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## **LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING**

**August 27, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at 1900 hours**

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

**Next meeting will be September 24, 2024**

**Acceptance of minutes from July 23, 2024 meeting. Motion by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in favor.**

### **CHIEFS REPORT**

**Chief 31 reported that Karl Kupke is out on medical leave as of 7/29/24. Jack Crowley is out on college leave.**

**Chief 31 asked about two new members. Motion to accept Greg Jackson and Tom O'Reilly into the department by Comm Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.**

**Chief 32 spoke about a new junior program to permit 16-year-olds to respond with EMS. The district policy will have to be amended if the board agrees. It was decided to await guidelines from REMSCO. Chief 32 will follow up with Heather.**

**Chief 31 reported Donna Porter resigned from the department. DM advised all her equipment has been returned. Motion to accept her resignation in good standing by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson. All in favor.**

**Chief 31 requested replacement binoculars for 26. The old ones are broken. The cost is 678.59 for binoculars and a floating strap. Motion to approve by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Stauffer. All in favor. DM to order.**

Chief 31 requested replacement TICs for E7. The cost is 7994.98. Discussion followed as to the need and standardization. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer. Comms Gallino and Buchner in favor. Comm Strong opposed.

Chief 32 requested replacement boots. The soles are coming off. We now use Black Diamond. He requested to use a different brand. The board asked 32 to look at others and get prices.

Chief 32 requested new attire for the Chiefs. He'd like high visibility vests and jackets with Chief lettering. Board asked 32 to research and get prices.

Chief 32 discussed having one dispatcher handling the issuance of pagers, entering Red Alert and ID cards. Currently Frank W handles this but is not always working. Chief 32 stated this is problematic. The board decided to have the new district secretary trained to act as a backup. The DM will discuss this with Frank and the new secretary.

Chief 31 stated there is poor connectivity for tablets. This is an ongoing issue caused by the topography in our district.

Chief 31 requested SCWA be contacted about hydrant at Soundview Dr and Robin. Can it be relocated due to washout. The DM will contact SCWA.

Chief 31 stated Soundview and Grove had a second washout and is impassable.

Chief 31 discussed the possibility of acquiring new equipment that could assist during future storms. The last storm presented many access obstacles. We might want a small boat with a trolling motor. We might need to modify 95B for higher water access. Future discussions to be held.

Chief 31 reported minor damage to E17 during the storm. The DM has a report.

A policy and procedures draft was presented by Chief 33 followed by a lengthy discussion about dissolving Co 4 and placing those members into the respective companies. There were some issues with the policy submitted by the chiefs. Some changes must be made. After the revised version is received it will be sent to the fire district attorney for review and comment. More to follow.

Chief 33 spoke about constructing a live burn room. Some questions raised by the board were where will it be stored? Is it portable? What safety precautions and NFPA live burn requirements will be in place? More to follow.

Comm Strong stated that there will be lithium battery safety handouts produced by FASNY. We should get some for our fire prevention program. Chief 33 will handle.

Chief 30 asked 31 to bring up that Dave Singer, who is presently an honorary member, would like to continue hosting the 911 ceremony. Can he wear his Class A uniform? The board said yes.

Chief 31 stated that Northwell has not been handling some recent calls. He heard they might not be stationing an ambulance in the district. The DM will set up a meeting between Northwell executives and the district.

#### **COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS**

Comm Strong talked about the flooding event. The board and the Chiefs will look at what can be done better in the future.

Comm Strong stated that members no longer must perform the actual bailout for requalification. They only need to demonstrate proficiency. This can be done by using a simulated window at street level. Comm Staufer agreed. The department will be changing the bailout requalification procedure.

Comm Johnson reported that the AFG grant for 800 MHz radios was awarded. This was a joint application with Medford, North Patchogue and Rocky Point. Medford will get 57,000, North Patchogue 47,000 and Rocky Point 46,000.

Comm Staufer asked Chief 33 about the train the trainer for bailout. How many people are interested? Chief 33 stated 16 people.

#### **DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT**

Received two complaints from Stop and Shop front office about a Co 3 member who does not properly fill out vouchers for purchases. Chief 33 stated it has been handled.

We have new vouchers. It is no longer required to have the vendor sign them so that section has been deleted.

Unit 40 has been inspected and serviced. It is ready when 30 returns from vacation.

Discussed a proposal by Rob Bentivegna to solicit a donation from a businessperson he knows to assist with the purchase of a statue (The Rescue) for the proposed department memorial site at co 2. DM read a draft letter. The board appreciates Rob's interest. DM will check with our attorney for guidelines.

DM obtained a sample map of the RCA trails from DEC. He asked the Chiefs if this would work. The problem has been that when the maps are enlarged you lose resolution. Chief 32 will follow up with DEC. DM will provide contact information to 32 tomorrow.

Co 3's signal 8 fund has been depleted. No more vouchers will be processed. The chief will advise the company captain.

30 is listed as duty chief for tonight but is on vacation. 33 stated he will be covering.

DM advised that McGrath recalled about 10,000 intubation devices due to exploding lithium batteries. The district is considering purchasing this equipment and should look at a different vendor.

DM asked Comm Buchner if he wants the low band license renewed. Comm Buchner has been in touch with IWT.

DM advised of new policy for getting radios programmed by Suffolk County. There is more paperwork required due to black market devices being purchased online. DM will prepare updated paperwork and submit it to FRES and SCPD.

DM reported on annual ladder testing. We did well with ground ladders. All passed. There were two minor issues with Ladder 14 that have been addressed by our mechanic.

DM will be meeting with Intellishift to go over Silent Passenger. There are several vehicles that need to be deleted and a couple that are not sending a signal.

DM went over punch list from Sutphen about L14. All items are being addressed by the mechanic.

DM received one quote for fire sprinkler system inspection at co 2 from Gensinger in the amount of \$600.00. Motion to approve by Comm Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

DM met with SC Fire Marshal and FEMA representatives about storm damage. Paperwork submitted.

Our special budget meeting will be held Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1800 hours. Notices have been posted in the firehouses.

We need a replacement Red NMX kiosk for Co 3. Cost is \$3350. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in Favor.

DM brought A25 to Proliner for equipment transfer to our new ambulance and for them to assist us with the sale of 25.

New mobile radios have arrived. They have been inventoried and will be brought to Proliner.

**DM gave a transfer document to Comm Gallino for signature from Hometown Insurance for a National Life annuity.**

**DM had Gerard speak with Dave from Quality Industries and ask him to refrain from automatic stocking of hardware in the mechanic's shop. Gerard will now order specific items to save money.**

**DM discussed the ongoing cell tower lease renewal. The board decided to request an annual escalation of 4.5% for a five-year renewal. DM will contact Crown Castle representative tomorrow morning to discuss this. More to follow.**

**DM discussed a service contract renewal with Rose Mechanical. It was decided to ask Rob B to solicit other quotes.**

**We need two replacement 100 ft lengths of 5" hose that failed testing. One for E7 and one for E15. DM will get a quote.**

**DM received a request from Ladies Auxiliary to change the venue of the Easter party and tree lighting from Co 3 to Co 2. BOFC approved. DM will notify Ladies Auxiliary Captain.**

**DM brought up the EMS supply request from Heather. Teleflex EZ stabilizers cost \$100. Stryker pediatric reusable O2 sensors and Lucas disposable suction cups cost \$1567.80. Bound Tree medical masks cost \$1022.16. Hammer assorted medical supplies cost \$3763.37. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.**

**We need a replacement monitor for dispatch at a cost of \$1785.50. Motion to approve by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer. All in favor.**

**The district received a \$100 donation from Margaret Tuttle of Shoreham for us loaning her backboards to use for water safety training. Money turned over to our treasurer for deposit.**

**DM will repost the for sale offer for our old Tahoe. The new minimum bid will be \$4000.**

**DM gave updates on some Red Alert repair items: 16 back up camera in progress. VCI notified. They will be setting up an appointment to be here. 9 starting issue resolved. Battery has been replaced. 10 right side scene lights have been repaired. 26 left sponson issue is in progress. Port Inflatables no longer does commercial work. We are trying to find another vendor. I will contact TOB Division of Harbors and Waterways to ask who they use. In the meantime Rob and/or Gerard will try to replace the high flow pressure relief valve, however the part cannot be located. I will be trying a**

company in Canada to check on availability. 20 no headlights and no roof emergency lights issue is still open. Gerard will get to that when he catches up with other priorities. E3 airbrake housing will be addressed when time permits. Gerard will fabricate a plate. Unit 40 inspection is done and pm service performed. 95B tires were ordered and have not yet arrived. E17 OIC side bumper light requires a replacement bar. Gerard will handle it. E17 hydraulic fluid line leak is not the line. It is a leaking lift piston. The part is on order. A16 roof leak needs a new molding strip. Part ordered. A16 red grill light out. Replacement ordered. 6 multiple lights out. Gerard will get to this when time permits.

Comm Johnson gave an update on the digging project at Co 3. He will be calling the contractor for an update. He will also be recontacting NYSDOT for an update on the water problem at Co 3 from 25A. He also stated that he has a spreadsheet of Northwell calls and their response times as of Aug 13. Comm Buchner will be calling Stony Brook to discuss a proposal.

Comm Johnson submitted a quote from Grant Writing Experts for Emergency Services in the amount of \$3500 for implementing the AFG award that we recently received. Motion by Comm Johnson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor. DM to process.

Comm Staufer gave the final numbers for our new apparatus. R4 came in at 1.2899 mil and is 4 years out. The engine is 1.134 and is 3 years out.

Comm Staufer also stated we should explore selling our old dive equipment and any other old equipment located in the basement of the Chiefs building.

Comm Staufer read a report of dispatch items submitted by Frank W.

One room request was submitted for a blood drive at co 3. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

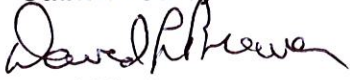
Motion to approve treasurer's report by Comm Staufer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Motion to approve the treasurer's warrant by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Motion to appoint Taylor McGuire as the new fire district secretary at a salary of \$60k effective August 26, 2024 by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 2130 hours by Comm Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Brewer" clearly distinguishable.

**David L. Brewer**

**Fire District Manager**