



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Minutes-



Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 6pm

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Call to Order 6:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: K. Brown, J. Lewis, T. Vicchiariello, T. Simmons, M. Fuller, M. Mann

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

Approval of the Minutes: Approved August & September 2023 Minutes

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- Engine 5 Update – Expected completion date is 11/10/23
- Truck 7 Turbo has been fixed but threw another code.
- Fire training center has been staying locked better. Cameras are still a need, PD is exploring options for adding additional cameras. Keith with touch base with Chief Worden about the potential tech grant and equipment that may be able to be included in the grant.
- Engine 6 sewer line no current update, awaiting word from DPW.
- No current update from MHE on the firehouse studies on stability.
- West End Beach looks good but Keith talking to Steve/Wayne about the potential of adding Geo Block for a backup launch. The topsoil on the top side of the curbing has settled and needs to be looked at to reduce erosion.
- 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. There is a potential training for these type of grants that Valerie may be able to attend.

New Business:

- September 2023 call volume was 28 total calls. First Ward (1), Second Ward (5), Third Ward (2), Fourth Ward (12), Mutual Aid to Neighboring Districts (8).

- The surplus equipment needs to be addressed. Currently the old Rescue 3 and Boat need auctioned and there is no place to store them for the winter.
- Battalion 8 Water is now supporting the entire county for all water related calls.
- A few members have attended training regarding decontamination on scene rather than back in the stations after calls.
- Be Seen on Halloween – the department will have apparatus and firemen stationed throughout the city passing out glow necklaces and bracelets during trick or treat hours.

Emergency Management Report:

New Business:

- Tom has been doing research and working with Valerie for grant information.
- Reservoir #1 issues have been ongoing since 2010. Fusco Engineering did a report in 2015 (attached). Have these repairs been completed? Federal government requires emergency action plans be completed every 5 years, our last was 2010. Dam inspections are required yearly by an outside contractor, when was our last?

Vehicle Maintenance:

- Engine 2 has an air leak that comes and goes.
- Truck 7 had turbo replaced but on return home the engine light came on and it was discovered that there were bolts broken on the manifold and air leaks. Transmission and communication codes keep throwing.
- DEF lines at Truck 7 are still an issue.
- Warwick evaluated the old rescue 3 and provided a list of suggested repairs that may enhance the selling price when the time comes.
- Engine 5 will need a pump test pending it's return.

Public Comment: (5-minute limit per person)

Adjournment: **6:49pm**

Next F&EM Meeting **Monday, November 20th, 2023**, at **6:00pm**, in the Council Chambers