

DRAFT

JB _____
HS _____
TG _____
KS _____
DH _____

LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING

MARCH 25th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 1835 with roll call of officers. Present were Chairman Buchner, Vice Chairman Strong, Commissioner Gallino, Commissioner Stauffer, Commissioner Handel, District Manager Brewer, District Secretary Lattman, Chief Martin, Asst. Chiefs Bernier, Freund, and Kowalchuk. Also in attendance was guest Tom Logan. Absent was Treasurer Hauser due to a work obligation.

Next meeting will be April 22nd, 2025.

Acceptance of minutes from February 25th, 2025 meeting by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT

30 reported a status change for FF Dylan Pisaneschi to Class E per Dr. recommendation.

32 reported FF David Paulos has met all requirements to join the department. Motion to accept David Paulos into the department by Comm Handel, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

30 reported Robert Brogden requested to go from active status to lifetime inactive status. Motion to accept by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

30 presented new ideas for EMS gear after last week's meeting. Two quotes were given: 1. Fire-end.com for \$844.25 per set. 2. Hammer Medical for \$824.90 per set. Motion made by Comm Buchner to purchase 17 sets of EMS gear, including EMS jackets with removable liner and EMS pants, from Hammer Medical totaling \$14,023.30, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

30 presented two quotes for Thorogood Gen-Flex 2 Tactical EMS boots. 1. Innovateistore.com for \$207.95/pair. 2. Hammer Medical for \$169.95/pair. Motion made by Comm Buchner to purchase (8) pairs of boots from Hammer Medical totaling \$1,359.60, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor. Chiefs to distribute sets of gear and boots.

32 started a discussion about implementing the use of drones into the department. Also discussed was the necessary class and license needed to operate drones. Brought to the board's attention was the request for the chiefs to take an online training course for Part 107 to become FAA certified. The board was not opposed but would like more information on the equipment before any classes are taken. The chiefs will research equipment to bring to the BOFC.

30 requested (3) additional BCD996P2 scanners at \$398.00 each from Amazon. One for each firehouse. Motion made by Comm Stauffer to approve purchase, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor. DM to order.

33 requested reimbursements for his helmet shield priced at \$245.00. Motion to accept by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

30 requested tablets for the brush trucks. Motion made by Comm Stauffer to purchase (4) Apple iPad 16s at \$499.00 each, (4) mounts at \$77.99, and (4) cases at \$16.14 each, all from our current district Verizon Wireless plan, totaling \$2,372.52, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

30 stated the chief staff is canvassing the membership to see who would be interested in taking a safety officer class. The chiefs will follow up with a plan in the near future.

30 presented information for online TIPS certification classes. It was discussed that the board will offer this to the membership. The district will set up an online account where members can receive

a code to log on and take the online course at their leisure and it will be paid for directly by the district. Office staff to handle. More to come.

30 requested permissions to look into the Suffolk County Fire Academy Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) course offered exclusively to fire department junior programs for junior firefighters at the age of 16 ½ years old. The class would be held on Sundays from 0900-1200 hours at North Patchogue FD for 15 sessions. A discussion was held. A motion was made by Comm Stauffer to permit juniors at 16 ½ years of age to attend, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor. BOFC stated they can use the van for travelling to the sessions with a qualified driver and stressed the importance of having department members available to lead them to the program.

A motion was made by Comm Stauffer to approve 1 ambulance to stand by for Easter Egg Hunt held at JAE school hosted by the Lions Club on 4/12/25 from 1000-1200 hours, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Stauffer to approve 1 ambulance and gator to standby for V.F.W. 5k Run on 5/31/25 from 1200-1400 hours at RCA property/RPHS.

30 updated the BOFC on a PPE policy they intend to implement. A draft policy was sent to the district lawyer for review. A discussion was held. More to follow.

30 asked the BOFC if there is a plan for the brush trucks to have 800 radios installed. The board stated they are working towards this, but other trucks are taking priority.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS

Comm Stauffer asked the chiefs if they found tools for amb 12 as requested. Chiefs stated no updates, and they will continue to look.

Comm Stauffer reported the Setcom headsets have been installed into B-6 and stated he spoke to the Capt. to make sure his members know the protocol for using the headsets.

Comm Stauffer raised concerns regarding EMTs calling in at Co. 3 when there is no ambulance available during 2nd alarms. He suggests that the EMTs call into Co. 2 if there is an ambulance. Chief to address members.

A motion was made by Comm Stauffer to purchase (3) pairs of Vanguard structural gloves from Firematic at \$92.81 each, and (3) pairs of Flame Plus structural gloves at \$119.00 each, totaling \$635.43, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor. This will be for a trial. 33 to get sizing. DM to order.

Comm Strong reported L-14 is undergoing repairs, and it is on track with the expected schedule. It is also in progress with additional maintenance as discussed in last week's meeting.

The annual contract price for L-14 inspections has been reduced from \$1,700.00 to \$1,400.00, being that there is no travel expenses included in the price since the truck is already at their facility.

Motion made by Comm Strong to approve annual inspection contract for L-14, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Comm Strong reported the brush truck preventative maintenance is underway. B-6 and B-19 are complete, and B-9 will start tomorrow.

Comm Strong updated the chiefs on 26. He mentioned that the vendor who normally does the annual service may not be interested in doing so, and the mechanic will find other options for other vendors.

New fire police vehicle 11 is complete and ready to be in service. Chief to handle putting 11 in service.

Old fire police vehicle 11 has been sold for \$12,600 this week.

Comm Strong gave an update on a 7-year tire replacement program. They will start with R-4 and E-3. They are in the process of getting prices.

Rose Mechanical is still in progress with fixing the heated ramps at Co. 2.

The columns on the bay floor at Co. 2 are getting damaged. A price was given by Chivvis for (8) pieces of aluminum diamond plate, \$200 per panel, totaling \$1,600.00, to be cut and placed around

the columns to prevent further damage. A motion was made by Comm Strong to purchase, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor. Rob to install.

Comm Strong stated that recently Co. 2 used their own funds to purchase a table for their bay floor. Comm Strong presented a quote from LaFo's Performance Glass Inc. for a 1/4 in. thick 47 1/2 x 118 3/16 clear shatterproof plexi glass at a total price of \$575.00 to protect the tabletop. Motion made by Comm Strong to approve purchase, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

The parking lots of all stations are due for seal coating. Comm Strong reported that the parking lot at Co. 2 is breaking up from the ground settling. Rob to research pricing to complete the parking lots for Co. 1 and Co. 2. Co. 3 will not be done at this time due to a possible dig project.

The Department Memorial Committee is looking to start phase 1 of the project hopefully in May. Phase 1 will include leveling the ground and the retaining wall. The donations have been coming in. The 9/11 Memorial site will need replacement lighting, and they are looking into prices to hopefully get done this spring.

Comm Strong updated the chiefs on the cancer prevention program. The board met with Viking Fire last week to discuss trialing gear. Additionally, the board discussed their ideas to have 3 members to trial 3 sets of gear, each from a different vendor, over a 90-day period. At the end, they will evaluate the outcome to make a fair decision on which vendor to go with.

Comm Strong suggested moving all large mandatory trainings and meetings to the bay floor of Co. 2 instead of being held in the upstairs hall. A motion was made by Comm Strong to purchase a projector for \$189.98 from Amazon, a projector stand for \$29.99 from Amazon, a projector screen with stand for \$84.99 from Amazon, and a wireless microphone pack for \$52.99 from Amazon, totaling \$357.95, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor. This equipment will be used for these trainings and meetings on the bay floor or whenever necessary.

Comm Strong expressed his concerns that our 95th anniversary is not being celebrated properly. He stressed the importance of preserving our history. Comm Buchner agreed. Comm Strong proposed an idea of making shirts for all department members, Ladies Auxiliary, and paid employees, paid for by the district. He asked for permission to pursue this idea and to get pricing. Motion to accept by Comm Handel, 2nd Comm Buchner, all in favor. DS Lattman to get sizing for employees. Chiefs to get sizing for members.

Comm Buchner told the chiefs that 5/14/25 will be the date of the uniform inspection for the department.

Comm Buchner told the chiefs that 6/7/25 will be the house and truck inspection for the department.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Comm Stauer updated the control substance policy for the district policy book. Given to DM.

Comm Stauer presented a quote from Stryker for reuseable pulse ox sensors for both pediatric and adult, totaling \$1,989.46. Motion to approve by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Comm Stauer presented a quote from Hammer for inventory EMS supplies totaling \$2,212.00. Motion to accept by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Comm Stauer presented a quote from Bound Tree for rechargeable IO needles totaling \$4,654.63. Motion to accept by Comm Stauer, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

Comm Stauer presented a quote from Hammer Medical for training mannequins for difficult airway training totaling \$5,991.94. Motion to accept by Comm Stauer, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

Comm Stauer updated the board that they received a response regarding the FOIL request they submitted for an EMS call. The response received stated that their request was denied. The reasoning for the denial stated that radio records can not be FOIL, they must be subpoenaed. Comm Stauer requested the old Hurst Maverick tool and the old MOC cutter to be placed on Auctions International.

Comm Stauffer stated that behind the mechanic's garage there is a lot of old equipment, tools, and miscellaneous items. A discussion was held regarding cleaning it up. Comm Stauffer will go through the items. More to follow.

Comm Stauffer asked DM if there is an update on Hometown coming to our meeting for their presentation. The DM reported that Hometown will present on 4/22/25 at 1730 hours. Comm Stauffer would like to know if Firefly can come to make their presentation 4/15/25 at 1730 hours. A discussion was held regarding plans for the old fire police room.

Comm Stauffer brought up a discussion for Red Alert and having paid employees clock in/out for their shifts. It was decided by the board that they will start to use this module in Red Alert. Comm Stauffer will draft a policy for next month's meeting, and they will soon trial this module.

Comm Handel discussed the contract the district has with Cintas Corp. She recently found that they have been over charging us and feels this service is not necessary to have. She asked the district lawyer for assistance to terminate the contract.

Rob will start working on the server closet upgrades to get the area prepped for Adept Tech. on Monday.

Co. 1 bay floor speaker is working better. IWT came to assess yesterday.

Co. 1 ice machine replacement has been ordered.

Adept Tech will be dropping off server equipment tomorrow to the district office.

Comm Strong addressed the draft amended accident policy.

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT

DM shared an email he received for a follow-up regarding the Crown Castle cell tower lease. There has been no progress.

Ken Strohm from Appraisal Affiliates has been in contact with the office staff for our audit for the year 2024. DM asked the board some of Ken's questions regarding our assets.

DM received MV104 report for L-14.

DM received a call from Allstate, the insurance carrier of the party involved in the L-14 accident. They will be accepting full liability, and they will move forward with processing the claim. All documentation requested by Allstate has been sent.

Old fire police vehicle 11 has been taken off our insurance.

The buyer for 2012 red Tahoe will be coming to pick up the vehicle on Thursday. The buyer comes from a low budget fire department in Ohio and asked if we would be able to meet him at MacArthur airport as he does not have enough fundraised money to get to us after his flight. The board approved Gerard to meet him at the airport.

The generators have been serviced this week.

We received a letter of appreciation from the Terry Farrell Fund in reference to our donations made earlier this month.

Our annual flow testing is scheduled for 6/23/25 with MES Coastal.

NY Life Insurance premium is due. Hometown called to get permission to pay the premium with dividends in the account. The board gave permission. Chairman to sign letter to be given to Hometown.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

Motion to accept treasurer's warrant by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 2047 hours by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Taylor Lattman

Fire District Secretary