination of cross contamination.

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13. 10-year warranty on electronics; 15-year warranty on pneumatics and back frame; head net is usual wear & tear.
14. Pack tracker system is available as an option; as well as an echo system that incorporates beacons to find your way out of a building.
15. Will consider taking old SCBA's in trade.
16. Will provide a demo back with two bottles.
17. Lease program is available.
18. Repairs and servicing will be done by manufacturer. All techs must be certified (and recertified every other year); cost of repair equipment and parts is prohibitive. It's expensive to maintain them in-house.
19. Oxford, Leicester, Paxton, and Ashburnham use ISI.

Board members thanked the group for their demonstrations. Asst. Chief Gasco will use the packs from MSA, Scott and ISI during an upcoming training session in Worcester.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Rudge presented the following truck repair report based on P.M.'s done on 1/6/14:

Engine 1: Water leak at large discharge-out for repair 1/28/14, air leak, right side light bar out, head lights work intermittent, AED oxygen tank needs filling, child pads expire 3/14, Worcester radio battery showing fault code.

Tower 1: Mud flap needs to be reinstalled (in BOFE office), power steering light on

Rescue 1: Portable 102 missing, losing air pressure (to Minuteman next week for air compressor maintainer), two batteries for Dwalt Sawsall won't hold charge, straps missing for backboard, mic cord for portable 103 frayed.

Engine 2: Ok

Engine 4: Rust over rear tandems, step & doors, tank cover missing, license plate light out, 1 ½" nozzle missing, compartment lights not working.

Hose 1: 1 ¾" nozzle put on Engine 4.

Engine 3: Rear discharge gauge not working properly sticks @ 120psi, rear 2 ½" discharge leaks, left rear flood light missing, front chock block holder damaged, discharge #1 leaking, ladder rack needs repair, air horns not working all the time.

Forestry 1: Battery light on, oil leak, truck sputtering.

Engine 5: Generator out of service-fuel tank leaks, deck gun lever on pump panel broken.

Repairs: oxygen tank on Engine 1 is all set, the battery for the Worcester radio has been replaced, Asst. Chiefs Hamilton and Gasco will check on prices for the sawsall batteries, Rescue 1 will go in next week to have the air compressor repaired, portable #102 is still missing-this was last used by FF. Strom at a fire watch detail, the cord on portable #103 will be replaced, Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase straps for the backboard. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. A tank cover will be ordered for Engine 4. Engine 3 will be taken to Drenzo's for some repairs. Asst. Chief Hobin will check on Engine 3's ladder rack. Asst. Chief Hamilton will check the battery light on Forestry 1. Capt. Brock is repairing the gas tank on Engine 5's generator.

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- Jeffrey Dore will be trained on the use of the camera on Rescue 1. He and Asst. Chief Hamilton will demonstrate the camera for the Cable Advisory Committee.
- Jeffrey Dore came into the office to speak to the Board about the Worcester Regional Retirement System. He wants to address the issue with Senator Moore and was seeking the Board's approval to do so. Some firefighters who are employed in another Town department are having contributions taken from their regular pay but not their firefighter pay. Mr. Dore felt the firefighters were being shortchanged. After some discussion, Chief Rudge agreed that Mr. Dore could speak with Senator Moore as long as it does not adversely affect anyone already in the (retirement) system. Mr. Dore will keep the Board updated.
- Jeffrey Dore said even though he is retired, he still wants to be involved in fire department activities any way he can. The Board thanked him for his continuing support.
- The Mass. Firefighting Academy notified the Board that one of the recruits missed the deadline for required testing. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he spoke with the recruit who said he misunderstood the deadline and will do better.
- Chief Rudge reported carbon monoxide detectors were installed in the boiler rooms, kitchens, and science labs at all the schools. An amber light was placed outside each area and will flash if the detector is activated. The detectors are not tied into the fire alarm system and school personnel must phone in the alarm. Only nearby classrooms are to evacuate. Upon arrival, the fire department will determine if the entire school needs to evacuate. The School will conduct training for all staff on 1/27/14.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board he is preparing a PowerPoint presentation for his final S.A.F.E. class which is 1/30/14. He will be certified as a Life Safety Educator after that.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said one more battery is needed for the radio system at the Butler Farm.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said he took care of the oxygen bottle on Engine 1, and is waiting for parts to complete the portable radio upgrade. Engine 2's nozzle has been rebuilt. He still needs to get a purple K extinguisher for Engine 3 and garden hoses for the portable pumps.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said he spoke to Linda Gosselin. She said she is the Town's medical director and gave her permission for any EMT to use her name if needed.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton gave the following District 7 update:
 - District 7's web page is being updated by Auburn Fire. Agendas, Minutes, and other information can be accessed.

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- Millbury will host the June meeting. The Ladies Auxiliary will be asked if they can provide a meal.
- A new tracking system was demonstrated.
- New operating procedures are being developed.
- Asst. Chief Hobin will check the drafting issue on Engine 3. The truck will go in for repairs once Engine 1 is done.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said he checked on the ethanol training for first responders. He was told all classes are set at this time, but Millbury will be put on the list for the next go around.
- Some ID's still need to be done. Asst. Chief Hobin took additional pictures but they have not been processed. Anyone needing an ID should contact him.
- Asst. Chief Gasco still needs to calibrate Engine 2's meter.
- Measurements need to be taken of the compartments on Rescue 1 for the inflatable boat.
- Mark Strom has not submitted an invoice for the work he did on Marine 1.
- Asst. Chief Gasco met with those who were interested in District 7's Technical Rescue Team. After all the requirements were reviewed, only FF. Brian Dalton and FF. Ray Hobin, III were still interested. A mandatory meeting will be held on 1/28/14 in Oxford at 6:30 p.m. Asst. Chief Gasco and both firefighters will attend.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli contacted three companies for estimates for wall repairs and/or fall protection at Fire HQ. Only two companies responded. Raymond James Restoration quoted a price of \$7375 to provide and install a system that would catch falling debris. Fontaine Masonry Restoration quoted a price of \$4500. Chief Rudge will speak to Bob Spain about the project.
- Chief Rudge is scheduled to meet with the Finance Committee on 3/17/14 at 8:00 p.m. to review the budget for FY15. All Board members are welcome to attend.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said Station 3 needs a carbon monoxide detector. Asst. Chief Gasco will get one.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said Dave Matson requested a picture of himself to be placed at Fire HQ. Board members agreed to have Asst. Chief Hobin contact Edd Cote about taking the picture.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said Phil Day contacted him about FF. Ryan Day's status. FF. Day will be seeing a new doctor soon. The Board will be given an update after that.
- Chief Rudge told the Board that information about the change proposed for the Length of Service Awards Program was forwarded to Bob Spain. It is being reviewed by Town Council at this time.

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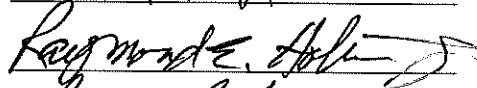
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- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase new pediatric AED pads at a cost of \$109.35. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will speak to Fire Chief Gauthier about FFI&II certification. Grafton recently had their firefighters certified.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said that during the Upper Blackstone tour, it was very vague as to when the fire department will be notified for a haz-mat event. In the past, any alarm was investigated by staff to determine if it was an actual call or a "ghost" call. Discussion took place. The Upper Blackstone does have an in-house team that handles haz-mat spills. The Board was not sure what the criteria was for notifying the fire department.

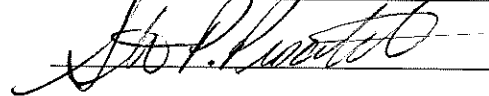
Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Richard P. Hal



Raymond E. Adams



Regina A. Markey, Clerk