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

Date: October 19, 2015 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: Asst. Chief Silver (meeting)

Minutes from 10/5/15 were approved. Invoices were signed. Account balances were reviewed. Mail was read.

Asst. Chief Silver was attending a meeting in Spencer for the new recruit training class set to begin in November.

REVIEW QUARTERLIES

Board members reviewed quarterly reports for the third quarter. Asst. Chief Gasco will speak to two at HQ, Asst. Chief Rudge will speak to one at Station 2, and Asst. Chief Piscitelli will speak to two at Station 5. Asst. Chief Silver notified Chief Hamilton that except for Chris Dalton, the attendance was satisfactory at Station 3.

RULES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS

Board members reviewed the changes made to the Fire Department's Rules & Regulations. Approval will be held until a full Board is present.

EXPLORERS RESPONDING OUT OF TOWN

Upon further investigation, it was found that the outline for the formation of the Explorers indicates they are not to respond to mutual aid calls. The Board agreed the Explorers should not respond out of town.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre-incident plans to review.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton told the Board Recruit Wysote will challenge the FF I/II test later this month. If he does not pass, he will take the Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Class being offered by the Mass. Firefighting Academy. Recruit Fran Harrington is enrolled in the class as well. This brought about discussion of testing and how many times can someone retake the test, and if the Board should set a standard. This will be brought up again when a full Board is present.
- Chief Hamilton presented the following report on apparatus issues:
 - Engine 1: cracks under cab, wye at pump leaking, water tank level gauge not accurate, high beams do not work, radio issues, ppv fan needs low oil switch
 - Tower 1: all set
 - Rescue 1: all set

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Engine 2: 2 front strobes not working, rear passenger strobe on bumper not working, pump leaking

Engine 4: discharge #3 is not closing, pre-connect drain #2 is not draining, rust and rot over passenger rear tires and on passenger step and driver's door.

Hose 1: fuel gauge off, low air pressure, bar light intermittent,

Engine 3: truck generator out of service, Number 2 crosslay piping leaking, 2 ½" nozzle leaks, water tank fill gauge issues.

Forestry 1: passenger tail light out.

Engine 5: right side light bar rotator, snapping noise from rear strobe box

9/29/15-Town mechanic serviced Engine 4

10/6/15-Town mechanic serviced Engine 3

- Chief Hamilton will make arrangements to have Engine 4 repaired next week. Hose 1 is the next truck to be serviced, and the air gauge will be repaired. Engine 1 needs a tank gauge replaced. The Town Mechanic will order bulbs for the strobes on Engine 2. The Board discussed the body work needed on Engine 2 and Engine 4. The water tank gauge on Engine 3 is not working.
- Engine 3's generator was never repaired. An estimate was received from Weld Power Generator but the work was not done. The company will be contacted.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board a surplus generator for Station 3 may be available through DCR. He is looking into this.
- Pierce is manufacturing the tray for Rescue 1.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said both Steven Kosiba and Brian Coppola missed in-service training for the new SCBA's. Discussion took place. Scott Garland may do another in-service when he returns to complete the regulator on Tower 1.
- Asst. Chief Gasco told the Board that Firematic will supply a certificate for the fit tests but not for the in-service training. Fit tests must be done annually. Asst. Chief Piscitelli questioned if the Board should adopt a standard for facial hair since there is nothing to stop a member from shaving for the fit test and then growing a beard. Discussion took place as follows: Who is liable if something happens, could this affect a member's insurance entitlement, and should the Board set a policy. More information will be gathered and the matter addressed again.
- The next District 7 meeting will be held in Spencer on 10/22/15. Asst. Chief Silver will attend. Chief Hamilton told the Board about an on-going interference issue with the County fire radio system. After a few hours of investigating, the problem was located in Mendon's old fire station and corrected.
- The A.L.I.C.E. response and changes to the Master Box policy will be reviewed when a full Board is present.
- Chief Hamilton would like to order more leather boots. After some discussion, it was agreed to hold off purchasing them at this time.

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- Chief Hamilton would like to distribute batteries to the public on November 1 for use with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This will coincide with the "change your clock-change your battery" theme. The batteries were donated by Energizer. Some will be distributed during the programs at the Senior Center and senior housing complexes.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board that Ryan Boucher does not want to teach pump training because he does not have the time. Discussion took place. The Board will revisit the list of those who were interested.
- Chief Hamilton said he may ask for additional inspectors to help with the business, smoke, oil, and propane inspections that need to be done. He would also like to do a training session for all the guys to go over smoke and carbon monoxide detector requirements. The Board agreed to this.
- Chief Hamilton will attend a Multi-Hazard Incident Training Seminar on 10/21 & 10/22 in Blackstone. Police and School personnel will attend as well. This is being put on by the Mass. Dept. of Education and will focus on responding to incidents in the schools.
- The High School has revised their fire drill procedure. Once outside the building, all students and staff will go to the rear of the building. A test run will be done on 10/20/15.
- The Elmwood Street School will conduct an A.L.I.C.E. drill on 10/23/15. All students and staff will exit the building and go to the Shaw School. The Fire Department will participate by blocking roadways and the gate in the rear of Dick's Sporting Goods.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he is waiting for a color choice before the windows for Station 2 can be ordered. The Board agreed that since the trim is white, the windows will be white.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli checked the ceiling tiles at Station 2. He found some were discolored. This may have occurred over the winter due to all the snow. He will check again when there is a heavy rain and will order replacement tiles for the ones that are damaged.
- The new door for Headquarters is in and needs to be installed.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will check for bottles for the RIT packs.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said that one battery pack went dead (twice) on one of the SCBA's at Station 5. It was pulled off the truck and will be given to MSA to investigate. He is waiting for a report from MSA. The Board may ask for all new batteries if this is a recurring problem.
- Chief Hamilton said there were a lot of good comments about the SCBA's when they were used during the training at 117 Elm Street.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked if the remaining funds in the SCBA Article can be used to purchase the spectacle kits. Chief Hamilton is waiting for the invoice and will check with the Finance Department.
- Chief Hamilton said the AFG awards are coming to the an end and Millbury has not received a rejection letter. The new application period will open in

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- mid-November. Chief Hamilton will attend a grant writing class on 10/26/15.
- Asst. Chief Rudge asked about honoring the Stratford family for their donation. This may be arranged for 11/2/15.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco is trying to confirm a date for "live burn" training in Auburn for mid-November.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco made some revisions to the A.L.I.C.E. response. He gave copies to the Board and this will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco will get a quote for fencing to be used to create a storage space in the boiler room at Fire HQ. This will be used to store SCBA equipment. Asst. Chief Gasco will get the shelving.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco said the starter for Station 2's generator was rebuilt. Bigelow recommended leaving the unit on manual and said it should not be "exercised". Asst. Chief Rudge said it was always left on automatic. He will check the unit.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco asked about the gas line going in at Station 2. Chief Hamilton said this will be done in the spring.
 - Chief Hamilton is still working on the portable radio for Rescue 1.
 - The Town will remove the trees in the rear of Fire HQ. Falling branches caused damage to several vehicles during a recent storm.
 - Asst. Chief Silver left a request to have the right hand side of Station 3 paved. The Board will check with DPW in the spring.
 - Asst. Chief Silver also reported the sink at Station 3 has been repaired and he has arranged for the Town's electrical contractor to tour each station for outside lights.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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