



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- Minutes -

Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Call to Order: **6:30pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Chief Brown, Chief Fuller, Chief Lewis, Maria Mann, Mike Decker, Tim Simmons, Stan Siegel, Regis Foster, Melissa N

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

Approval of the Minutes: February 2023 approved

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- Engine 5 heating repairs are in process.
- Fire Training Center Gate is becoming an issue again. 5 organizations currently use the facility. Illegal dumping has not resumed but we will need to keep a close eye on it.
 - o Can a camera be placed to monitor the area?
- Rescue Support Vehicle
 - o F-550, Tech Rescue Support Vehicle, we have accepted delivery and began dry mounting of equipment.
 - o It will need to go back to have brackets made for mounting of equipment.
 - o License plate has expired – holding the truck out of service. This is a continuing issue as the raft and boat have never received plates either. E-1 plate will need to be transferred and the Rescue 3 plates will need to be cancelled and taken out of service.
- Engine 1 replacement
 - o Has arrived in Montgomery for mounting of equipment and service of the engine due to it being driven in from South Dakota.
 - o Estimated in service date is 2-3 weeks out.
 - o After delivery it will be no longer considered an Engine but rather a Squad, due to the placement of the extrication equipment being on it.
- Engine 5 Update
 - o Repairs are under way. Valtech will have the truck for approximately 2 more week to complete the body work. Once complete it will be towed to Montgomery for motor work. Estimate for peeling paint is approx. \$7500 without replacing the gold leafing.
- AFG Grant for SCBAs has been submitted. Still awaiting word.
- Will is working on the agreement with Warwick garage. No additional information at this time.

- Will also has the information on the billing for service. No additional information at this time.
- Subcommittees
 - o Get Better Workgroup – The replacement plan for new apparatus needs to be addressed. Especially given the fact that new trucks are taking 24-36 months for delivery.
 - The aging fleet is going to begin directly affecting our ISO ratings.
 - It is still unclear why the \$742+ thousand dollars cannot be utilized to jumpstart this project. Why when the original bond contained funds to purchase fire apparatus? And if the funds from the state are required to be placed toward the bond, then where are the original funds that were allocated to pay the bond? Additional information is needed. How can funds for other projects be reallocated but not these funds? Follow up at Finance Meeting...
 - o Central Fire Station Workgroup – update / next steps – Things are underway with corporation council and the school district attorney to negotiate the terms for the land swap. The school district is planning to add this item to the referendum in May, after their board votes on it and providing it passes at their April Meeting.
 - May 22-25th the Chiefs will be attending the Fire Station Design Seminar. Which focuses on design and funding opportunities.

New Business:

- February 2023, we had a total of 32 calls aligning with the 2022 volume.
- The Girl Scouts visited the Fire Museum and Engine 1 & Truck 7 Stations for public safety education.
- Hose, Ladder and pump testing will take place April 1st. Engine 5 Hose and Ladders will be tested but pump testing will have to be postponed until the truck returns.
- April 16th will be the sidewalk wash down for the downtown area and Pike Street.
- Firefighter physicals have been completed – by O’Connor Urgent Care, easier process, less expensive and additional services were included.
- FITT testing for the cancer bill will take place once the computer is received. Chief has been waiting 5+ weeks for Laura to get it ordered and in.
- Truck 7 and Engine 4 are having mechanical issues.

Emergency Management/ Vehicle Maintenance Report: No report this month.

Old Business:

New Business:

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

Adjournment: 6:55pm

Next F&EM Meeting Monday, April 17th, 2022, at 6:30pm, in the Council Chambers