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FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE
FIRE CHIEF

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2013

MEETING:

The November meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 8:08 pm 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

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

CO. # 4: Capt. Noonan, Lt. Rinaldo, Lt. Healey and Eng. Bontekoe (Lt. Rinaldo, Lt. Healey and Eng. Bontekoe arrived at 8:16 pm due to a fire call)

Also in attendance were Fire Liaison John Cosgrove, Rescue Chief P. Yuskaitis, Fire Marshal Jay Bender, Jeff DelleChiaie, Rudy Hennecke, John Lyons, John Parmentier, Joe Baldofsky, Eddie Baldofsky, Jr., Kyle Tennis and Tom Carney (Kyle Tennis and Tom Carney arrived at 8:16 pm)

MINUTES: On a motion by Capt. Noonan, seconded by Capt. Funcheon, the minutes from the October meeting were approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co. # 1: Hose Testing and Ladder Testing

Co. # 2: No list received

Co. # 3: Two (2) Minitor V Pagers, Junior Shield, Hose Testing, Ladder Testing and Plymovent Preventative Maintenance.

Co. # 4: No list received

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co. # 1: Three (3) pairs Morning Pride suspenders, mask straps, two (2) 75" key fire hose (one red, one yellow) 1.75" hose, one cutter's edge chain reberb, chain saw repair recoil broken and 150' lynch forest line replace failed hose.

Co. # 2: No list received

Co. # 3: CO2 Fire Extinguisher Filled, SCBA Repair, Batteries, one (1) gear cleaning, one (1) gear repair, new helmets and new style S/M gloves.

Co. # 4: No list received

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Good job last month at all the open houses and with all the fire safety visits at the schools. The Principals were very happy although it was short notice. Next year it will be more organized.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT: No report

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Calls for the month of October were 88 with 6 mutual aid calls.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- There has been a misunderstanding about the requirements for fire officers. The Borough Attorney has stated that line officers need Level 1 training. This will be forwarded to the companies, in writing, for next years' elections.
- There have been some issues regarding members not obeying traffic laws while driving to fire calls. Captains should reiterate to everyone that if they have a blue light, they need a blue light permit.
- Any correspondence for Fireboard should be handed in a week prior to see if there are any issues or to see if anything needs to be done.
- Thank you to everyone for their support for the Trunk or Treat event. It was successful. Everyone's efforts are appreciated.
- Thank you to the Fire Marshal for his work at 15-01 Pollitt Drive. They were fined and the Fire Marshal was on top of it the entire time.

FIRE LIAISON'S REPORT: Given by Mayor Cosgrove

- Thank you to all who participated in the Trunk or Treat event. The kids were in a safe environment.
- There is a section in the Borough's insurance policy that covers volunteer's deductible if they are in an accident responding to calls. If you are going to use a blue light, make sure tko have a blue light permit.
- A flyer will be forthcoming for donations to assist in the relief efforts for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.
- A request was made for the Fire Department Honor Guard for the Reorganization meeting on January 7, 2014.
- Fair Lawn Patch ran an article about the naming of the park on Heights Avenue after Billy Greider.

RESCUE:

- The boat coarse was given last month. Please forward copies of your certifications to the officers for the files.

FIRE PREVENTION: Attached Report by Jay Bender.

TRAINING COORDINATOR: No report

COMMITTEES

APPARATUS: No report

AWARDS: No report

C.A.D.: No report

CONVENTION: No report

FITNESS: No report

FUNERAL: No report

GEAR/STANDARDS:

- The committee was advised by the SCBA vendor to wait until after the first of the year.

INSURANCE: No report

IMPROVEMENT: Report by Doug Sadowski

- The department boot drive will take place on the Friday Nov 29 (day after Thanksgiving). Details as to time, what to wear, etc. should be made at the company level. Please see your company committee member for details.

JR. FFS/RECRUITMENT/RECRUITMENT: No report

LOSAP: No report

ORDINANCE:

- The committee met and information should have been brought back to the companies.
- Even if Chief's Elections are uncontested, the committee was not in favor of casting one vote. All members should have the opportunity to vote.
- For officers being bail out trained, the committee is referring this to the SOG Committee.
- Items that were to be brought back to the firehouses are:
 - Chief's that have a low percentage should not be able to run.
 - 25 year members should maintain a percentage to get clothing allowance
 - A minimum percentage to vote in Chief Elections

RADIO: No report

REORGANIZATION/PLANNING COMMITTEE: No report

SOG/ANNEX: No report

TRAINING CENTER:

- An estimate will be submitted for the Symtron System.
- The painting and signage on the tank need to be done. It was suggested to have the inmates scrap and paint the tank.
- There is no progress on the mask confidence course.

UNIFORM:

- Battalion Chief Yuskaitis inquired if another set of collar pins can be ordered for the officers. Some companies have two sets. The Uniform Committee will look into it for next year.

WEBSITE: No report

HONOR GUARD: No report

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

1. On a motion made by Captain Hrinuk, seconded by Captain Noonan the application of Dennis Svetlakov, 10-01 12th Street, to probationary member was accepted. He will hold badge A2 at Company No. 1. All in favor.
2. On a motion made by Captain Noonan, seconded by Captain Hrinuk the application of Arthur Safavi, 10-15 2nd Street, to junior member was accepted. He will hold badge JR1 at Company No. 1. All in favor.
3. On a motion made by Captain Hrinuk, seconded by Captain Noonan the application of Dominick Cortes, 14-10 George Street, to junior member was accepted. He will hold badge JR2 at Company No. 1. All in favor.
4. On a motion made by Captain Lyons, seconded by Captain Hrinuk the application of Allan Chen, 5-20 17th Street, to junior member was accepted. He will hold badge J2 at Company No. 3. All in favor.
5. On a motion made by Captain Lyons, seconded by Captain Hrinuk the resignation of Nicholas Cicchella, 5-34 Summit Avenue, was accepted. He held badge 182 at Company No. 3. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Captain Lyons asked if non department members were allowed on the apparatus for the Wallington Parade. Company No. 3 is taking Engine 5. The non members will be sitting in the rear in the Scott seats. It is authorized as per Chief Greco.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Capt. Noonan, seconded by Capt. Hrinuk, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

With sincerest intentions,



Wendy Demeraski

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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

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

• Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations	247	of	270 total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	453		
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	486	of	1,343 total
• Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations	679		
• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	369		
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	572	of	1,914 total
• Inspections for Fire Safety Permits	146		
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	31		
• Penalties collected (gross) 7,072	15		totaling \$
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training 500	2		totaling \$
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	9		
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	30		

Noteworthy items called to your attention.....

IMMINENT HAZARD at 15-01 POLLITT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, 15-01 Pollitt Drive

An Imminent Hazard Order and penalties were imposed for failure to maintain the fire alarm system at this 150,000 square foot, industrial building, a Life Hazard Use. The fire alarm system has since been restored to normal operating condition.

IMMINENT HAZARD at NBL ASSOCIATES, 13-20 River Road, et al.

An Imminent Hazard Order and penalties were imposed for failure to maintain the fire alarm system at this 10,000 square foot, 3-story, mixed use building.

NORITAKE BUILDING, 15-22 Fair Lawn Ave.

Numerous violations affecting fire protection system, emergency lighting, means of egress, and electric at this 15,000 square foot, 2-story office building.

FAIR LAWN RACQUET CLUB, 11-19 Saddle River Road

Numerous violations affecting fire protection system, emergency lighting, means of egress, and electric at this 30,000 square foot, indoor tennis court.

FAIR LAWN ATHLETIC CLUB, 14-19 Parmelee Ave.

Numerous violations affecting fire protection systems and cooking exhaust systems at this 10,000 square foot, 2-story, eating & drinking establishment with permitted occupancy of 317, a Life Hazard Use.

ABATED: IMMINENT HAZARD at RESIDENCE, 15-50 B Pollitt Drive

Our Imminent Hazard Order, previously reported to you, to remove accumulations and obstructions throughout this residence has been abated and resident is permitted to re-occupy.

Submitted by,
Jay G. Bender
Fire Marshal