

Fire Commissioner's Meeting

May 11, 2023

Present: Chairman Kevin Conley, Commissioner's Adam Zais & Rick Pisano, Chief Brown & Deputy Clark

Meeting Broadcast via:

Zoom - Commissioner Pisano & Commissioner Pisano

Freedom Hall - Chairman Conley, Chief Brown & Deputy Clark

First order of Business:

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

Public Comment

- No Public Comment / no emails

Fire Chief Report:

- April 2023
 - 65 Responses
 - 1 Fire Response
 - 41 Rescue/EMS
 - 1 Hazardous condition
 - 5 Service Calls
 - 4 Good Intent
 - 11 False Alarm
 - 1 Severe Weather Event
 - 1 Special Incident

Administration:

- Interviews were conducted with FF/Paramedic candidates
- Lt. Assessment Ctr completed on May 10, 2023
- Final Grant disbursement request submitted for COMIR's and final check received (grant was started under Chief Rhude)
 - Commissioner Zais asked what the grant was originally written for?
 - Upgrade communication radios throughout fire house
 - Commissioner Pisano asked if all chargers were received? Money set aside for same?
 - Chief Brown responded that they were still waiting for the mobile chargers and monies have been set aside for them.

TECHNOLOGY

- Trial run for Fire Rescue 1 Academy
 - Distributive education program

- Dovetail into the quarterly training objectives/consisten online learning platform that ties back into industry standards
 - Assist Fire Dept. in obtaining an ISO rating in the future
 - Similar to EMS Program
 - Phone system update
 - Chief recommends Secure Networks and MegaNet for phone service
 - Water dept uses MegaNet
 - \$7,708.62 for Category 6 powered cable throughout
 - Will allow all computers to be hard-wired
 - Upgrade phone system
 - Motion to move forward with proposal as described
 - All in favor

PRO EMS REPORT

- Not discussed

POSITIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS

- None

Personnel

- FF Gardner has completed the Fire Instructor One program at Brewster Fire Dept.
 - He is a Certified Fire Instructor
- FF Lee has started the Fire Officer One program at Onset Fire Dept.
 - Will certify him as Fire Officer
- Cotuit FD attended the town-wide ASHER (Active Shooter Hostile Event Response) program on 04.07.2023
 - Held at Barnstable HS
 - Town-wide program between all five (5) fire districts / Barnstable PD / Sheriff's office and a number of dispatching agencies
 - FF Emerson participated as an instructor
 - FF Lee, FF Staggs and FF McPherson participated as responders
 - Chief and Deputy Chief worked outside in the incident command post
- Lt. Amento attended Fire Prevention Officer Two
 - Being offered by MA Fire Academy at Hyannis FD
 - This will advance his skills in Fire Prevention and allow him add additional certification
- Chief and Deputy Chief met with a Wellness Coach to explain a grant funded health and wellness program that is being offered to the Cotuit FD and first responders on the Cape
 - Organization in Hyannis that rec'd some grant monies and they are offering mind/body/strength at no-cost to any first responder on the Cape & Islands
 - Deputy Chief and FF McPherson attended the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis (Fire Department Instructors Conference)
 - Largest dept instruction conference in North America
 - 35k attendees from 26 different countries
- FF McPherson attended two Hands-On live training that was put on by some of the countries best fire instructors
 - #1 Residential Search
 - Majority of fire related deaths are in residential handling

- #2 Hose Handling
 - FF McPherson learned new techniques
- Deputy Chief attended a number of leadership/management programs
 - Leading strategically and not emotionally when making decisions

Training

- ASHER training
 - Purchased some add'l hostile response equipment

Apparatus and equipment:

- UTV is now at Cotuit FD
 - Training will take place before put into service
- Breaker #267
 - Error in the calculations
 - Do we need a vote to void the last vote?
 - Commissioner Pisano stated that on the basis of new information, he suggested a motion be made to rescind prior vote.
 - Motion to rescind prior approval to accommodate new information.
 - All in favor.
 - Commissioner Conley suggested that it be moved to the base so that Cotuit FD will still have access to it
 - Motion to that Cotuit FD proceed to transfer housing of 267 to the base and expedite a warrant for a special district meeting to transfer title
 - All in favor.

Facilities:

- Personnel have been conducting spring cleaning projects around the fire house and station

OLD BUSINESS:

School Building Sub-Committee Reports

Commissioner Zais - School Building subcommittee

- Town has voted to make the transfer

Facilities Committee - Needs Assessment

- Chief and Commissioner Conley met with Katherine Giardi, design and project manager with Catalyst Architects - they did the original design work on the station and village offices
 - 1. FD needs a new station
 - Can go into a current facility; or
 - Open piece of land; or
 - Refurbishing another building

By-Law Committee

- No new action
 - Commissioner Pisano is bringing warrant to annual district meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Collective bargaining Agreement is fully executed
- Jeremy McPherson for position of Lieutenant
 - Motion to accept Chief's recommendation for the position of Lieutenant
 - All in favor
- Thomas Deeg
 - Motion to accept Chief's recommendation for the position of Firefighter Paramedic
 - All in favor

Public Comment

- None

Motion to adjourn

- **All in favor**