

Fire Commissioners Meeting
January 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
976 Main Street, Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Massachusetts

Called to order at 5:30

Present: Commissioner's Rick Pisano, Kevin Conley, Adam Zais, and Fire Chief-Paul Rhude

Public Comment: Cynthia Gardner asked for detail regarding personnel during his report (how many are out on IOD, sick time) and also after last meetings vote regarding hiring additional personnel -would like that to be discussed tonight as to that currently stands and how it is being done.

Minutes: December 10, 2019 minutes reviewed, accepted as drafted, seconded, all in favor

Chief Report

Monthly Activities:

- please see attachment A
- discussed three year run report-attachment B
- discussed marine unit response report-attachment C
- Mutual aid to Mashpee-Mashpee has made a lot of changes over the last year with increased staffing, changed their mutual aid district response and zones, and have shifted their aid to other districts. Cotuit's response to Mashpee has decreased with an exception to last month-Mashpee has had mechanical issues and two accidents with the ambulances. Commissioner Conley and Chief are still working with the town of Mashpee to make sure the trend is in the correct direction.

Administration:

- Chief discussed the organization Mashpee Polar Bear Club (sometimes known as the Cotuit Polar Plunge) that has taken place at Loop Beach in the past. Last two years the club has not pulled permits, have done damage to town property, and questions about their tax status. This year a permit came across Chiefs desk, he offered to sign it as long as they had proof of being a nonprofit organization, and never produced documents nor heard back from them. Some negative media was posted with incorrect information.

Training:

- Ice training is planned for February 5
- ACLS EKG training planned for Monday at the station

Pro EMS report:

- In Commissioners packet for their review

Personnel:

- 3 FF out on IOD. Two have documented reports and expect to return in February, prior to return they will meet with the District Doctor to verify they are fit for duty. Third FF had an mri last week, waiting for results.
- New hires are on the regular rotation.
- May have another position to post, another district Chief has mentioned they had an interview with one of our FF
- Not currently advertising for the thirteenth position

- A former FF is filing for unemployment benefits, had an appeal hearing, but other parties didn't show so it has been dismissed.

Apparatus:

- 266 out of the water. Will be pressure washed and put/stored inside for update work.
- Received spare motors for free-need to be winterized

Facilities:

- Not many changes to report, but hope to have office space outlines for next month
- Commissioner Pisano asked about the Open Cape hookup? Chief just received a price for fiber connection from us to water tower-\$14,000 will get a few other prices. Commissioner Conley inquired about the long term-Chief will investigate the cost. Commissioner Pisano asked where the police interest is? Chief responded they currently lease lines through phone company which are unreliable and are looking to update all sites with fiber.
- Commissioner Pisano reverted back to the vital signs report-asked about information prior to arrival-Chief explained that information is given by dispatch, amount given was a very small pulling from the company and if continues will find out what kind of questions to ask to narrow it down to what the problem was-Chief has emailed the EMS Officer to find out what we can do to change questions to get more useable data out of it.

New Business:

- Discussed putting together a draft budget for FY21. Due to contract negotiations, Committee is a bit late in starting the process, will begin to get draft outlines done and inputs put together.
- Also, in timeline behind in last years process of annual evaluation for the Chief's performance and this is an upcoming contract year. Hope to bring evaluations together in March. Commissioner Pisano didn't find the form from last year helpful plans to use categories highlighted but not the rating system.

Other business/topics not anticipated by the Chair: N/A

Executive Session:

The Committee will now go into Executive Session.

Purpose 3-to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares

The Committee will not return to open session.

Motion to adjourn, second, Commissioner Conley postponed it to ask about the situation with the dock. Chief responded he hasn't heard about the what came out of the shellfish advisory board meeting, discussion is still going through some meetings, (Inaudible) is having engineers and legal team look at other issues such as riparian rights.

Commissioner Pisano mentioned the appreciation letters for FF McPherson and Lt. McNamara and FF Staggs for the Commissioners to sign.

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Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {12/01/2019} And {12/31/2019}

| Incident Type | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident | | | | |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew | 2 | 3.33% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with | 42 | 70.00% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| | <u>45</u> | <u>75.00%</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>0.00%</u> |
| 5 Service Call | | | | |
| 510 Person in distress, Other | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 511 Lock-out | 2 | 3.33% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 541 Animal problem | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup | 2 | 3.33% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| | <u>6</u> | <u>10.00%</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>0.00%</u> |
| 6 Good Intent Call | | | | |
| 600 Good intent call, Other | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| | <u>5</u> | <u>8.33%</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>0.00%</u> |
| 7 False Alarm & False Call | | | | |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 736 CO detector activation due to malfunction | 1 | 1.66% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| | <u>4</u> | <u>6.66%</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>0.00%</u> |

Total Incident Count: 60

Total Est Loss: \$0

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|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 100 Fire, Other | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 111 Building fire | 5 | 4 | 4 | |
| 113 Cooking fire, confined to container | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or | 0 | 3 | 0 | |
| 116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 141 Forest, woods or wildland fire | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| 142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 143 Grass fire | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 162 Outside equipment fire | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 170 Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 200 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 220 Overpressure rupture from air or gas, Other | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 243 Fireworks explosion (no fire) | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| 251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew | 39 | 27 | 27 | 4 |
| 320 Emergency medical service, other | 3 | 6 | 0 | |
| 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 484 | 463 | 416 | 42 |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries | 23 | 25 | 29 | 2 |
| 323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped) | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries | 16 | 10 | 12 | |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511) | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 342 Search for person in water | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 361 Swimming/recreational water areas rescue | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 364 Surf rescue | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 365 Watercraft rescue | 7 | 0 | 1 | |
| 381 Rescue or EMS standby | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 400 Hazardous condition, Other | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| 410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, | 0 | 3 | 1 | |
| 411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) | 4 | 2 | 1 | |
| 413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill | 2 | 3 | 1 | |
| 422 Chemical spill or leak | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| 424 Carbon monoxide incident | 1 | 3 | 3 | |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other | 3 | 9 | 5 | |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| 442 Overheated motor | 0 | 1 | 0 | |

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|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 444 Power line down | 5 | 16 | 10 | |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment | 0 | 3 | 7 | |
| 460 Accident, potential accident, Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 500 Service Call, other | 15 | 28 | 16 | 1 |
| 510 Person in distress, Other | 8 | 10 | 4 | |
| 511 Lock-out | 9 | 6 | 5 | |
| 520 Water problem, Other | 2 | 2 | 1 | |
| 521 Water evacuation | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 522 Water or steam leak | 5 | 2 | 1 | |
| 531 Smoke or odor removal | 6 | 4 | 1 | |
| 540 Animal problem, Other | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 541 Animal problem | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 542 Animal rescue | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 550 Public service assistance, Other | 5 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency | 4 | 4 | 0 | |
| 553 Public service | 11 | 10 | 8 | |
| 554 Assist invalid | 2 | 1 | 11 | |
| 555 Defective elevator, no occupants | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 561 Unauthorized burning | 5 | 7 | 4 | |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup | 24 | 39 | 25 | 4 |
| 600 Good intent call, Other | 20 | 24 | 21 | 1 |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route | 20 | 21 | 18 | |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 5 | 11 | 0 | |
| 631 Authorized controlled burning | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat | 3 | 0 | 3 | |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other | 23 | 14 | 11 | 1 |
| 713 Telephone, malicious false alarm | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 730 System malfunction, Other | 4 | 2 | 5 | |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction | 60 | 36 | 23 | 4 |
| 734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction | 5 | 10 | 14 | |
| 736 CO detector activation due to malfunction | 11 | 12 | 10 | 1 |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - | 9 | 11 | 8 | |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional | 4 | 6 | 4 | |

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| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional | 8 | 23 | 44 | |
| 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO | 3 | 3 | 5 | |
| 800 Severe weather or natural disaster, Other | 0 | 4 | 1 | |
| 812 Flood assessment | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment | 0 | 5 | 1 | |
| 814 Lightning strike (no fire) | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 900 Special type of incident, Other | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| 911 Citizen complaint | 0 | 7 | 3 | |
| Totals | 893 | 919 | 805 | 79 |

Cotuit 2019 Marine Unit Response Report

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Incident #</u> | <u>Incident Summary</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|--|
| 6/27/2019 | 385 | Mutual Aid COMM Search for missinf Kayaker |
| 7/3/2019 | 412 | Search for missing padle boarder Cotuit Bay |
| 7/5/2019 | 420 | Fireworks detail |
| 7/30/2019 | 499 | 21' power boat sinking, assist Towboat & Harbor Master |
| 8/4/2019 | 519 | Rescue swimmer in distress off Ropes Beach |
| 8/4/2019 | 520 | Reported boat fire off Ropes. Good intent. No Fire |
| 8/10/2019 | 542 | Unattended/sunk sailfish found off Oregon. Cancelled enroute |
| 8/15/2019 | 559 | 25' Power boat taking on water w/ 1 on board, North Bay |
| 8/28/2019 | 590 | 17' Power boat taking on water w/ 1 on board, Oregon beach |
| 9/5/2019 | 610 | Mutual aid COMM, 16' Power boat in distress w/ 2 on board |
| 9/16/2019 | 634 | 2 in distress off Sampsons Island, |
| 10/16/2019 | 702 | Reported Surfer in Distress off Loop Beach. Good intent |
| 10/17/2019 | 714 | 20' power boat sinking off Town Dock, Assisted Towboat |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>13</u> | |

Total Incidents 2019

893

Percent Marine Incidents

1.46%