

Fire Commissioner's Meeting

May 14, 2024

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

Meeting Broadcast via:

Zoom - Commissioner Pisano

Freedom Hall - Chairman Conley, Chief Brown, Commissioner Zais, Deputy Clark

Public Comment

- No public comment

First order of Business:

Minutes

- April 9, 2024, minutes reviewed and accepted as corrected

Fire Chief Report:

April 2024 had a total of 71 responses:

- 2 Fires
- 38 Rescue/EMS
- 2 Hazardous Condition
- 4 Community risk reduction responses
- 3 Reassurance Program responses
- 8 Service Calls
- 4 Good Intent
- 10 False Alarms
- 3% of calls overlapping incidents
- Mutual Aid was provided 3 times.
- Mutual Aid was received 2 times.

Administration:

- Written portion of Captain's promotion process was held on May 2, 2024
 - 4 participated and all passed
- Assessment portion will be held on May 22, 2024
 - Commissioner Zais will be the Board of Fire Commissioner's representative.
- Friday, May 3, 2024, Chief Brown, Deputy Chief Clark, and Fire Dept. personnel assisted with the preparations for Special District meeting held at Cotuit Federated Church
- Saturday, May 4, 2024, Chief Brown and Deputy Chief Clark and Fire Dept. personnel assisted again with breakdown of meeting.
 - Chief Brown expressed his thanks to the crew for the significant undertaking.
- Chief Brown attended a Community Shareholder meeting, organized by Civic Association, at Freedom Hall to discuss parking in the village.
 - Meetings will be ongoing to circulate the message and discuss options for improved parking.
 - Commissioner Zais asked if the meeting about the parking was centered around the Kettleers Home games.
 - Chief Brown answered that Barnstable Land Trust, Barnstable parking, Civic Association, and representative from Kettleer's. Largely associated with home games but also discussion with other events (parade / craft fair) etc.
- Deputy Chief Clark attended the Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents Training in Plymouth
- Memorial fundraiser was held on April 19, 2024, in honor of the late Malcolm Davidson
 - Money raised from the fundraiser was donated to the Reassurance Program
 - In Mr. Davidson's obituary, there was language "in lieu of flowers for folks to make donations in his memory to the Reassurance Program."
 - Money will go towards promotional materials and lockboxes as well as other items needed to maintain the program.

TECHNOLOGY

- One tablet was replaced.

PRO EMS REPORT

- Not discussed

PERSONNEL and TRAINING

- Tuesday, May 16, 2024, personnel participated in story reading time and equipment demonstrations at Cotuit Library
 - This event was coordinated by Fire Fighter Gardiner who is the manager for the Fire Department Community Outreach efforts.
- Fire Fighter Brian Lee is prepared to order PPE (FY2025 budget request has been approved) and he is coordinating.
 - Commissioner Pisano wanted to clarify status of Cotuit PPE
- All personnel attended the EMS protocol updates training during April 2024 coordinated by EMS Officer Staggs
- Captain McPherson's program area management is Training on pumps and hydraulics.
- Captain Lyons is spearheading program for peer support.

Reassurance Program:

- Not discussed

Apparatus and equipment:

- Marine 266 is back in the water and is in service for the season.
 - Marine Program is under the guidance of Fire Fighter Williamson with the assistance of Captain McNamara
- Advisory Group has been established to evaluate options for future apparatus purchasing and placement.

Facilities:

- Fire Station Needs Committee continues to have regular productive meetings.
- The station air compressor failed and needed to be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

School Building Sub-Committee Reports

Commissioner Zais - Policy Advisory Committee

- Not met and Commissioner Zais will reach out to the Chairman.

Facilities Committee - Needs Assessment

- **Station needs:**
 - many meetings in May 2024
 - meeting with estimator to see overall costs to be moving forward

By-Laws Committee

- No new meeting other than a brief session to approve of previous meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

BUDGET

- Not discussed.

Public Comment

- Audience member had a public comment regarding a break-in and vandalism in the church.

Chairman Conley and Commissioner Zais both expressed their appreciation for Commissioner Pisano. He has spent 12 years on the Board and this evening was his last official meeting.

Motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session and not go back into Open Session

- All in favor, motion accepted