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FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE
FIRE CHIEF

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2013

MEETING:

The August meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chief Greco at Company No. 4.

Present at the meeting was Assistant Chief Londner and Deputy Chief Wolthouse.

CO. # 1: Capt Hrinuk, Lt. Kunz, Lt. Goldberg and Eng. S. Sulcov
CO. # 2: Capt. Funcheon and Eng. Guerrieri
CO. # 3: Capt. B Lyons, Lt. T. Salvini and Eng. Van Handel
CO. # 4: Lt. Healey and Eng. Bontekoe

Also in attendance were Fire Liaison John Cosgrove, Rescue Chief P. Yuskaitis, Lou Cicchella, Fire Marshal Jay Bender, Ed Baldfosky and Rudy Hennecke.

MINUTES: On a motion by Capt. Hrinuk, seconded by Lt. Healey, the minutes from the July meeting were approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co. # 1: Pager and gear for junior firefighter
Co. # 2: None
Co. # 3: Gear repairs, flares, various batteries, gear for junior firefighter and junior helmet front.
Co. # 4: No list received

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co. # 1: Gear for junior firefighter, junior helmet front, two sets of reflective tetrahedrons and rubber gloves
Co. # 2: Bay station, two individual HT1250 chargers and one SCBA repair
Co. # 3: SCBA repair and electric wire adapters
Co. # 4: No list received

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Not present

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Thank you to everyone who attended National Night Out.

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Great job by everyone at the Lincoln Avenue fire.
- Even though the fire was out on arrival on Pomona Avenue, there was a smoke condition and everyone did a great job.

- Thank you to everyone who was at the 35th Street fire. Once the house was located it was a good knock down.
- The department needs to work on its manpower for the night time and day time calls.
- There is a walkthrough of the new Promenade buildings tentatively scheduled for Tuesday at 18:00. More information will follow.
- There were 78 calls for the month of July with 8 being mutual aid calls.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Thank you to everyone who participated in National Night Out.
- Good job at the fire on 35th Street.
- The fire on Lincoln Avenue was an arson fire. If anyone thinks that a fire is suspicious, please speak to a chief immediately before beginning overhaul.
- After reviewing the consultant's report, the information received from Company No. 3 and reports by the Borough Mechanic, it is in the best interest of the department to keep Engine 1 as the new spare engine. The new Engine 1 will be arriving this Friday or Monday and the new Engine 4 is about two weeks behind.
- The department will not be pursuing the purchase of the forcible entry trailer.
- Any member with facial hair should remove it immediately. If the company officers are receiving resistance with this, please see the Chief.
- Officers need to speak with their membership about manpower at night calls. Even though a call comes in as an activated alarm, it could still be a fire.

FIRE LIAISON'S REPORT: Given by Deputy Mayor Cosgrove

- Thank you to everyone who attended National Night Out.
- Please be vigilant around the firehouses. There was an incident in Leonia and we need to watch out for each other.

RESCUE: Report by Chief Yuskaitis

- Chief Yuskaitis inquired about the mask fit machine. Captain Lyons stated that he would get it to Rescue.
- Rescue is looking into hold a boat course. More information will follow. It will be \$65.00 per member and \$75.00 for outside people.

FIRE PREVENTION: Attached Report by Jay Bender.

- Knox Boxes are being installed on residential properties not only for use by the Fire Department, but by Ambulance personnel for medical emergencies. The Fire Department keys will work in the residential knox boxes, however the residential key will not work in the commercial knox boxes.
- Mr. Miller from the law offices on River Road lost his appeal and must pay the fine. His fire alarm was disconnected for multiple months for the second time.

TRAINING COORDINATOR: No report

COMMITTEES

APPARATUS: No report

AWARDS: No report

C.A.D.: No report

CONVENTION:

- Captain Funcheon reported that any delegates to convention should submit their cell numbers, so that if a representative cannot make it to the meetings a replacement can be called.

FITNESS: No report

FUNERAL: No report

GEAR/STANDARDS: No report

HONOR GUARD: No report

IMPROVEMENT: No report

INSURANCE: No report

JR. FFS/RECRUITMENT/RECRUITMENT: No report

LOSAP: No report

ORDINANCE: No report

RADIO:

- Identifiers need to be programmed into the HT 1250 portable radios at Company No. 2 and Company No. 4.
- Captain Funcheon reported that a vendor was at Company No. 2 looking to locate a spot for the Glen Rock repeater.

REORGANIZATION/PLANNING COMMITTEE: No report

SOG/ANNEX: Report by Engineer Sulcov

- The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2013 at Company No. 1 beginning at 19:30.
- The committee will review and reassess the Accountability SOG.

TRAINING CENTER: No report

UNIFORM: No report

WEBSITE: Report by Lt. Salvini

- The website should be back up this week.
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COMMUNICATIONS: None



APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

1. On a motion made by Captain Hrinuk, seconded by Captain Funcheon, the request for Jason Zink, 2-03 Lyons Avenue, to return from personal leave was granted. He holds badge 13 at Company No. 1. All in favor
2. On a motion made by Captain Lyons, seconded by Captain Hrinuk, the application of Erik Nunez, 0-118 Tunbridge Road, was accepted. He will hold badge J4 at Company No. 3. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Captain Funcheon asked about an increase in clothing allowance. It was explained that an increase would need to be budgeted in the prior year's budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Lt. Healey, seconded by Capt. Lyons, the meeting was adjourned at 20:28.

With sincerest intentions,



Wendy Demeraski

**FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

**MONTHLY REPORT to BOARD of FIRE COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING of AUGUST 14, 2013**

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

• Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations	168	of 274 total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	269	
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	253	of 1,338 total
• Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations	208	
• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	258	
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	569	of 1,913 total
• Inspections for Fire Safety Permits	121	
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	21	
• Penalties collected (gross)	9	totaling \$ 3,352
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training	0	totaling \$ -0-
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	5	
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	12	

Noteworthy items called to your attention.....

IMMINENT HAZARD at DR. JAMES KATZ, 15-01 Broadway – Suite #38

For the 2nd time in 3 weeks, we responded to a complaint of overcrowding and found 42 persons in a space designed to hold 20 persons. Premises were immediately evacuated and \$2,500 penalty imposed. This is a chronic problem.

IMMINENT HAZARD at MARCSMAN DENTAL ARTS INC., 0-106 Midland Ave

Monitoring of the smoke alarm system was discontinued indefinitely without our approval. As such, the business is ordered closed until the monitoring is restored. Also, numerous other violations affecting means of egress, electrical, and the smoke alarm system in this 1,000 square foot, 2-story dental laboratory.

IMMINENT HAZARDS at MONTAAGE of NJ INC., 40-26 Broadway

2 of 3 fire exits are found to be obstructed by immovable objects. As such, the violations are ordered to be abated within 24 hours or the business will be ordered closed at this 9,600 square foot, 1-story, non-sprinklered furniture entrepreneur.

17-09 ZINK PLACE CONDOMINIUM, 17-09 Zink Place

All violations, previously reported to you, have since been abated.

A&P – PATHMARK of FAIRLAWN, 22-00 Maple Ave

All violations, previously reported to you, have since been abated.

FAIR LAWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 8-01 Fair Lawn Ave

All violations, previously reported to you, have since been abated.

Submitted by,
Jay G. Bender
Fire Marshal