

WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024

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Meeting called to order at 1903

Present were Chairman Gallino, VC Buchner, Comm Johnson, Comm Strong, Comm Stauffer, Asst. Chiefs Martin, Bernier, Freund, DS McGuire. Absent were DM Brewer and Chief McCarrick.

33 presented 2 quotes for (15) helmets; 1. from Firematic Supply at \$409.00 per helmet totaling \$6135.00. 2. from Hi-Tech Fire & Safety at \$424.44 per helmet totaling \$6366.60. Motion to approve by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor. 33 to contact Mark from Firematic for the order.

32 requested (10) suspenders from Hi-Tech Fire & Safety at \$56.06 each totaling \$560.60. Motion to approve by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

32 stated they are looking into sizes and prices for (12) pairs of boots, more to come at the next meeting.

31 asked the BOFC if there was an update from the lawyer regarding the policy for Fire Police and dissolving Company 4. 33 stated the Chief's policy has been updated and Chairman Gallino stated per the lawyer it is subject to approval by the BOFC. A discussion was had, and concerns were raised by Comm Buchner. A motion was made by Comm Stauffer to adopt the Chief policy in dissolving Company 4 as of 1/1/2025, 2nd by Comm Johnson, all in favor. A concern was raised by 32 regarding raising the quota of the companies if Company 4 members are dissolved into their respective companies. More to follow.

31 asked for an update on the RCA property maps. DS McGuire stated the district is in contact with John Wernet, Supervising Forrester of the DEC, and asked for confirmation on the size they need. 32 requested 24x36. District to continue contact with Mr. Wernet. More to follow.

32 requested (6) hip waders from Zoro, (3) size 11, (3) size 13, \$122.99 each totaling \$737.94. Motion to approve by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor. DS McGuire to order.

31 presented 3 quotes for the Zodiac ERB380 Rigid Emergency Response Boat. 1 quote- LI Proliner for \$12,422.00 for the boat and \$867.00 for lettering and logo on port and starboard, totaling \$13,289.00. 2 quote- Zodiac MillPro for the Zodiac ERB380 Rigid Emergency Response Boat at \$12,422.22. 3 quote- All Island Marine of Suffolk Inc for the

Zodiac ERB-380 at \$12,800.00. Motion by Comm Staufer to approve the quote from LI Proliner for \$13,289 for the boat and lettering, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

31 presented a quote from Port Inflatables for a Yamaha F25 SMHC motor for \$3,800.00. Motion by Comm Staufer to accept, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor. DS McGuire to hold off on ordering as per 31 and 32 until after the boat is ordered.

33 presented more ideas for the Cassone containers after meeting with Rob Bentivegna. Rob Bentivegna is going to reach out to a company to have a base set for the containers and think about privacy for the neighbors (a fence, trees, etc.).

31 thanked the BOFC for the new chief's vehicle.

32 brought up a discussion regarding the accessibility for the gator to enter Tides beach. He asked for contact information for the Town of Brookhaven to speak to and discuss this problem. Chairman Gallino gave him a contact and 32 will draft a letter to send to the TOB.

32 reported Fire Police is being requested by Yaphank Fire Department for their Christmas Parade on 12/7/24 from 3p-9p. 32 was informed by the district that Rocky Point's Tree Lighting on Broadway is the same night.

DS McGuire reported that she sat in on a training with Alpine(Red Alert), Frank Wainwright, and Dave Brewer to learn the SCBA and Bailout modules for Red Alert. Alpine to input any outstanding inventory information into the modules so we can go live with the program.

DS McGuire reported that Frank stated he has multiple pagers programmed and available for use that he will leave in the district office for the office staff in case of any new members or if existing members have pagers needing repair.

DS McGuire reminded the chief staff that the Director of Development for Tesla invited RPFDF leadership to their annual gala at Flowerfields in St James on 11/21 from 6p-10p to honor the efforts of RPFDF during the Tesla fire. 31 stated he received the email and will RSVP.

At 1950 hours a motion was made by Chairman Gallino to enter executive session to discuss personnel, 2nd by Comm Johnson, all in favor.

At 2010 hours a motion was made by Chairman Gallino to exit executive session and continue regular meeting, 2nd by Comm Johnson, all in favor.

Comm Johnson reported due to the issues at Co 3 with their kitchen fans and regular maintenance, they are looking for a company to get the HVAC system cleaned in each firehouse.

Comm Johnson reported roadwork will be taking place on the nights of 11/21 and 11/22 in front of Co #3 to hopefully resolve the flooding issue. DS McGuire to put out a text to the department to use caution when responding.

A motion was made by Comm Strong to purchase 4 more Air-Paks from MES Coastal totaling \$33,056.56, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor. DS McGuire to order.

Comm Strong presented his research and ideas to update the district's accidents policy. More to follow.

Comm Strong presented his research on updating the district's medical leave policy. More to follow.

Comm Strong reported the new GI truck has arrived and is being prepared to go into service.

Comm Strong reported there is a new company that debuted hand lights that seem to be identical to our advanced hand lights. DS McGuire reported the vendor's name is Rescue Product International; and that she put out an online inquiry for more information. More to follow.

Comm Buchner inquired about the new chief's vehicle and the vehicle's radio and equipment to 31. 31 stated all is working well.

Comm Staufer reported the bond vote for the new rescue engine passed, however he was not happy with the turnout of department members who attended the vote.

Comm Staufer asked 31 if there is any update on the "train the trainer" class for bailout. 31 stated no new information but will continue to follow up.

Comm Staufer asked 31 if there is any update on the demo for air bags. 31 stated no new information and will follow up.

Comm Staufer raised concerns for the Northwell EMS contract. Their response times are either extremely long, or they do not take the call. Comm Buchner stated we can terminate at any time with no penalty. Chairman Gallino asked DS McGuire to draft a letter to our contact at Northwell reflecting our concerns and ask for possible termination.

We received a letter of resignation from Karl Kupke. Motion to approve resignation in good standing by Comm Johnson, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

DS McGuire reported the district received an invoice from Sun Belt Rentals for the rental of (2) light posts that were needed for Fire Prevention Night; due to no pickup scheduled, the vendor billed us for a 4-week price instead of the 1-day price. 33 to rectify with the vendor. DS McGuire will wait for a notification from the vendor.

DS McGuire presented the 2025 proposal from Island Tech Services for software and hardware upgrades for the year. BOFC to review and decide if they would like to move forward with the upgrades.

DS McGuire on behalf of DM Brewer mentioned that he received an email regarding inquiries about our File of Life program. The BOFC will discuss the possibility of bringing back the program for 2025.

DS McGuire reported the Town of Brookhaven sand and salt use agreement has been signed and sent back for the year 2025.

DS McGuire gave an update on the sales of our old vehicles. Our 2007 ambulance has been sold for \$9,000. There has been no interest in our 2006 ambulance. There is 1 potential offer on our 2009 Tahoe for \$4,000. More to come.

DS McGuire reported that both the new EMS responder vehicle and the new chief vehicle have been brought to Eagle Chevy for the auto shut off features to be disabled and the recall on software to be resolved. Both appointments are complete.

DS McGuire reported DM Brewer has been in contact with Suffolk County OEM and FEMA regarding reimbursements for the August storm.

DS McGuire presented vouchers from the companies pertaining to the purchases of assorted beverages to discuss the high amounts. The BOFC will further discuss possible ways to put stipulations on the amount of money spent on beverage purchases.

Motion by Chairman Gallino to adjourn meeting at 2059, 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor.