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FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE
FIRE CHIEF

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2013

MEETING:

The March meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 8:04 pm by Chief Greco at Company No. 4.

Present at the meeting was Assistant Chief Londner

CO. # 1: Capt Hrinuk and Eng. S. Sulcov

CO. # 2: Captain Funcheon, Lt. Agnello and Eng. Guerrieri

CO. # 3: Captain B. Lyons and Eng. Van Handel

CO. # 4: Captain Noonan, Lt. Rinaldo, Lt. Healey and Eng. Bontekoe

Also in attendance were Fire Liaison Mayor John Cosgrove, Fire Marshal Jay Bender, Ed Baldofsky, Joe Wensell, John Lyons and Kyle Tennis.

MINUTES: On a motion by Captain Noonan, seconded by Captain Hrinuk, the minutes from the February meeting were approved. All in favor.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co. # 1: SCBA screws, screwdriver for SCBA's, radio repairs on Truck 1 and cleaning supplies.

Co. # 2: Cleaning supplies and gloves.

Co. # 3: Cleaning supplies and SCBA repair.

Co. # 4: Cleaning supplies

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co. # 1: Two O2 cylinders, pager repair, two SCBA repairs and an extension ladder repair.

Co. # 2: Two sets of SCBA straps, one SCBA repair, one base station, one size 11 boots and two 1250 radio mics.

Co. # 3: Reflective paint or tape, safety vests, SCBA masks and Minitor V batteries.

Co. # 4: Four Company 4 helmet fronts, two Junior helmet fronts, two Probationary fronts, two sets of SCBA webbing, two cases of flares, four HT 1250 batteries and four safety vests.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Report given by Chief Greco

- Great job at the High Street fire.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT: Report given by Chief Greco

- Thank you to all the officers and members who responded to the High Street fire. The Department worked in unison and made a great stop.

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT:

- The 2014 Chief's Installation Dinner will be on Saturday, January 22, 2014 at Biagios in Paramus, New Jersey.
- The Chief and Assistant Chief attended a Chief and Training Officer meeting in February at the Academy. Officials spoke about the mask decontamination unit and their role at the Super Bowl.
- There were 61 calls for February with eight mutual aid.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Great job at the High Street fire. Kudos to everyone that was there.
- There was a fire in the Industries in Building 31B. There were some issues present that Fire Prevention is looking into.
- As of today, Rescue will be responding to Glen Rock for CO alarms.
- There will be a service and wreath laying for Mary Ann Collura in April. Please make every effort to attend.
- The Department Asset Sheets were distributed. Please indicate what equipment is at your firehouses.
- The Chief's met with the Manager for this year's budget. The Fire Department will be receiving some capital funding.

FIRE LIAISON'S REPORT: Given by Mayor Cosgrove

- The Council began the budget review last night. None of the departments will be brought in this Saturday. There were no cuts made from the Manager's budget. The average tax increase on the average home in Fair Lawn is \$33.00.
- Great job by everyone at the El Dorado Village fire.

RESCUE: No report.

FIRE PREVENTION: Attached Report by Jay Bender.

- There was nothing suspicious at the fire in the Industries.
- Fumigating at Zeregas will take place on March 29 and March 30

TRAINING COORDINATOR: Report by Joe Wensell

- The committee met last month and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at 10:30 at Company No. 1.
- Intercompany drills are commencing.
- Company 1 and 3 will be hosting the first borough drill on Saturday, May 4, 2013 with more details to follow.
- After the High Street fire, the Chief asked about a multifamily dwellings class offered by the Academy to be taught at the Community Center.

COMMITTEES

APPARATUS:

- Company No. 1 reported that there is progress and the chassis is going to be started next month. Items from the Borough that need to go to the factory need to be delivered soon.
- Company No. 4 reported that there is also progress. The vendor will need the items from the Borough at the end of April, early May.

AWARDS: No report.

C.A.D.: No report.

CONVENTION: No report.

FITNESS: No report.

FUNERAL: No report.

GEAR/STANDARDS: No report.

INSURANCE: No report.

HONOR GUARD: Report by Ed Baldofsky

- A list of requested items was supplied to the Chief for the Honor Guard.

IMPROVEMENT:

- There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Company No. 3 beginning at 20:00.

JR. FFS/RECRUITMENT/RECRUITMENT: No report.

LOSAP: No report.

ORDINANCE: No report.

RADIO: No report.

REORGANIZATION/PLANNING COMMITTEE: No report.

SOG/ANNEX: Report by Eng. Sulcov

- The committee met and is looking into the driving and accountability policies.
- The next meeting will be on March 27, 2013 at Company No. 1 beginning at 19:30.

TRAINING CENTER: No report.

UNIFORM: No report.

WEBSITE: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

- On a motion made by Captain Hrinuk, seconded by Captain Funcheon, the resignation of Stephen Knapp, 13 Heights Avenue, was accepted. He held badge A4 at Company No. 2. All in favor.
- On a motion made by Captain Hrinuk, seconded by Captain Funcheon, the application of Jose Melendez, 73 Pomona Avenue, was accepted. He will hold badge A4 at Company No. 2. All in favor.
- On a motion made by Captain Hrinuk, seconded by Captain Funcheon, the application of Jonathan Ryan, 48 Heights Avenue, from junior status to probationary status was accepted. He will hold badge A2 at Company No. 2. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- On a motion made by Captain Noonan, seconded by Captain Lyons, the use of Improvement Funds for Honor Guard equipment was approved. All in favor.
- The Office of Emergency put in for generators for all six of emergency responder facilities. The Manager has put two of the generators in the budget this year and the project will be spread over three years. Generators will be forthcoming to all four firehouses, the Rescue Building and the Ambulance Corps over the next three years.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Captain Noonan, seconded by Captain Lyons, the meeting was adjourned at 20:33 pm. All in favor.

With sincerest intentions,



Wendy Demeraski

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

**MONTHLY REPORT to
BOARD of FIRE COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING of MARCH 13, 2013**

Following is a summary of the Bureau's activities for the year-to-date 2013:

• Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations	56	of	278 total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	110		
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	31	of	1,340 total
• Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations	33		
• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	50		
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	0	of	1,896 total
• Fire Safety Permits issued	8		
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	2		
• Penalties collected (gross)	0		totaling \$ -0-
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training	0		totaling \$ -0-
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	0		
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	0		

Noteworthy items called to your attention.....

BROADWAY ADULT MEDICAL DAYCARE CENTER, 24-20 Broadway

Sprinkler system, smoke alarm system, and cooking suppression system are overdue for periodic testing. Also, several violations affecting electrical, emergency lighting, and exit signs in this 21,000 square foot adult daycare center for 180 occupants, a Life Hazard Use.

BRC SAUNA & SPA, INC., 24-20 Broadway

Several violations affecting the cooking suppression system, emergency lighting, electrical, means of egress, and excessive combustibles in this 40,000 square foot restaurant/bar/sauna for 205 occupants, a Life Hazard Use.

KC PRE-SCHOOL, 8-12 Saddle River Road

Sprinkler system, fire alarm system, and fire extinguishers are overdue for periodic testing. Also, several violations affecting emergency lighting and exit signs in this 10,000 square foot daycare center for 87 children, a Life Hazard Use.

VAN RIPER ELLIS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, 7-01 River Road

Smoke alarm system and cooking suppression system are overdue for periodic testing in this 18,000 square foot nursery school for 87 children, a Life Hazard Use.

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Noteworthy items called to your attention.....

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, 22-15 Broadway

Smoke alarm system overdue for periodic testing and 2 emergency lights not working in this 20,000 square foot church for 250 occupants.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL, 1-22 Hartley Place

Smoke alarm system overdue for periodic testing and 1 emergency light not working in this 7,000 square foot day care center for 50 children, a Life Hazard Use.

CONGREGATION YOUNG ISRAEL, 11-05 Saddle River Road

Sprinkler system and fire alarm system are overdue for periodic testing in this 6,000 square foot house of worship.

REHABILITATION SPECIALISTS, 18-01 Pollitt Drive

Smoke alarm system overdue for periodic testing. Also, their record of required fire evacuation drills was not available for our review in this 10,000 square foot rehabilitation facility for brain-injured persons, a Life Hazard Use.

HAZARDS to FIREFIGHTERS at [REDACTED]

This 1-family home is obstructed throughout with combustible materials and rubbish in this 1-story ranch with basement. The only access to attic is via scuttle in garage but is obstructed with rubbish. Access and egress throughout is extremely difficult and will greatly hamper firefighting and rescue efforts. [REDACTED]

**Submitted by,
Jay G. Bender
Fire Marshal**