

Fire Commissioner's Meeting

July 16, 2024

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

Meeting Broadcast via:

Zoom – Chief Brown

Freedom Hall - Chairman Conley, Commissioner Zais, and Deputy Clark

Public Comment

- No public comment

First order of Business:

Minutes

- May 22, 2024, minutes reviewed and accepted as written
- June 13, 2024, minutes reviewed and accepted as written
 - Motion to accept minutes

Fire Chief Report:

May 2024 had a total of 97 responses:

- 3 Fires
- 49 Rescue/EMS
- 4 Station Walk-in Medical Incidents
 - 1 was transfer
- 5 Hazardous Condition
- 5 Community Risk Reduction responses
- 3 Reassurance Program responses
- 8 Service Calls
- 6 Good Intent
- 14 False Alarms
- YTD Percentage Difference = +32%

Mutual Aid was provided 15x times.

Mutual Aid was received 6x times.

Administration:

- Chief Brown was deployed to New Mexico to assist with the wildfire and follow on flooding incidents.
- DC Clark and Chief Brown created a draft Ambulance Billing Financial Hardship Waiver policy.

TECHNOLOGY

- Two (2) new Surface tablets were purchased

PRO EMS REPORT

- Not discussed

PERSONNEL and TRAINING

- EMSO Staggs conducted three (3) community CPR & First Aid classes in June.
 - 24 people attended the classes
- CFD Received five (5) “Thank You” notes since the last BOFC meeting. Two (2) for the Reassurance Program, one (1) for a Community Risk Reduction visit, one (1) for an EMS response, and one (1) for the Civic Association for supporting the Fourth of July parade.
- Mutual Aid response to Mashpee MVC
- Boat operator training sessions were conducted in June to finalize the task books for additional boat operators. Each group now has at least one boat operator.
 - There are now a total of ten (10) boat operators in the Department.
- Personnel supported and participated in the Fourth of July parade.
- Regarding June 22, 2024 MVC in Mashpee, in addition to Mashpee response, both Cotuit and Falmouth responded and multiple critical care patients were transported, one occupant was deceased.
 - Thanks to Captain McNamarra and EMS Officer Staggs for their support at the scene
 - Commissioner Conley agreed with DC Clark’s comments and suggested putting a letter together re same

Reassurance Program:

- Not discussed

Apparatus and equipment:

- The FD fleet underwent annual inspection.
 - Tires on Ambulance 262 need to be replaced
 - The ambulance should be back in service next week.
 - 275 is working

Facilities:

- DC Clark and Chief Brown drafted RFQs for the Owner’s Project Manager and the design and engineering phase of the fire station project. RFQs with attorney for review. More information under committee reports

OLD BUSINESS:

School Building Sub-Committee Reports

Commissioner Zais - Policy Advisory Committee

- Nothing new to report

Facilities Committee - Needs Assessment

- Deputy and Chief drafted the RFQs
- Chairman Conley spoke with the attorney and RFQs look good
- A few open items with regard to Cape and Islands and septic and flow statement
 - They completed their study
- Putting ANR off for a little bit
- PMC company that did the estimate on the new house and their invoice is in the process of being paid.

By-Laws Committee

- Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Brown and DC Clark have had residents of the village reach out to them regarding experiencing financial hardships with regards to ambulance bills and changes in their health insurance
 - Chief Brown and DC Clark met with / discussed with PRO EMS Solutions and their procedure. They reviewed the policy and believe that it is in line with how it was handled
 - Motion to accept the SOP for financial hardship waiver effective immediately
 - Motion accepted

BUDGET

- Not discussed.

Public Comment

- No public comment

Motion to adjourn

- All in favor, motion accepted