



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- AGENDA -



Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 6:45pm

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Call to Order: 7:29pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Chief Brown, Chief Fuller, Chief Lewis, Tom Vicchiariello, Mayor Decker, Misty Fuller, Stanley Siegel, Regis Foster, Liz Miller, Maria Mann, Mike Decker, Denis Livingston, Tim Simmons, Melissa Newhouser

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

Approval of the Minutes: February 22, 2022, and March 8, 2022, Motion Misty Fuller, Second Tim Simmons

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- Rescue Support Vehicle – we are awaiting its arrival.
- Engine 1 replacement – expected in Q1 of 2023.
- Locking the Gate @ Fire Training Center – We received permission from Mr. Tufano to lock the gate. Chief Brown will get the locks and drop keys off to Mr. Tufano. Once this is complete the remainder of the debris can be cleared away and training equipment can be put into place.
- Subcommittees
 - o Get Better Workgroup – We are working to select a date that works for all parties. TBD
 - o Central Fire Station Workgroup – Chief Brown and Chief Fuller will be attending a seminar in May, to learn about station design and the building process.

New Business:

- The chief supplied the attached YTD Incident report.
 - o January 2021, 34 calls / January 2022, 39 calls
 - o February 2021, 23 calls / February 2022, 30 calls(We are tracking at a 22% increase over last year)
- The emergency action plan for city hall is under way, FD is working with the alarm company on the new system and its features.
- Spring brush season is fast approaching, due to the lack of snow the ground is drier than previous season and could cause issues.

- April 10th is the spring street washing, to include Front Street, Pike Street including the underpass and past Woogies deli. We will arrange for a Nixle alert, website, and Facebook posts to notify the public of this work. Starting at 7:30am.
- Resolution firehouse dedication, date TBD, to be sent from secretary.
- April 1st blue hydrants will be opened.
- FD will arrange training for staging of Fire engines when utilizing the hydrant at South Maple Avenue near the pump station.

Emergency Management Report:

Old Business:

- The dike by the Flo-Jean is still an issue. We can try to contact the owner to see if they will allow the city to do the repairs with no liability to the owner if the dike fails in the future. We need an estimate for the repairs (Clay and Item 4). DPW could do the work, but DEC approval needs to be obtained. Funding could be an issue are grants available for the repairs.

New Business:

- River is maintaining at 51/2 feet; reservoirs are full and are already spilling over.
- The weather center in Upton predicts that there will be additional rain “events” this year with a potential for catastrophic rain fall.

Vehicle Maintenance:

- Oil changes are under way – Engine 1 is complete. This process is dependent on the weather as the trucks do not fit inside at DPW.
- We are halfway through the state inspection process.
- The ladder truck is still awaiting parts to repair their air conditioning unit. Once the parts arrive, repairs can be done at DPW.

***Total OOS Days:**

- o Engine 2 – 3 Days
- o Engine 5 – 9 Days
- o Truck 7 – 27 Days

Emergency Management:

- Anyone who would like a tour of the EOC at Farnum is welcome to stop by on the first Friday of the month. The emergency siren test is at 1pm.

Other:

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

Adjournment: @ 7:56pm Motion Misty Fuller, Second Maria Mann

*Next F&EM Meeting **Monday, April 18, 2022** at 6:30pm, in the Council Chambers*