

**Fire Commissioners Meeting
Draft Minutes
April 14, 2020**

Remote Zoom Meeting

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

Chief Rhude is recording

No Public Comment

Minutes: previous minutes reviewed and accepted as presented.

Fire Chief Report:

Monthly Activities

Incident Report:

- Reviewed report and stated was down on calls 20% from same time last year

Administration:

- Still have one month of PPE in stock. Plus received some PPE and supplies from MEMA. Commissioner Conly asked about the supplies (inaudible-static) and discussed station cleaning during COVID (inaudible)
- Reviewed SOP from last month regarding changing to three groups. The SOP was updated on Friday with the requirement to wear a mask while on duty when in the public areas of the fire station.
- Chief Rhude signed up for a zoom account that is being shared by the district. Currently having weekly zoom meetings with community leaders. Commissioner Pisano offered to alternate with the other commissioners to participate in the weekly meetings.

Training:

- USCG training has been cancelled
- The station has coordinated with a mental health counselor-will have a session with each group and encourage connections with individuals.
- Commissioner Pisano asked about the letter sent to Mashpee regarding mutual aid. Chief Rhude has not yet received feedback. Commissioner Conley will revisit this after the COVID has passed.

Personnel:

- Have hired two new FF, and a Call FF

Apparatus:

- Discussed outstanding capital request for Chief and Deputy vehicles-will discuss with budget

Station:

- Renovations are on hold.
- Cotuit Historical Society asked if the station could have an engine at the Strawberry Festival— answer is it depends on where we are at with social distancing. They also asked if station could help with the flags on Main and School Street. Union has agreed to support.

Annual District Meeting Postponement:

A Letter has been sent out to the moderator to make announcement about the postponement. Prudential Committee has approved that action and an open-ended postponement until the State of Emergency is lifted. The annual elections are also postponed until around June 24.

Old Business:

- Reviewed projection curves that were distributed earlier by Chief Rhude

Budget Planning:

- Discussed possible adjustments. Commissioner Pisano asked other commissioners for any thoughts. Commissioner Zais would like to postpone the request for vehicles. Commissioner Pisano replied have the option at the meeting of withdrawing proposed articles. Discussed submitting a revised budget, reviewed Injury of Duty line item (inaudible) and options for possible insurance coverage for IOD wages/insurance expense. Chief Rhude will work with Ray Plrrone to get numbers.
- The committee agreed to leave the request in proposal with option to withdraw at meeting-will present optic at the Civic Association Meeting as Commissioner Pisano would like the opportunity to speak about all options.

Evaluation of Fire Chief

- Two of the committee members were not prepared to discuss the review yet, still need to meet with the Chief. Postponed to the May meeting.

Motion made to adjourn, second, all in favor.