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FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE  
FIRE CHIEF

**FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9, 2013**

**MEETING:**

The October meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 20:05 by Chief Greco at Company No. 4.

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

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

Also in attendance were Fire Liaison John Cosgrove, Rescue Chief Peter Yuskaitis, Tom Carney, Walt Demeraski, John Lyons, Ed Baldofsky, Ed Baldofsky, Jr., Ken Pfeifer, Kyle Tennis, Phil Kearney, Wendy Tennis, Rudy Hennecke and John Parmentier.

**MINUTES:** On a motion by Capt. Noonan, seconded by Capt. Hrinuk, the minutes from the September meeting were approved. All in favor with Capt. Lyons abstaining.

**MATERIALS RECEIVED:**

Co. # 1: Six HT1250 portable radios, Engine 1 radio installation, one bail out bag, two 250' search line with bags, hose testing, 18v DeWalt battery, and two TIC batteries.  
Co. # 2: Hose testing and base station  
Co. # 3: SCBA repair and hose testing  
Co. # 4: 2014 KME Engine

**MATERIALS REQUESTED:**

Co. # 1: Misc. Grainger, SCBA mask straps and one probationary shield.  
Co. # 2: Compressor repair, SCBA repair, four 1250 radio chargers, Aux badges, helmet shields, squeegees and two mask straps.  
Co. # 3: Minitor V repair, front tires for Engine 3, mounting brackets for Engine 5, 5" spanner wrench and misc. Grainger.  
Co. # 4: 5" to 4" storz connection, one pair of suspenders and Plymovent repair for new engine.

**BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Good job by all on Monday night. Everyone went home safe and we should always expect the unexpected. The initial call on Whitehall Street was for a transformer fire. It was not a

transformer fire when the Fire Department arrived. The wires burned for 3.5 hours and burned through to the gas main going into the home. There was also a 2,000 volt electrical line in the ground. Be advised that wires burning on wet ground can travel up to 30 feet.

- An email was sent out to the officers about elementary school fire drills during fire prevention month. The principals are excited to bring this program back to the schools. Since it is light during the day, all personnel and apparatus are welcome to attend, even if it is not in your district. Class B uniforms please.

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Thank you to everyone for their response during the Convention, especially the Thursday night with the storm.
- The Fire Department is going to start a Social Media Committee. This committee will hopefully attract younger members. The Fire Department currently has a Facebook page managed by one member. Please get a representatives name from each company to the Deputy Chief.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Thank everyone for their efforts during the Convention and Monday's afternoon storm.
- Thank you to the members of Company No. 3 who attended the wake of the Ramsey Firefighter.
- There were 73 calls for the month of September with 9 mutual aid calls.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Thank you to everyone for the response during Convention and Monday night's storm.
- The new Engine 1 and Engine 4 are in service.
- The old Engine 1 is at the Borough Garage being serviced.
- There are a couple of options on what to do with the old Engine 4 and Engine 5. It will be discussed next month.

**FIRE LIAISON'S REPORT:** Given by Mayor Cosgrove

- Thank you to everyone for the great job during the storm. Residents are appreciative of the job that the volunteers do.

**RESCUE:** Report by Rescue Chief Yuskaitis

- The dates for the Boat Course are October 22 and October 24. Please get a headcount to the Rescue Chief.
- On October 15, 2013, Hackensack Hospital's Med 1 will be landing at the field across from Rescue. There will be a short presentation and then the landing. Please get a headcount to the Rescue Chief for refreshments.
- Rescue Chief Yuskaitis believes that a committee should be set up for the Mask Fit Testing.
- The new rescue boat should be arriving in about two weeks.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Attached Report by Goldberg

**TRAINING COORDINATOR:** No report.

## **COMMITTEES**

**APPARATUS:** No report.

**AWARDS:** No report.

**C.A.D.:** No report.

**CONVENTION:** No report.

**FITNESS:** No report.

### **FUNERAL:**

- As per Capt. Funcheon, Bergen Community College will be closed on October 10, 2013 for a funeral. They are expecting people in the thousands so there will be a lot of traffic on Paramus Road.

**GEAR/STANDARDS:** No report.

**INSURANCE:** No report.

### **IMPROVEMENT:**

- All four companies are on board for a department boot drive on Friday, November 29, 2013. The time will be announced. Proceeds from the event will benefit the individual companies and not the department committee. If anyone has any questions, please contact Doug Sadowski or your company's committee member.

### **JR. FFS/RECRUITMENT:**

- Deputy Chief Wolthouse will reach out to the committee to work on the Reach out to committee to work on the recruitment/retention side of the membership side.

**LOSAP:** No report.

### **ORDINANCE:**

- Chief Greco asked that a meeting be called to discuss bail out training for officers and Chief elections if there are no contested spots in the elections.
- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 19:30 at Company No. 4.

**RADIO:** No report.

**REORGANIZATION/PLANNING COMMITTEE:** No report.

**SOG/ANNEX:** Progress.

**TRAINING CENTER:** Report by Capt. Noonan

- The State Inspector came to the training center for the annual inspection. They need a valve for the inspection, painting of the tank and a cable. Price quotes will be obtained.
- Deputy Chief Wolthouse inquired about the status of the mask confidence course.

**UNIFORM:** No report.

**WEBSITE:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:**

1. On a motion made by Capt. Hrinuk, seconded by Capt. Noonan, the medical leave of Andrew Baliman, 9-09 1<sup>st</sup> Street, was accepted. He holds badge 23 at Company No. 1. All in favor.
2. On a motion made by Capt. Hrinuk, seconded by Capt. Lyons, the application of Kyle Wilson, 13-05 Fairclough Place, to Probationary Firefighter was accepted. He holds badge A1 at Company No. 1. All in favor.
3. On a motion made by Capt. Lyons, seconded by Capt. Hrinuk, the application of Eric Demeraski, 10-10 Underwood Place, to Regular Firefighter was accepted. He holds badge 60 at Company No. 3. All in favor.
4. On a motion made by Capt. Lyons, seconded by Capt. Noonan, the application of Grant King, 1-18 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, to Probationary Firefighter was accepted. He holds badge A1 at Company No. 3. All in favor.
5. On a motion made by Capt. Lyons, seconded by Capt. Funcheon, the application of Jack Polan, 8-39 Lake Street, to Probationary Firefighter was accepted. He holds badge A8 at Company No. 2. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Capt. Funcheon asked if someone could contact the sprinkler demonstration company for all the company's open houses. It is each company's responsibility to prepare for their open houses.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Capt. Hrinuk, seconded by Capt. Noonan the meeting was adjourned at 20:40.

With sincerest intentions,



Wendy Demeraski

# FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

## MONTHLY REPORT to BOARD of FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING of OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

• Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations	231	of	270 total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	395		
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	422	of	1,346 total
• Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations	516		
• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	309		
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	572	of	1,914 total
• Inspections for Fire Safety Permits	139		
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	29		
• Penalties collected (gross)	13		totaling \$ 6,852
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training	2		totaling \$ 500
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	7		
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	23		

### *Noteworthy items called to your attention.....*

#### **IMMINENT HAZARD at RESIDENCE, 15-50 B Pollitt Drive**

An Imminent Hazard Order to immediately vacate the premises has been issued due to excessively accumulations and obstructions throughout this residence at Radnor Manor Apartments.

Accumulations are wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling with narrow passageways.

Progress has been made at this date but not enough to allow tenant to re-occupy.

#### **DUOLOS CLEANERS, 20-22 Maple Ave**

An excessive buildup of lint, as previously reported to you, was removed within 24 hours in this dry-cleaning establishment, a Life Hazard Use.

#### **BUCHMANN ELECTRIC CORP., 5-18 Banta Place**

Illegal residence was found on site at this 5,100 square foot factory of an electrical contractor, and ordered vacated/removed, which was subsequently abated.

Submitted by,  
*Jay G. Bender*  
Fire Marshal