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LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1901 hours

Roll call of officers: Present were Vice Chairman Buchner, Comm Strong, Comm Johnson, Comm Staufer, District Manager Brewer, District Secretary McGuire, Treasurer Hauser, EMS Coordinator Stewart, Chief McCarrick, Asst. Chiefs Martin, Bernier, and Freund. Also in attendance was guest Tom Logan. Absent was Chairman Gallino due to his attendance at the State District conference.

Next meeting will be November 26th, 2024

Acceptance of minutes from September 24th, 2024. Motion to accept by Comm Strong, 2nd by VC Buchner. All in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT

30 asked if a prospective new member's background check was complete. DM reported background check came back, and the new member has a physical appointment scheduled with NDI for 10/26/24. Motion to accept new member George Macchio pending physical by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor. DM to notify the new member of acceptance pending physical.

30 requested 15 helmets for inventory. Based on the price of their quote from Firematic at \$6,135.00, 30 to report back with a secondary quote at the next meeting. More to come.

30 requested (4) new vests including printing at \$27 each and (4) new coats including printing and embroidering at \$159 each for a total of \$744.00. Motion to accept by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor. 32 to order.

31 and 32 discussed more research on water rescue equipment. 31 continuing to research specs and pricing on different boats. 31 and 32 also continued discussion on whether they

should go with waders and Comm Strong raised concerns. More to come on water rescue equipment.

30 asked for an update on Fire Police. DM Brewer stated no update and is waiting on attorney Glass for more information.

30 asked for an update on the forcible entry door. Comm Stauffer stated they are still waiting on equipment for it and will contact 30 when it is complete.

32 presented a concern regarding prospective new members and how there has been instances where they cannot get into the firehouse to sign the book at a call if no members are present to let them in. 32 asked if BOFC would be opposed to giving them key fob door access to resolve this. 32 also asked if prospective new members could have access to Red Alert to review calls and response status. BOFC stated they would be opposed to both door access and Red Alert access; and the policy for prospective new members remains the same.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS

Comm Johnson reported he is working with Comm Buchner on the new radios and has also been in contact with the other departments involved in the grant; they are moving forward to completion. More to come.

Comm Johnson reported they are still in the working stages of the Co 3 project. The test pits came back with a good report, and they are in contact with an engineer for a possible plan. More to follow.

Comm Strong reported the car and rented lights from Fire Prevention are still at Co 2 and requested for it to be taken care of. Comm Strong stressed how important it is to have better efforts with communication and clean up after events. DM to arrange to move the car from the presentation once he has the title. 33 to contact Sun Belt to pick up the rented lights.

Comm Strong requested the chiefs to reach out to Rob Bentivegna regarding their plans for the possible cassone trailers they would like to use for training.

VC Buchner reported the portables requested have been delivered. The chargers are set to be shipped on 10/25. DS McGuire stated she called Integrated Wireless Technology to program. Damian to contact her back with an appointment.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

DM Brewer adjusted prior service time in Red Alert for Austin Higley as per 32's request.

DM Brewer stated member Joe Carroll will be on military leave from 10/18/24-11/4/24

DM Brewer stated pump testing has been rescheduled from 10/23 to 11/4.

DM Brewer reported the ongoing internet outages that are affecting dispatch and Red Alert. Optimum and Island Tech Services have been here multiple times to resolve the issue. Optimum replaced outside wires and modem. ITS did a full software update. The internet issues seem to have resolved.

DM Brewer presented information to the chiefs given by Rocky Point High School teachers, who are asking if the department would be interested in attending their STEAM expo to promote interest of the fire department and EMS in the school.

DM Brewer reminded 30 about the \$250 donation check the department received from Selden; and again, he advised this was from the donation of tables and chairs from Co 2 to Selden's fundraiser. 30 to advise treasurer to write a check to Co 2.

DM Brewer made copies of TOB sump key per 32's request.

DM Brewer updated the chiefs and BOFC on the ongoing problems with Intellishift, our vehicle tracking company. DM stated our representative from the company will be coming to the Administrative Building 10/23 to deliver cables needed to start our requests and organize further appointments for service.

DM created a memo for the paid staff as per BOFC regarding reporting of vehicle damage. DM to distribute this week.

DM reported Rob Bentivegna is in the process of repairing damage in the chief's house. Damage was due to previous termites and water damage.

DM reported the attempt to cancel our contract with Cintas after BOFC recommendation. Our sales representative presented us with an early termination fee totaling \$29, 598.82 if we cancelled before our contract ends in Nov. 2026. BOFC chose to continue the contract with Cintas.

DM Brewer reported the Red Alert kiosk has been replaced at Co 3.

DM Brewer updated BOFC on their new agreement with Terrabone. Terrabone signed the contract and will begin to negotiate leases for the cell tower.

DM Brewer updated BOFC that an appointment has been scheduled at Chevy to disable the automatic shut off feature in the new chief's vehicle.

DM questioned BOFC on their decision to either sell or donate the old ambulances. BOFC advised to sell if possible and a motion was made by Comm Buchner to allow DM Brewer to act on their behalf in negotiations to sell the vehicles. 2nd by Comm Staufer. All in favor.

DM presented pictures of the new GI truck after it's paint job. More to follow.

DM reported there was a minor accident with ambulance 16 on 10/20. No damage or injuries were involved but a police report was filed to be cautious.

DM Brewer updated BOFC that preparation for the Bond Vote on 10/29 is complete. DM Brewer met with the tellers for training, DS McGuire met with a representative from PIPS to get the voting computers in working fashion, and Rob Bentivegna built new privacy boxes. If the bond passes, we are scheduled to have a Special Meeting on 10/30.

DM asked the BOFC if they would allow Meeting Hall Use fee to be waived for a member requesting to host a celebration of life for a passed family member. Motion to allow by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Johnson, all in favor. DM to notify the member.

DM notified BOFC we have an appointment with Rapid for ambulance 16 for a wheel alignment this Thursday 10/24.

At 1945 hours, 30 requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

At 2014 hours Executive Session ended and regular meeting resume. Motion to resume regular meetings by Comm Johnson, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.

Heather Stewart presented a quote from Hammer Medical for EMS supplies at a price of \$3,675.58. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Heather Stewart presented a quote from Hammer Medical for I-Gel equipment at a price of \$2,810.25. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Heather Stewart presented a quote from LI Proliner in the amount of \$3,675 for (3) Technimounts Life Pack 15 brackets and base (heavy duty version) to replace the existing less-durable mounts. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Heather Stewart requested \$250 for Thanksgiving and \$250 for Christmas Eve/Day for food for the staff working those days. Motion to approve by Comm Strong, 2nd by VC Buchner, all in favor.

Heather Stewart presented the BOFC with more information regarding the RSI training program and the visual scope equipment necessary to move forward with the application for the RSI training program. She stated that the visual scope equipment she is asking for, KARL STORZ C-MAC video laryngoscope, is the only option for this equipment that records your findings. She stated that this equipment can be beneficial on multiple different types of calls and can be used frequently. Lastly, she stated that KARL STORZ is a sole source for this piece of equipment. She will provide a sole source letter. Motion to approve the KARL STORZ C-MAC video laryngoscope 2 adult sets and 2 pediatric sets at a total of 41,375.22 pending sole source letter by Comm Stauffer, 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

Heather Stewart updated the BOFC on the incidents following the ambulance call on Canary Road on 9/19/24. Incidents have been reported and filed with the State.

Heather Stewart updated the BOFC that the LUCAS device is back in service, and the loner has been sent back. Heather reported the service to Stryker per protocol. Heather Stewart stated that she is getting concerns regarding members waiting to be cleared as EMTs in our department. She mentioned that these members must take the 12 lead training course before being cleared as an EMT. She offered the classes to the members and they have not taken the opportunities to do so.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Comm Stauffer requested a standing freezer for Company 1, their current freezer cannot be fixed. He presented 3 quotes: \$798.00 from Home Depot, \$878.00 from PC Richards, and \$879.00 from Best Buy. Motion to approve quote from Home Depot for \$798.00 by Comm Stauffer, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Comm Strong asked if the Red Alert bailout tracking system is activated yet as members of Co 2 had trouble accessing it. DM reported it is not yet activated, waiting on a training class from Alpine Software.

Comm Strong discussed his research so far on ideas to promote better driver safety. He spoke with contacts from our past Defensive Driving courses. He stressed how important it is to have vehicle safety for everyone involved.

Comm Strong requested the district policies be updated to reflect NDI as our current medical provider. DM and DS will work on updating.

Comm Buchner made a motion to purchase a GTR8000 base radio and related equipment and programming for our 800 MHz system on the water tower in the amount of \$29,585.33. 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

ROOM REQUESTS:

1. Fred Hess Co. 3 11/23/24 1200-1600 Memorial Service

A motion was made by VC Buchner to adopt the 2025 budget in amount of \$8,629,364. The motion was 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Strong to approve treasurer's report, 2nd by Comm Stauffer. All in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Strong to approve the treasurer's warrant, 2nd by Comm Stauffer. All in favor.

A motion was made by VC Buchner to declare 2007 Chevy ambulance (old ambulance 25) , 2009 Chevy Tahoe (old chief vehicle), and 2006 Ford ambulance (old ambulance 12) as surplus. Motion 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by VC Buchner at 2129, 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

Prepared and submitted by Taylor McGuire, District Secretary