

Fire Commissioner's Meeting

March 12, 2024

Present: Chairman Conley, Commissioner Pisano, Commissioner Zais, Chief Brown and Deputy Chief Clark

Meeting Broadcast via:

Zoom - Commissioner Pisano Chief Brown

Freedom Hall - Chairman Conley, Commissioner Zais, Deputy Clark

First order of Business:

Minutes:

- Amended minutes from February 15, 2024, meeting: *Cotuit FD applied last year and was UNsuccessful in receiving it however, the apparatus is 30 years old and that is generally the threshold when they give stronger consideration to approving these grants*
- February 15, 2024, minutes reviewed and accepted

Public Comment

- No public comment

Fire Chief Report:

February 2024 had a total of 70 responses:

- 2 Fires
- 34 Rescue/EMS
- 5 Hazardous Condition
- 4 Community risk reduction responses
- 10 Reassurance Program responses
- 4 Service Calls
- 4 Good Intent
- 2 False Alarms
- 5 Severe Weather
- 0 Special Incident type
- 11% of calls overlapping incidents
- Mutual Aid was provided 0x times.
- Mutual Aid was received 4x times.
 - 2 Fires in February 2024
 - One was an electrical fire, and one was a vehicle fire. Received mutual aid from Mashpee and Centerville Fire Departments
 - 2 EMS calls in February 2024
 - Both Cotuit FD received mutual aid from Centerville Fire Department

Administration:

- Submitted a FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant application for \$800,000.00 for the replacement of engine #263 which is currently 30 years old.
 - Captain Amento assisted with preparing the grant.
- Finalized and submitted the FEMA AFG grant for \$33,000.00 to fund the purchase of a LUCAS CPR device for ambulance #275.
 - EMS Officer Staggs assisted with preparing this grant.
- FY25 budget has been submitted to treasurer's office.
- During February 2024, Deputy Clark attended the Fire Chief's Association of MA professional development conference in Worcester.

TECHNOLOGY

- Nothing new to report

PRO EMS REPORT

- Not discussed

PERSONNEL and TRAINING

Reassurance Program:

- Off-duty personnel from Cotuit Fire Department responded to one of the Reassurance Program participants who did not respond to the daily call program. Upon arrival it was discovered that the participant was having a medical emergency
 - Cotuit FD had a medical emergency taking place at the same time so that is why off-duty personnel from CFD responded.
- A call was placed to mutual partner, Centerville Fire and participant was transported to the hospital.
- Upon speaking with participants family, it is believed that the participant would not have survived the medical event without the Reassurance Program checking in on him.
- Both Commissioners Zais and Pisano stated how they believed that the Reassurance Program was proving itself to be an invaluable asset to the community
- Deputy Clark stated that CFD is expecting to hear from the COMM MA regarding the Grant that they applied for and CFD was told that at the end of the week (by 03.15.2024) CFD should hear whether CFD receives the grant.
- Thank you note from the program participant was shared with the Commissioners regarding what CFD Reassurance Program has done for her:
 - She has received smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors.

Apparatus and equipment:

- Captain McNamara has started seasonal preparation for Marine 266 started March 12, 2024, and it is expected back on the property by the end of the week.
- Commissioner Pisano asked if there has been any further feedback regarding the timeline for the new ambulance? Still looking at the end of 2024?
 - Deputy Clark spoke with them today and there was not any new information.
 - Still looking at the end of 2024 but not definite

Facilities:

- Deputy Clark stated that there was nothing new to report.
- Commissioner Pisano asked Chairman Conley if there was any feedback from the architectural group about progress with their study for a new station?
 - Chairman Conley will defer the answer to the “Facilities Committee – Needs Assessment.”

OLD BUSINESS:

School Building Sub-Committee Reports

Commissioner Zais - Policy Advisory Committee

- Nothing new to report

Facilities Committee - Needs Assessment

- Chairman Conley stated that they met with Catalyst last week and Catalyst did provide three (3) different plans for the firehouse.
- Follow-up meeting with Catalyst next week, Monday, March 18, 2024, to review what everyone's thoughts are on changes / which plan works best.
- Additionally, CFD has contracted with Cape and Islands Engineering – Chairman Conley delivered a retainer to them on Friday, March 8, 2024, because, in order to confirm that the lots can be merged, an engineering company needs to come out and do a site survey of both lots and a high-level drawing and submit to the Town to get permission to merge the two lots.
 - Chairman Conley stated that he has concerns about the structure of the current building and whether or not it can handle what needs to be done.
 - There will need to be a structural engineer involved.

By-Laws Committee

- Commissioner Pisano stated that the next meeting is March 13, 2024
- No agenda other than members of the subcommittee unless members of the committee feel things need to be addressed specifically.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Conley had a conversation with a member of the district talking about how Commissioner's post meetings and how quickly one can navigate to Cotuit home page; request is can it be easier to navigate?
- Commissioner Zais stated that he can help with online posting.

BUDGET

- FY25 budget has been submitted to treasurer's office.

Public Comment

- No public comment

Motion to adjourn

- All in favor, motion accepted