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

Date: October 21, 2013 Time: 6:30 p.m.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco

Minutes from October 7, 2013 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Rudge gave the following truck repair report based on P.M.'s from 10/7/13:
 - Engine 1: Cab welds need repairing, oxygen bottle half full, outdated adult AED pads (have been ordered), tank fill line leaking, large diameter discharge leaking, send truck back to Spring Rebuilders to get steering wheel centered.
 - Rescue 1: Light tower has burnt out bulbs, missing one window punch.
 - Tower 1: at Minuteman for repairs, they did remove cylinder for repair.
 - Engine 2: refueling of truck issues, passenger side large discharge cap missing.
 - Engine 4: need coolant, tank fill cover missing, body rot over rear wheels.
 - Hose 1: cab roof lights out.
 - Engine 3: No report submitted
 - Forestry 1: No report submitted
 - Engine 5: handle guide for deck gun broken, red strobes out on right front and right side front.
- FF. Tom LaVallee submitted a doctor's letter stating his duties are limited. The Board placed FF. LaVallee on a medical leave effective 10/21/13. He must submit a doctor's letter stating he can resume firefighting duties before returning to active duty.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton is preparing a report on the drowning that occurred on 10/5/13. All chiefs checked with their stations and no one is in need of crisis counseling.
- Fire drills were conducted at all schools (except Assumption) on 10/17/13. Results will be sent to all schools. Students at Assumption were at Windle Field for a field day.
- The architect for the public safety building will meet with the fire chief and police chief separately to see what areas can be combined. The proposed building is more than 42,000 sq. ft. and needs to be reduced. Chief Rudge will keep the Board updated as the plans move forward.
- The Open House was well attended. Chief Rudge said everyone did a good job and gave a special thanks to Asst. Chief Hamilton for organizing the event. The chief also thanked all who helped out. Asst. Chief Hamilton said the school visits went well and noted the great support from the staff at Elmwood Street School. He estimated the program reached about 1,000 students and more than 600 bags were distributed.

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- Hose 1 was repaired on 10/15/13 and was put back in service that night by Station 2 personnel.
- Repairs on Tower 1 are moving along. Minuteman found a leak in an outrigger.
- VFIS has been asked to provide proposals to increase the funding balance in the LOSAP account. This should be available for preparation of next year's budget. Chief Rudge told the Board that Mr. Spain is in agreement to increasing the funds but cannot do this without an invoice.
- The Mass. Firefighting Academy is preparing for another recruit/volunteer training class. No date has been set. Millbury should have five recruits for the class.
- Chief Rudge was notified today that Millbury was given a Ford F350 crew cab truck from the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation as part of their agreement for acquiring surplus/excess equipment from the Dept. of Defense. It needs to be picked up in Maynard. Asst. Chiefs Hamilton and Piscitelli will pick up the truck on 10/23/13. Chief Rudge was informed that a 15-passenger van will be available in 2014. Emergency Management would like to acquire this vehicle. Again, Chief Rudge stressed that as long as the vehicle is assigned to the fire department, it will remain under the fire department's control.
- Notice will be sent to the dispatchers and all stations about the change in mutual aid response to Grafton. From November 1 through March 31, Engine 5 will be toned for mutual aid.
- Training on the use of Rescue 1's camera for the Cable Advisory Committee still needs to be done.
- Chief Rudge spoke to personnel at Station 2 about listing the Board's attendance on the quarterly reports.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board he attended the recent Worcester Area Fire Chiefs meeting. A presentation was given detailing the gas explosion in Springfield that occurred last year.
- The next District 7 meeting will be held on 10/24 in Uxbridge.
- The upgrade for the portable radios is still being worked on.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will prepare the AFFG grant application. Millbury will apply for replacement of SCBA and a forestry truck. Based on a review of the last application that was denied, the Town's financial need has to be stressed in the narrative.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will arrange to have different vendors meet with the Board to demonstrate self contained breathing apparatus. Scott, MSA and ISI vendors will be scheduled for meetings in December.
- There was no new information available about an inflatable boat.
- There was no update on the repairs for Marine 1.

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- Testing and maintenance of the Hurst tools will be done on 11/14/13. Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board that the power supply for the older set of JAWS is missing. He also noted the original IRIS is missing.
- Rescue 1 needs a new window punch and the oxygen bottle needs to be filled.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will arrange to have the large diameter discharge on Engine 1 repaired.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said Station 3 wants to paint the floor this week. Forestry 1 will be taken to have the door repaired and then stored at the Highway garage until the floor is done.
- The water shuttle drill scheduled for 10/28/13 was reviewed. Little Dorothy will be used as the water supply with the drill being done at the sewer plant on Providence Street. Everyone should be in their station by 6:15 and ready to start the drill at 6:30p.m. Grafton, Oxford, and Sutton will participate and Auburn will be asked to provide station coverage.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli had proposals for repairs to the walls at Fire HQ from James Restoration. Three proposals were reviewed. The first was for repairs, and the two others were options for containing the falling debris. The containment options included a monthly rental fee. Asst. Chief Piscitelli will ask for a price for purchasing rather than renting the equipment. He will try to get estimates from other companies as well.
- Asst. Chief Hobin asked about adjusting the packings on Engine 3. Specialty Vehicles may be contacted to adjust the packings.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said more pagers are needed. Asst. Chief Hamilton said several have been sent out for repairs and should be returned soon.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said Capt. Silver would like to address the Board concerning membership in the National Volunteer Fire Council. He will be placed on the Agenda for 11/4/13.
- Asst. Chief Hobin explained the maze trailer was not available for tonight's training. As a result of increased awareness of the trailers, the Dept. of Fire Services has a backlog of requests. Asst. Chief Hobin reserved the maze trailer for May 2-May 5, 2014.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli told the Board that FF. Breault needs new gear. After some discussion, he made a motion purchase a set of gear for Michael Breault. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Chief Rudge will test the fire alarm system at the Upper Blackstone plant on 10/23/13 at 4:00 p.m. Board members were invited to go with him. Asst. Chief Hobin said new access cards for the gate are needed. Chief Rudge will ask for them at the inspection.
- Rescue 1 will be taken to Dosco for an estimate for a new slide-in tray.

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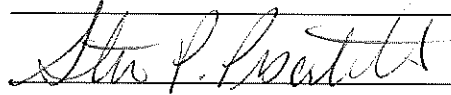
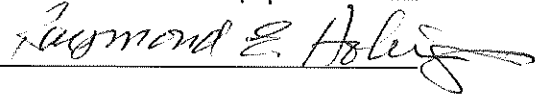
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Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Richard P. Paul



Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk