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

Date:

September 23, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,

Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli

Absent: None

Minutes from September 9, 2013 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

#### **COMPANY OFFICERS**

The following officers were in attendance: Capt. Newlands, Capt. King, Capt.  $\overrightarrow{\omega}$  Silver, Capt. Brock. Lt. Lahair, Lt. LaVallee, Lt. Kosiba, Lt. Stevens, and Lt. Krumsiek. Chief Rudge reviewed the following:

 $\sim$  the need to put the "back in service" time on every run sheet,

quarterlies to be submitted on time for payroll processing,

~ Northbridge donated 3" hose,

- License for Caledonian Alloys to store titanium turnings requiring a fire safety analysis
- District 7 training done in Sutton to be passed on by company captain.
   The proper use of manifests was stressed.
- Update on the Public Safety Building-presently working on space needs. Looking for good support from firefighters.
- Notices-do most like getting notices on their phones? Consensus was yes. All notices should be posted in the station for those who don't get email.
- Commercial inspections will be added to the next training schedule.
   Mall inspections will be divided among the four stations.
- ~ Trading cards for fire prevention week were discussed.
- Firefighters Memorial Mass on Sunday (9/30) at 8:30 a.m. Looking for a good turnout. Class A uniform with long sleeve shirt to be worn.
- $\sim$  Fire Drill testing at all schools will be done on 10/10/13.
- $\sim$  Open House will be held on 10/9/13. Arrive at Fire HQ by 5:30 p.m.-job shirts to be worn.
- $\sim$  Relief Association meeting scheduled for 10/7/13 at 8:00 p.m. at Fire HQ.
- Engine 3 will standby at the bonfire being held at the High School on 9/25.
- Board of Selectmen to honor Asst. Chief Piscitelli and Mike Manners on 9/25 at 7:15 p.m. Chiefs to wear white golf shirts. Company officers invited to attend.
- No one is to park in front of the overhead doors at any station.

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- Capt. King asked for golf shirts (like the Board's) for all company officers. Board members agreed. He reported Engine 2 has a fueling issue and needs a 2 ½" adapter. He asked about missing parts for the RIT pack and all calls toned during the night that should be single engine tones.
- Capt. Silver asked about toning Engine 3 & Engine 5 for mutual aid to Grafton. He was told the response will go back to Engine 5 in November.
- Lt. Krumsiek said Worcester was toned for a call at Scott Gas-Millbury was not toned. This should be a joint response. He would like to have the captain or lieutenant run another drill at Wheelabrator. He also asked if the policy was to tone the fire department for a rollover.
- Lt. Stevens asked for an update on replacing the SCBA's. Chief Rudge said the Board is moving forward and will place this on the Warrant for the next Town Meeting. The Fire Dept. will apply for an AFFG also.
- Lt. Lahair had questions on the issues with the Rescue's light tower.
- Discussion of dispatching errors took place and company officers left at 19:00.

## **EMAIL ACCESS-STATION COMPUTERS**

The Board agreed to keep station computers password protected.

## SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT-PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

The Board reviewed the Space Needs Assessment for the Public Safety Building. Chief Rudge will forward the Board's comments and changes to the Committee.

#### 7:15 P.M. - INTERVIEW-MATTHEW MORRISSEY

Matthew Morrissey met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr. Morrissey served on the fire department from 2001 to 2006. He completed recruit training and passed the PAT, driver training and pump operations. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to appoint Mr. Morrissey as a regular firefighter assigned to Fire HQ and subject to a review by the company captain after six-months. This was seconded by Asst Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

## **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- The correct keys have been placed in the Knox box for Nordstrom's.
- District 7 will vote on the fee for recruit training on 9/26/13.
- Chief Rudge is arranging an article with the Chronicle to feature the equipment donated by Wheelabrator.
- Chief Rudge contacted Specialty Vehicle in North Attleboro for truck repair pricing.

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 Chief Rudge gave the following truck maintenance report based on P.M. sheets from 9/9/13:

<u>Engine 1</u>: Large discharge valve leaking, need 8 lengths of 3" hose, tank fill piping nipple leaking, steering wheel clock is off by 90', cracks on bottom of cab passenger side, AED oxygen bottle half full.

<u>Tower 1:</u> Check engine light (parts on order), right rear compartment bowed, AC not working-parts on order,

Rescue 1: three lights out on light tower.

<u>Engine 2</u>: driver's side front hub low on oil, passenger side large discharge cap missing, low tire pressure-tire not listed.

Engine 4: need coolant, top tank fill cover missing, body rot over rear wheels <u>Hose 1</u>: cab roof lights out, 1" ½ nozzle missing?

<u>Engine 3</u>: portable generator will not stay running, shut off the choke and it stalls, light for foam tank B is out, rear discharge leaking, truck generator sparking?, tire chock holder needs repair

Forestry 1: tail lights out on passenger side

<u>Engine 5</u>: handle for deck gun at pump panel broken, passenger side strobe at grille is out, strobe above officer's seat is out.

- The Board discussed the fire prevention visits to be done at the schools.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton reported on the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant.
- The Board discussed the folding boat and agreed to move ahead.
- Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to purchase four 5-gal. buckets of "A" foam to complete the filling of Engine 3. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Pictures for Fire Dept. ID's will be taken on 10/7 at Fire HQ beginning at 7:00 p.m. Members are to wear white shirt, hat, and tie. Edd Cote will be asked to take the pictures.
- Asst. Chie Gasco said the gas meters need some recalibrating before they can be placed on the trucks.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli met with a company regarding the netting for Fire HQ.
   A proposal should be ready soon.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase five Led flashlights. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase new gear for Capt. King and FF. Tom LaVallee. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase an adapter for Engine 2.
   This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Hobin discussed training schedule issues and possible changes.
- The Board discussed the accident at a recent training drill. Asst. Chief
   Hobin felt wearing full gear needed to be stressed at all training.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked about recruits wearing body piercings. One recruit was asked to remove his facial piercings because they could

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interfere with the SCBA facemask and could be a problem when subjected to heat. Board members agreed the piercings should be removed.

FF. Kyle Morrissey submitted a letter of resignation dated 9/1/13. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept the letter with regret. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 21:35

p.m.

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