



# FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



## - Minutes -

### Fire Chiefs

Anthony Fuller  
Jeffrey Lewis  
Chris Southerd

February 16, 2026 @6:30 PM

### Committee Chairman

Jeffrey S Rhoades

### Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

### Committee Members

Gerald Oney  
Stanley Siegel  
Colin O'Connell

### Fire Inspector

Craig Becker

Call to Order 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Jeffrey S Rhoades, Stanley Siegel, Gerald Oney, Tony Fuller, Thomas Vicchiariello, Jason Vicchiariello, Craig Becker, Jeff Lewis, Chris Southard and Jeff Rohrer

**Public Comment:** (5 minute limit per person). NONE

**Approval of the Minutes:** January 2026 minutes approved by Stan Siegel and seconded by Gerold Oney

### **Fire Chief's Report:**

#### Old Business:

- Fire Department Calls for last month were 49, 14 of them were mutual aid
- No one showed up for the Engine 2 meeting. Decisions will have to be made by April 1st
- Lexipol is looking good and up to date

#### New Business:

- Getting quotes on the LoSap program
- Looking at selling the old Scott Packs
- Looking into a recall on the ladder racks on the Squad
- SCBA is complete and all packs are in service in the trucks

### **Emergency Management Report:**

#### Old Business:

- Truck 7 still has ongoing issues
- Squad has a battery/air maintaining issue and its not covered by warrantee
- Fire Department lost their slot at the city barn for another Wednesday.
- Sparten is coming to do work on the bumper for the Squad/Engine 1

#### New Business:

- Information was received that the fire trucks do not need a NYS inspection and will not affect insurance
- There are no longer any FEMA Investigators and could be a concern in an emergency

- There is no issue with the river and no water has been let out from the lakes
- DPW has been coving up the hydrants during snow removal making access difficult
- There is no access to West End Beach. A path hasn't been plowed for access to the river

Fire Inspector Report:

- 81 inspections behind 13 are in process
- New hotel has MHE reviewing the plans
- Tri-State Fish is now going to be Crown Fried chicken, Hood may need testing for the new equipment
- 9 Orchard St is renovation an office
- 19 Neversink Ave is going to have a Rack System which was discussed
- KDC installed an alcohol storage system and will be tested next week.
- 100 Pike St is getting a new Hair Salon and Middletown Medical will be expanding.
- Waters Edge will be getting a new Knox Box installed
- Bon Secours radio system may be modified to add a radio channel for emergencies
- It was discussed if they are going to need any radio enhancements on large building

**Public Comment: (5 minute limit per person) NONE**

**Adjournment: 6:51 PM**

*Next F&EM Meeting March 16, 2026 at 6:30pm, in the Council Chambers*



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## **Monthly Report February 2026**

### **Completed Safety Inspections**

- Venture Inn, 130 Jersey Ave
- Up Front Arts, 31 Jersey Ave
- Crown Fried Chicken, 103-129 Jersey Ave
- Tristate Muscle and Fitness, 100 Pike St

### **Safety Inspections in Progress**

- Tom's Auto, 73-75 Fowler St
- The Reserve, 20 Front St
- Krek Construction, 80 East Main St
- Tristate VFW Naval Ship, 44-46 Barcelow St
- Gray Parker Funeral Home, 98-106 East Main St
- Bon Secours Hospital, 160 East Main St
- St Peters Lutheran Church, 31 West Main St
- Stacey's Hair Design, 84 Front St
- KDC One, 20 West King St
- Burger King, 100 Pike St
- PJ Express Laundromat, 19 Hamilton St
- State Farm, 20-22 East Main St

### **Completed New Projects**

- Demarino's Dispensary, 110 Jersey Ave
- Easy Jay's, 273-279 East Main St

### **Projects in Progress**

- Hotel, 61 Front St
- Gym/Fitness Center, 100 Pike St Suite 3
- Apartments, 24-32 Front St, ongoing with alarm acceptance tests as each unit is completed.
- Rumshocks 297 East Main St
- Jay's Mobile, 1 Kingston Ave
- 88-90 Front St
- Bon Secours, 160 East Main St, fire wall and alarm addition.
- Convenience Store, 55 Seward Ave
- Storage Container, KDC, 20 W King St
- KDC new hazardous storage container

### **Violations Issued**

- Krek Construction, fire extinguishers.

### **Tickets Issued**

- None

### **Existing Parcel Issues Resolved**

- Waters Edge Knox Box key update.
- 51-55 Front St, alarm was not being monitored, it is now.
- 150 Pike St, Knox Box relocation, alarm device labeling, silence and reset instructions. Knox Box issues resolved, working on the other issues with a representative from Port Jervis Schools.

**Existing Parcel Issues in Progress**

-61 Front St, Hotel. I am working with the owner to make sure there is a radio communication system for the fire department.

-134 Pike St, Recreation Center, alarm updates and deficiency fix.

-28 Cole St, broken sprinkler pipe.

-160 East Main St, Bon Secours radio communication improvement.

**Other/Miscellaneous**

--None