



# FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



## - Minutes-

### Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown  
Anthony Fuller  
Jeffery Lewis

Monday, July 17, 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, T. Vicchiariello, M. Fuller, M. Mann, S. Siegel, T. Simmons, K. Decker, E. Miller, D. Rivera

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** June 2023, Approved; Motion T. Simmons Second M. Mann

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

#### Old Business:

- Engine 5 Update – They are still waiting on a hard date from the engine manufacturer. Once the engine is received we expect the truck to be back in the city within 6-8 weeks.
- Squad 821 is in service, and we are working through a few small punch list items with the vendor.
- Utility 823 is in service, we are awaiting a date from the vendor for it to return for the mounting of equipment brackets.
- Subcommittees
  - o Get Better Workgroup
    - No update available – awaiting a plan from the city clerk treasurer. Meeting held with vendor regarding financing options.
  - o Central Fire Station Workgroup
    - Next step is a need vs. want study. This would also include a study of existing facilities and the potential to re-purpose/sell those buildings.
- Apparatus Maintenance Contract Update – Contract has been sent to Corporation Council. Awaiting finalization.
- No news on the AFG grant.
- Fireworks standbys both here in the city and in Matamoras went well and were very well attended.

#### New Business:

- The Department did a mutual aid call to Cromner Valley with our swift water team. They experienced 8-9" of rain and suffered a lot of infrastructure damage.
- As a result of the storms on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> here in town the department completed a total of 30 cellar pump outs in two days. (This will most certainly have a direct impact on July's call volume).
- The parade went very well. Thank you to all DPW and Police that assisted with the event.
- June 2022 call volume was 29 – June 2023 calls were 48. Midyear, June 2022 was 195 and as on end of June 2023 we are at 220. ( Call reports attached)
- There will be a detour on route 6 beginning 7/17/2023 and lasting an estimated 30 days.

- Engine 6 is having plumbing issues, DPW is waiting for the water to drain so they can run a camera down the line.
- Can surplus equipment funds be allocated back to the fire department for the purchase of future equipment? Council will discuss at the Finance Committee.

### **Emergency Management Report:**

#### **Old Business:**

- Farnum Phones are still not functioning. This is an ongoing issue since October.
- Curb cut at Waters Edge has been sidelined again. Council was not aware. This will be added to the Finance Agenda and see if it can be put back out for bid. Stan will discuss with Steve.
- 911 Boxes are still not functioning. Are they required? What is the liability of having them on the firehouses and have them not function? Dave will have DPW look at existing phone lines can be split to have them put back into service. They may have a direct impact on the ISO rating.

#### **New Business:**

- OEM was manned for 22 hours during the storms. All of the pumps and generators worked well.
- Laura delivered 2 new TVs today so that they can be installed at OEM.
- FD assisted at Bon Secours with fans in the kitchen and ED during the power outage.

#### **Vehicle Maintenance:**

- Hook & Ladder went to Orange County Truck for an oxygen sensor repair and is back in service.
- Engine 6 had two valves replaced but the repair was less extensive than initially thought and the truck is back in service.
- The old Engine 1 is at Hopewell for a battery charging issue and is currently out of service.
- Engine 2 is having a fuel issue and DPW will be looking at that this week.

### **Fire Inspector Report:**

- Catching up on Inspections.
- 33 Brown Street (KDC) multiple calls and major damage to their building due to storm damage.
- Walgreens issues are being corrected.
- Both KDC and Walgreens will receive fines for excessive calls.
- Utility pole at DB Mart is being replaced.
- 72 Franklin is due to be torn down this week.
- Machackemach Village is being address for not having backup lighting and accommodations for the elderly.
- MHE will be assessing the potential charging stations at Bon Secours.
- Trees at Ferguson and Main will be addressed.

### **Public Comment: (5 minute limit per person)**

Adjournment: **7:05pm**

*Next F&EM Meeting **Monday, August 21st, 2023** at **6:30pm**, in the Council Chambers*