



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- Minutes-

Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Call to Order 6:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: K. Brown, A. Fuller, J. Lewis, T. Vicchiariello, M. Fuller, M. Mann, D. Rivera

Public Comment: (5-minute limit per person). None

Approval of the Minutes: Not enough members to approve.

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- Engine 5 Update – Engine has arrived, and they have begun work on dis-mantling the transmission to remove the old motor. Estimated 2-4 weeks for the repair.
- Truck 7 went to OC Truck and is now in Warwick for Turbo repairs.
- Fire training center has had damage to the steel doors and the facility cannot be used until we have cameras in place to secure the facility. Misty will email PD to see if we can get a cost on a camera system.
- FD stood by at the school bon fire and will be flying the flag for the homecoming game.
- Engine 6 sewer line is un-repairable. DPW is putting together a plan for a sewage pump grinder to be placed in the basement as a work around of the damaged pipe.
- Boat ramp at West End Beach is in progress and the curb cut at Waters Edge is complete.
- Thursday, Sept 21st is the award ceremony in Montgomery. Two of our firefighters are receiving Orange County Firefighter of the Year Awards.
- FD and the fire inspector have been working on the issues at Kolmar on the Mountain site after the fire.
- Subcommittees
 - o Get Better Workgroup
 - The city clerk sent out a potential apparatus replacement plan for bonding. The numbers and timeline really do not work to maintain apparatus life expectancy of 20 years old.
 - o Central Fire Station Workgroup
 - Next step is a need vs. wants study. This would also include a study of existing facilities and the potential to re-purpose/sell those buildings. Chief is working with Valerie Magensky on potential grant funds “Resiliency” that may be available to help with the start of this project.
- No news on the AFG grant, they have begun releasing grants.

New Business:

- August 2023 call volume was 34 total calls. First Ward (4), Second Ward (6), Third Ward (6), Fourth Ward (8), Mutual Aid to Neighboring Districts (10).

Emergency Management Report:

Old Business:

- Farnum Phones are still not functioning appropriately. This is an ongoing issue over the past year now. Some lines are now working but Police, DPW and the buildings dept. are still not working.
- Replacement sirens are here; we have to wait for the rental of the high low in order to complete the replacement process.
- The dams are all full except for Cannonsville which was drawn down for the project that has now been postponed.

New Business:

- Orange and Rockland annual disaster drill went well with a few minor issues. Coordination between the Hospital, Radio Station and School are always a work in progress.
- Matamoras has their AM Radio station back up and running and can be utilized for Public Service announcements at any time. 1630AM

Vehicle Maintenance:

- All apparatus service and inspections are completed for the year.
- Truck 7 had some codes showing and after evaluation it will need the turbo replaced. This will need to be addressed soon. Estimate from OC Truck is \$10,000 to \$12,000. We are awaiting a second estimate from Warwick.
- DEF lines at Truck 7 are still an issue.

Fire Inspector Report:

- Kolmar on the mountain – all parties are on board to demolish and remove the wooden structures that remain at this location. They will have workers on site later this week to work on boarding up and securing remaining structures.
- 911 boxes are a work in progress, Dave will follow up with DPW.

Public Comment: (5-minute limit per person)

Adjournment: **6:51pm**

*Next F&EM Meeting **Wednesday, October 25th, 2023**, at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers*