

Fire Commissioner's Meeting Minutes

8.10.21

Present: Chairman Rick Pisano, Commissioner's Adam Zais & Kevin Conley,

Fire Chief Paul Rhude, Deputy Chief Pouliot

– meeting live at Freedom Hall in addition to ZOOM-

- **Public Comment**
 - **No Public Comment**

Meeting Minutes from 7.27.21

-motion to accept minutes – all in favor

Fire Chief Report:

- 84 total responses
 - Car Fire in Cotuit
 - Mutual Aid/Structure Fire
 - 51 Medical Calls
 - 2 Watercraft rescues
 - One was to mutual aid in Mashpee
 - One was in Cotuit
 - 6 Hazardous Conditions calls – wires down
 - 23 Service Good Intent/False Alarm
 - No “frequent flier” false alarm
 - Good Intent means (Scenario) Neighbor sees steam coming from next door neighbor house and calls FD. Turns out to be steam from a dryer. It was a “Good Intent” and meant well but it wasn't a real emergency.

New Business:

- “Chief's Corner”
- **FY 21 End of Year Budget Update**

Administration:

- **Cotuit FD will follow CDC guidelines in response to uptick in COVID rates nationally**
 - Staff will be wearing facial coverings anytime they are in public places
- Shift changes for the coming month
 - It has been about a year and a half since the last shift change
 - Chief Rhude and Deputy Pouliot have spoken about evening out experience levels
 - Scheduling software is being done by Scott Lansing who is working with ProSoftware & he will train everyone on how to use it

PRO EMS REPORT

- No new report since last meeting was late

Training:

- Close Handling Search and Rescue scheduled for 10.15.21 9am-12 noon @ Cotuit Elementary School
 - Still waiting for the final “ok” from the Town but it does not seem to be an issue
- Forceful Entry scheduled for 9.12.21 from 9am-12noon with a mobile prop that’s offered by Barnstable County. Trailer will most likely fit at Cotuit Elementary School as well. (Just the parking lot).
- Community CPR scheduled for 10.4.21 @ Freedom Hall from 5pm-8pm and will be advertised in the Cotuit Currents
 - Depending on the COVID levels, this has the potential of being canceled
- CPR and First Aid Training with the Boy Scouts – no date yet (will be advertised in the Cotuit Currents)
 - EMS officer Casey Staggs is working with them regarding this
 - Other training is being offered to Boy Scouts as well:
 - Boat Safety Training
 - Fire Safety Training

Personnel:

- One person out on IOD
 - Nothing new to report although there has been a little improvement

Apparatus:

- Backup engine went to Sandwich for a few days
- Replacement car for Deputy is due September 2021

Facilities:

- Not much progress has been made since last meeting
- Holding off on any Station Tours right now

Needs Assessment:

OLD BUSINESS:

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH CAPE COD HEALTHCARE

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Commissioner Conley stated that Public Comment on the front end and the back end is a good idea and there should be a limit of 2 minutes.
 - *Commissioner Conley asked Commissioner Zais what the Water Department Committee or Prudential Committee's standpoint is.*
 - **Commissioner Zais answered that Policy Advisory Committee has not met.**
 - Commissioner Zais commented that his understanding of the two “Public Comment” times (one at beginning and one at end) was so that the person commenting would not have to wait until the next meeting as that was the “overarching idea” and lends itself to a “feeling of more transparency”
 - Commissioner Zais made a Motion to consider the public recommendation of the Policy Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the three-minute limit on individual comments
 - *Commissioner Conley asked if that was a Total of 3 minutes or was it three-minutes on the front and three-minutes on the back*
 - **Chairman Pisano answered that any comment is limited by 3 minutes.**
 - Commissioner Conley & Zais voted in favor, Commissioner Pisani abstained, passed by majority.
- Chief Rhude commented that Fran has typed into the public chat that Town Council has a 3-minute limit on Public Comment

Commissioner Zais - School Building subcommittee

SCHOOL PROPERTY

Commissioner Zais – Elementary School update

FIREFIGHTER PHYSICAL FITNESS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Conley & Chief Rhude

- Still waiting to hear from FF Brian Lee & FF Christian Gardner who are working with Union President Casey Staggs
 - They are coming up with some recommended guideline based on the strength and conditioning class that they took with Sandwich Fire.

****SEPTEMBER 11TH CEREMONY WILL BE AT THE STATION – OUTSIDE – AT 9AM**

End of Meeting Public Comment

- No end of meeting public comment

Motion to go into Executive Session, second, all in favor.