

MINUTES

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

Date: October 7, 2013 Time: 6:30 p.m.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,
Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: None

Minutes from September 23, 2013 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Asst. Chief Hobin was taking pictures for fire department IDs.

REVIEW QUARTERLY REPORTS

Board members reviewed the attendance reports for the third quarter.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Fire drill testing at the schools will be done on 10/17/13.
- Chief Rudge forwarded the assessments for the public safety building to the architect and the Public Safety Building Committee. A meeting will be held on 10/17/13 to review the results and possible changes. Chief Rudge will keep the Board updated.
- Hose 1 will be stripped on 10/14/13. The truck will go in for repairs on 10/15/13. Tower 1 will go to Minuteman to have repairs completed on 10/15/13. HQ's will stripe the truck on 10/14/13. Board members agreed to count both as work details.
- The Open House will be held on 10/9/13 at Fire HQ. Board members will wear their white golf shirts. All other members will wear job shirts.
- Chief Rudge got a quote of not more than \$600 from Specialty Vehicles to repair the foam valve on Engine 1. The company also gave a quote of between \$1000 and \$2000 per truck to adjust the packings. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to have the foam valve repaired. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- The oxygen bottle on Engine 1 used with the defibrillator needs to be filled. Asst. Chief Hamilton will ask Alert Ambulance if they can fill it.
- Chief Rudge is waiting for Wheelabrator to arrange a photo op to highlight the equipment they donated to the Fire Department.
- Chief Rudge will speak with Mr. Spain about increasing the base funds in the LOSAP.
- Chief Rudge asked if any member needed crisis intervention following the drowning that occurred at Little Dorothy over the weekend. Each assistant chief will check with their station.
- Recruits will be sent to the Mass. Firefighting Academy for training. District 7 is charging a fee of \$400 per recruit. This cost was not included

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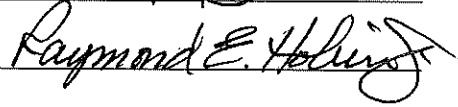
- in the budget for the current fiscal year. A date for the training class has not been set.
- Chief Rudge explained to the Board that he was notified about a pick-up truck that was going to be available to area fire departments through the Mass. Bureau of Forestry Control. The truck was surplus equipment from the Dept. of Defense. Although the Emergency Management Agency wanted the truck for their use, the request had to come from the Fire Chief and had to remain on the fire department's inventory. Chief Rudge emailed the Bureau of Forestry Control with several questions. No response was received. Chief Rudge had concerns that taking the truck could affect the AFFG grant application for a brush truck. Also, because the fire department was responsible for the truck, he did not want to offer it to other departments for their use.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton brought up using Forestry 1 to transport personnel to incidents. Discussion took place. The Board agreed that Forestry 1 is to be used for brush fires and when specifically called for. It is not to be used as a transport vehicle. Notice will be sent to all stations.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton and Asst. Chief Gasco still need to arrange training on Rescue 1's camera for the Cable Advisory Board.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin returned to the meeting at this time.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton gave the following update on District 7:
 - A new E-Board was elected with Auburn Fire Chief Steve Coleman elected as chair, FCAM offers collective purchasing for fire apparatus, renewal of fire chief credentialing is due next year, credentialing is being offered for those one rank lower than fire chief, the District's dive team is looking for a truck, a technical rescue team is being formed, training to staff the communications vehicle will be held soon, and District 7 was awarded a \$243,000 grant for technical rescue training.
 - The upgrade for the portable radios is still being worked on.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton will prepare the AFFG grant application. The Board will apply for replacement of SCBA and a forestry truck.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco spoke with Grafton Chief Gauthier about their inflatable boat. Grafton has a 10' boat that cost \$4500. Asst. Chief Hamilton had a quote of \$3400 for an 11' boat.
 - Chief Rudge asked how quickly the IDs could be done once the pictures are provided. It was agreed that one ID would be done for the Board's review and approval.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco said one of the gas meters failed during recalibration. The unit will be sent for repair.
 - There was no update on the repairs for Marine 1.
 - Rescue 1 will be taken to Dosco for an estimate for a new slide-in tray.

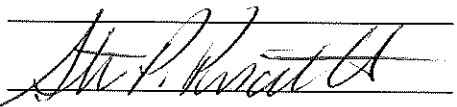
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- Asst. Chief Piscitelli is waiting for proposals from Raymond James Associates to address the walls at Fire HQ.
- School visits are being done this week in observance of Fire Prevention Week.
- Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to spend not more than \$375 for the etching and epoxy for the floor at Station 3. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked why Station 2 does not list the chiefs' responses on their quarterlies. He noted that the other stations include the attendance of the chiefs. Chief Rudge will look into this.

Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Rick Rudge


Raymond E. Hobin


Asst. Chief Hamilton

Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk