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LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEF'S MEETING

July 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1907 hours

Roll call of officers: Present were Chairman Gallino, VC Buchner, Comm. Strong, Comm. Johnson and Comm. Stauffer. Also present were Chief McCarrick, Asst. Chief Martin and Asst. Chief Freund.

Next meeting will be August 27, 2024

Acceptance of minutes from June 25, 2024 meeting. Motion by Comm. Strong, 2nd by VC Buchner. All in favor

Two representatives from Munistat (Mike Loguercio and Tom Cartwright) gave a presentation on the pros and cons of bonding vs. leasing. The board will be exploring all options before purchasing apparatus.

Our EMS Coordinator Heather Stewart gave a presentation on RSI (Rapid Sequence Intubation) and airway I-gels. She would like to initiate policies to participate in this program. I-gels are capable of airway protection. EMT's are able to use this as well. This protects from aspiration of vomitus. We would need a policy and training program. The RSI program paralyzes the patient to stop the gag reflex. Different drugs are required (Ketamine) which can be used on patients with behavioral issues as well. New visual scopes are a must if the board wants to participate in RSI. This can be used on trauma patients, head bleeds, and unconscious non-breathing patients who are unconscious for unknown reasons. Our medical director would like all providers qualified except cc's who cannot participate. All drugs will be supplied by Mather. Heather would like morphine back. Our only option now is fentanyl. If the board approves this it will take between 6 months and one year to get underway. We would need two (one for each First Responder car). There are two very different prices ranging from \$7000 to \$40,000. The more expensive unit is highly rated by our medical

director and has several advantages over the cheaper model. Heather will have hard numbers for the board at the next meeting. Motion to proceed by Comm. Gallino, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief 30 reported that Bill Schmitz is out on medical non- fire dept. related as of July 10. Erick Idtensohn is out on military leave July 25 – Aug 9. Mark Franco is out on medical leave as of 7/15/24.

Chief 30 asked if future member Eric Borbee can be accepted pending his physical results. Motion to approve by Comm. Gallino, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Chief 30 asked about background checks for T. O'Reilly and G. Jackson. DM stated he submitted the request to SCPD on July 11. Nothing back as of now.

Ex-Chief Mike Yacubich requested to go Lifetime Inactive. Motion to approve by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All in favor.

Chief 30 inquired about status of E3. It is still at a vendor and they are awaiting a part. No ETA on completion.

Chief 30 asked about boots for FF Nick Siani. DM advised they were ordered and are on backorder. No ETA on delivery.

The Wildfire Task Force is looking to reschedule their meeting to August 13th at 1800 hours at Co. 2. Motion to approve by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Gallino. All in favor. Comm. Strong stated that the meeting may be a good time to speak with the DEC about the issues with the maps. They cannot be read when enlarged. Chief 30 stated he will try to speak with someone.

Chief 30 thanked the board for all of the recent purchases of equipment.

Chief 33 stated the smoke machine in the fire prevention trailer isn't working. Comm. Johnson will discuss this with Rob B in the morning. Comm. Strong stated that when the trailer was returned after our last fire prevention many items were on the floor and in disarray. Chief 33 stated that everything was put in place before transport back to district but may have fallen off shelves during trip back. A better way to secure everything is needed. This year's fire prevention will be Oct. 11, 2024.

Chief 33 stated he is now the blood drive coordinator for Rocky Point FD. He will need to complete room requests for any events.

District Manager's Report to Chiefs:

DM reported that flow testing will begin either 7/24 or 7/25.

All American Awards will be closed for vacation Aug 4 – 12.

DM gave Chief the latest PESH, OSHA and Fit Testing attendance sheets. Comm. Strong stated that something has to be done to the members who have not yet attended.

The forcible entry door was ordered on June 19th. DM called to check on status. It won't be in until beginning of Sept.

Hose testing will be done on August 13

Sutphen is scheduled to be here on July 30th for the annual service and inspection of L 14.

DM gave the Chief an insurance card for new member Keith Stewart.

The bottled water has been relocated to the Benevolent office. Comm. Stauffer asked who has access. DM stated the master key is in dispatch. Comm. Stauffer asked about confidential records that may be visible on the desk. He will check with the benevolent.

DM advised 31 that his replacement tire has not come in. He will check on it tomorrow.

Unit 29 is back in service with a new battery and replacement terminal.

DM completed Co 1 paperwork for their car raffle permit and returned to Dave Singer.

Chief 30 stated that there were some dispatcher issues during two recent calls. He spoke with Frank but wasn't able to obtain the radio recordings. The DM advised the Chief that when IWT replaced the computers in dispatch they did not migrate the recorder to the new system. IWT was contacted today and they will return as soon as possible when the parts arrive.

Comm. Johnson:

Comm. Johnson reported that the Co 3 kitchen AC is installed and working well.

The Coordinated Response drill is scheduled for Sept 18, 2024.

The co 3 dig should begin Thursday July 25th. The DM will send a text when it begins.

Comm. Johnson reported that the joint radio grant with Medford and North Patchogue has previously been submitted and 20% of grant money has been awarded. He recently obtained a MOU from both departments.

Comm. Johnson to discuss sending a blast fax for open weekend per diem first responder shifts with Heather.

Comm. Staufer:

Comm. Staufer stated Rescue 4 doesn't have a Knox key.

During the recent call when BNL responded there were communication problems between the lab and dispatch. Chief 33 will obtain the list of frequencies and give them to Comm. Staufer who will take care of it with the lab.

Comm. Staufer would like to get approval for the Chiefs cars to be detailed twice a year. He stated it is important to keep our assets looking good. He has a quote of \$400 per car. The DM would like to add 98 to the mix. Comm. Buchner would like a second price quote. Tabled until Comm. Staufer gets a second price.

Comm. Staufer gave a report from Frank W: Current trainees are P. Logan, S. McCabe, K. Kowalchuck, N. Calace, D. McGuinness, G. Hess, and M. Thrash. Ed Kress was dropped due to inactivity. New APC has been installed in the server closet. IWT installed the new computers. There are some issues with the voice recorder and touch screens. IWT to address. The FRES hotline is not working. Verizon was notified. We normally order 2 replacement PC's in January and 2 in July to replace older towers in one of the companies. Cost is \$3542. Motion to purchase by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All in favor. FW would like to purchase an engraver for pagers and portable radios. Three quotes were submitted Wecresat 2899.99/Omtech 3299.99/Bosslaser 7997.00. Motion to approve Wecreat for 2899.99 by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Strong. Comm. Buchner asked if engraving would void any product warranties. The DM will call Andrew at IWT before he orders the engraver.

Comm. Staufer asked if we should get a hitch for the new mechanic's truck. Motion to approve by Comm. Gallino, 2nd by Comm. Strong. The DM will ask Gerard to get a price and order it.

Comm. Buchner:

The BBQ at Co 2 is installed. It looks good. Rob will complete some electrical work soon.

Comm. Strong:

Stated the new apparatus purchases are in progress.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOFC:

Received a request to provide FRES with an updated list of our frequencies. Comm. Buchner will handle this.

The DM reported that four resumes were received for the district secretary position. One does not live in the district so that leaves three candidates. Interviews will be scheduled. The BOFC decided the starting salary will be \$50,000. The DM will let the board know who is interested in an interview and what the dates will be if any Commissioner would like to sit in.

DM received a request from resident Jack Mollinaro from 37 Ivy Rd. He would like to use 89 West for a support group for tinnitus sufferers. He would be willing to pay the district for use of the building. He would meet for about one hour twice a month. The board decided to grant permission free of charge. The DM will contact Mr. Mollinaro and tell him we would need the dates and times of use.

Rob B requests a replacement chop miter saw for \$499. Motion to approve by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Stauffer. All in favor.

Rob B stated the refrigerator at Co 1 needs replacement. It is very old and cannot be repaired. Two prices were obtained KaTom \$3058.20 and ACity Discount 3084.96. Motion to approve 3058.20 by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All in favor. DM will order.

Gerard requests a tablet to program the gas rings. The new rings require this tablet. Quote from our vendor EJ Ward for \$1875.65. Motion to approve by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Buchner. All in favor. DM to order.

Heather asked DM if BOFC is aware of the proposed 25 year legislation for first responders regarding NYS retirement. The board is aware and if the bill is passed the board would be required to abide by the legislation.

DM mentioned that the board had previously brought up that they wanted physicals every year for all members regardless of age. Motion by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Johnson to enact this policy starting in 2025. All in favor. Chief 30 present during discussion and vote and will advise membership.

Rob B submitted a proposal for generator service and preventative maintenance for the generators at the district office and Co 2. Power Pro quote of \$755 per year for

each for a total of \$1510 per year. Motion to approve by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Buchner. All in favor.

DM discussed lease extension with Crown Castle. We now have a new representative to deal with. Comm. Buchner believes we can do better. DM to research lease agreements between cell carriers and other fire districts. More to follow.

Continuing with our compliance goals for SC Health Dept concerning our underground fuel tanks it has been recommended by our compliance company to perform certain work on our equipment. Island Pump and Tank recommended manhole and spill bucket replacement behind the mechanic's shop at a cost of \$10,997.00 and drop tube and API color coding at Co 2 at a cost of \$2782.00. Motion to approve by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor.

One sealed bid has been received for the 2003 Chevy truck. The bid was opened and an offer in the amount of \$10,150.00 was submitted by G&S Trucking. This is over the minimum bid required. Before a decision was made to accept, Comm Gallino recused himself as the bid was submitted by his son's company. Motion to accept the offer by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All remaining Commissioners in favor. DM to prepare paperwork and notify the bidder.

Room request for Co 3 Oct 4th 6pm-10 pm submitted by the Benevolent Assoc. Motion to approve by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All in favor.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All in favor.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Buchner. All in favor.

Motion to accept the 2023 findings of our auditing firm Jones and Little by Comm. Gallino, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 2125 hours by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Buchner. All in favor.

Submitted by:



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