

Fire Commissioner's Meeting

April 11, 2023

Present: Chairman Kevin Conley, Commissioner's Adam Zais & Rick Pisano, Deputy Clarke

Meeting Broadcast via:

Zoom - with Fran Parks and Dave Fravel on ZOOM;

Freedom Hall - with Lt. McNamara in attendance

First order of Business:

- **Review of March 2023 minutes**
 - Motion to accept March 2023 minutes as presented
 - All in favor

Public Comment

- No Public Comment / no emails

Fire Chief Report:

- Total March 2023
 - March 24, 2023 Swearing in Ceremony for new Deputy Chief
 - FF Lee and Chief Brown responded with Barnstable County Tech Rescue Team in a wide area search for missing person in Centerville on April 1, 2023

Responses:

- 70 Resposes
 - 1 Structure fire on Mariner Circle
 - Fire was maintained to the room or origin - basement
 - 1 Brush fire in a shed that became a building fire
 - 44 Rescue/EMS calls
 - 1 hazardous condition
 - 4 Service calls
 - 3 good intent
 - 15 false alarm
 - 1 special incident - citizen's complaint

Administration:

- Holding interviews on April 13, 2023 for open paramedic position
 - 5 qualified candidates
 - Panel includes: Chairman Conley, Deputy Clarke and FF McPherson as a Union Representative
- Lieutenant Assessment Center to complete promotional exam process on May 10, 2023 at Cape Space in Mashpee Commons
 - Commissioner Pisano asked if there would be a conflict of interest by anyone from outside of the organization.
 - Deputy Clarke answered that any outside conflict of interest has been looked at.

- Shared Ambulance Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel. Currently being reviewed by insurance. \$7,000 increase (\$3,500 per municipality).

TECHNOLOGY

- 'I Am Responding' communication app
 - Software is compatible per Deputy Chief Eldridge, IT from COMM Fire and head dispatcher with COMM Fire
 - Whole Department recall is quicker
 - Call in people quicker and get people into fire station should there be a significant call
 - Hopefully June 1, 2023 it can be implemented
 - There is a cost to it but it is less than other researched systems
 - Request to move forward with new phone system
 - Quote is \$8,000

PRO EMS REPORT

- online

POSITIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Email from Mr. Gardner where he extended his gratitude for the support to those in the community that are less fortunate.

Personnel

- Not discussed

Training

- FF McPherson has put together a quarterly training program
- FF Lee and FF Gardner attended a Rapid Intervention Team Training
 - Rapidly respond if a FF is trapped in a structure fire
- Deputy Clarke attended a training program at Dept. of Fire Services regarding image trending and interpreting data
- New Forestry Hose Pack training with FF McPherson

- Commissioner Pisano asked if training locations could be listed more consistently

Apparatus and equipment:

- 267 (brush breaker) evaluation was completed by Bulldog
 - Bulldog Trade-in value of \$35,000 to \$50,000
 - Bulldog looking to trade in skid unit for \$180,000 and trade-in value quoted
 - Breaker has not been used off-road at an incident in the Village by any current employees
 - Looking to putting it at Joint Base Cape Cod where they will do the refurb of 267 and own it but should Cotuit Fire Dept. need it, they could use it.
 - Commissioner Pisano motion to take this forward to get a warrant for next district meeting agenda and if a warrant is not required then the vote is binding

- All in favor
 - Inter-municipal agreement with Barnstable County where Cotuit FD would take ownership of UTV vehicle with fire fighting capabilities, communication equipment and small skid unit with hose; Trailer full of fire fighting gear
 - Ability to use this equipment for wildfire in Cotuit, assist county in their needs and make equipment available for Barnstable County as well
 - Trailer is similar in size to a large landscaping trailer
- ***Commissioner's were provided pictures of agreement and UTV***
- Chief Brown has already received a rider from insurance company
 - Motion to sign/enter into municipality agreement
 - All in favor
 - Forestry Skids - 260
 - Received one from Dept of Conservation and Recreation
 - Fire Warden lent it to Cotuit FD in anticipation to see if the model of fire tactics would work for Cotuit FD
 - Holds 250 gallons of water
 - Work in progress

(Dave Fravel asked for copy of Chief Report)
 - Unit 262
 - sales contract has been reviewed by legal and ready to be signed
 - Lt. McNamara has been painting the hull - the "Can-Do-It"
 - Boat is in water and ready to start on-duty training
 - Unit 263 has been returned to service full repaired

Facilities:

- Block heater failure on generator
 - Generator is still operational
 - Repairs have been scheduled to be done soon

OLD BUSINESS:

School Building Sub-Committee Reports

Commissioner Zais - School Building subcommittee

- Planning board met and approved the A&R
 - Needs to have first reading at Town Counsel
 - The second reading for the vote

Facilities Committee - Needs Assessment

- Chairman Conley has spoken with engineering crew
- Village needs new station

By-Law Committee

- Nothing significant to report
- Further examination of editing proposals
- Want to revisit item that was rejected last year re verifying ad-hoc committees that are formed are allowed to seek outside expertise from people who are not residents or citizens of Cotuit Fire District

- Need volunteer expertise

NEW BUSINESS

- Signatures on collective bargaining agreement
- Commissioner Zais' signature on Memorandum of Understanding re the changes
- Next Prudential Committee meeting and all members need to sign

Public Comment

- None

Motion to adjourn

- All in favor