

Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR APRIL 2015

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 4/8/2015 AT 8:00PM BY CHIEF WOLTHOUSE AT COMPANY 2.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WAS CHIEF WOLTHOUSE, DEPUTY CHIEF RINALDO , BATT. CHIEF PALMIERI

Co.1 –Capt. Goldberg, Lt. Sulcov, Eng. Hriunk

Co.2 –Lt. Guerrieri, Eng. Parmierter

Co.3 – Capt. Snyder, Lt. Demeraski, Eng. Collins

Co.4 –Lt. Carney, Lt. Henneke, Eng. Tennis

Also in attendance were – Mayor Cosgrove, John Lyons, Howie Londner

MINUTES:

On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Goldberg the minutes of the February and March Fire Boards were approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co.1 – T-1 radio repair, portable radio charger installed T-1, SCBA flow testing

Co.2 -nothing

Co.3 –nothing

Co.4 – SCBA flow testing, SCBA repair, one set of new bots

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co.1 –nothing

Co.2 –gear repair torn pocket

Co.3 – 6 nomex hoods, 6 turn-out pants suspenders, 10 HT1000 batteries

Co.4- Adult and pediatric defib pads, letters for helmets, 5 high rise hose straps, 6 regular hose straps, Bullard TIC battery, Engine 4 repair

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BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1- Looking for a updated roster from each Company, emailed preferred.
- 2- Thank you to Co.3 for citizens' police academy at senior center.

DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Good job to Co.4 at the Glen Rock mutual aid fires.
- 2 – Thank you to all who participated in the Killer Bees basket ball game.
- 3 – All apparatus and vehicle repairs are to go through myself. Please do not bypass me and go the Borough Mechanic.

ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 –Not Present but advised Chief that Seton Hall fire lecture will be on June 1 at the Fair Lawn High School.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Thank you also for the attendance at the Killer Bees basket ball game and a letter was read off from the group thanking us for our participation.
- 2 – April 27 and 29 there will be an OEM sponsored sign language Class for first responders at Bergen Community College from 7 to 9pm, attendees must be at both classes. Anyone interested contact myself.
- 3 – Wed. April 15 at the Ambulance Corps. E-Manual for uniform traffic devises
- 4 – We have a high School student looking to due intern work and will be starting the NIFIRS reports for the Fire Department.
- 5 – We now have the ability to make tags and ID's. Please arrange with Chris to get what you need.
- 6 – On April 20 at 19:30 the Chiefs and at least one officer from each company will be meeting with the Ambulance Corps. to discuss Rehab responsibilities at fires.
- 7 – We have tested a replacement for E-Dispatch and will not be renewing our contract with them. We have also found our frequency on radioreference.com and can monitor transmissions on a smart phone or android app police scanner 5.0.
- 8 – The Captains have been given a list of for Hazcom/BBP. Members not having the classes by April 30 will be put on leave till completed and proof of completion provided.
- 9 – The following Committees will be suspended until needed: Anniversary, Apparatus, CAD, Convention, Fitness, Insurance, Reorg/Planning. The Captains have been given a updated list of committees, please return as soon as possible.
- 10- Good jog on all the mutual aid calls and a clarification on probationary members in High School, they are allowed to attend mutual aid calls unless it is after the cut off time for school nights.

FIRE LIAISON REPORT:

- 1 – Thank to the fire Department for your help and participation at the Killer Bee basket ball event.
- 2 – Please talk to residents and answer questions properly whether on the phone or in person. If you are unsure of the answer pass on to someone who can answer properly.

FIRE PREVENTION:

- 1 – Report attached

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

- 1 – Not present

TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:

- 1 – Have an application in to Fire Academy for life safety complex to do some high rise hose testing.

COMMITTEES:

Apparatus: No report

Awards: No report

CAD: No report

Convention: No report

Fitness: No report

Funeral: No report

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COMMITTEES CONT.

Gear & Standards: Question on personal pass devices if each member needs one. Chief will look into and advise at next Fire Board.

Honor Guard: No report

Insurance: No report

Improvement: No report

Jr. ff's/recruitment: No report

LOSAP: No report

Ordinance: Changes submitted to the Manager for review and awaiting response from building official in reference to having a meeting to discuss truss roof Ordinance proposed.

Radio: No report

Reorg/planning: No report

SOG: Meeting to be announced last week in April

Training Center: No report

Uniform: No report

Website: No report

COMMUNICATONS:

1 - None

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

1 – On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Goldberg. Dillon Rinaldo was accepted as a Probationary member from Jr. member. He will be assigned badge A3 in Company 4.

2 – On a motion by Lt Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Goldberg. Scott Greco was accepted as a Probationary member from Jr. member. He will be assigned badge A2 in Company 4.

OLD BUSINESS:

1 – None

NEW BUSNIESS:

1 – Walk through of Nabisco confirmed for Thursday April 23 at 19:30hrs.

2 – Discussion about Department equipment sticker and adding separate stickers just for Engine 5. All agreed and will order stickers when samples approved.

3 – One of the quick connect connection on the back of the SCBA's was damaged and needed to be replaced during the Flow testing. Please be shore the protective boot is on the connection and be aware of how you place the units down, That piece alone cost \$500.00 to replace.

4 – Company 3 will be holding a Corn Hole tournament and wing night this Friday at Company 3, all are welcome.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Hoitsma
Fire Clerk

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

MONTHLY REPORT to BOARD of FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING of APRIL 8, 2015

Following is a summary of some of the Bureau's activities for the year-to-date 2015:

- Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations 68 of 272 total
- Violation Notices issued to LHU locations 96

- Inspections of non-LHU locations 110 of 1,382 total
- Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations 128

- Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease 87

- Inspections of multi-family dwelling units 0 of 2,066 total

- Issued violations upon non-periodic inspections 14

- Fire Safety Permits issued 18
- Permit inspections conducted 18

- Investigations of complaints of fire hazards 6

- Penalties collected (gross) 1 totaling \$ 400
- penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training 1 totaling \$ 200

- Imminent Hazard Orders issued 6

- Fire Prevention programs presented to the public 7

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IMMINENT DANGERS AFFECTING FIREFIGHTERS AT –

- **Vacant storage facility, 4-19 Banta Place**

One of the two stairways from the second floor takes you to a maze with no way out. As such, the owner is ordered to install a locked doorway at the head of that stairway. FD is also advised that gas meters are located inside that ground-level maze. Entry is gained via main entrance for the Hoveround Company at 4-19 Banta and then proceed through a locked door and ultimately to the gas meters.

- **Clariant Corporation, 0-09 Fair Lawn Ave**

Roofs are missing or otherwise in danger of collapse at Buildings B, D, F, G, and H. All 4 sides of each building are placarded to warn FD to not go on or under the roof. Buildings are vacant. All utilities and fire sprinkler have been discontinued.

- **Storage facility, 406 Wagaraw Road**

Roof is partially collapsed and otherwise likely to collapse. X symbols are posted to warn FD of impending danger. Building is vacant and there are no utilities.

- **Residential apartment, 15-33 Chandler Drive – Fair Lawn Park Estates**

Premises are obstructed entirely with personal belongings. Access/exit is difficult due to massive obstructions.

Firefighters' mobility in the house is extremely difficult and rescue efforts will be worse due to narrow passageways.

Home is occupied by elderly male with a host of medical conditions and unlikely to respond in event of emergency.

- **1-family house, 26-17 Romaine Street**

This cape cod-style home occupied by middle-aged couple and 3 school-age children. Particular concern is basement where husband sleeps/smokes/drinks almost 24/7. Basement has 2 space heaters on extension cords plus many other extension cords. Basement walls are covered entirely with combustible paneling. Water heater's flue is disconnected. Husband's regular condition reportedly might prevent him from competently responding in event of emergency.

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Other extraordinary items called to your attention . . .

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER

at SALAMENO SCIPIONE REALTY, 13-15 Broadway

Our Order to Correct within 24 hours issued due to collapsing exterior roof over the Side C exit. Matter is yet unabated. This exit/entrance has been cordoned off to prevent passage.

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER at A&P PATHMARK, 22-00 Maple Ave

Our Order to Correct within 24 hours issued due to curtailment of monitoring of the fire sprinkler system. Matter is yet unabated. In lieu thereof, 24 hour firewatch has been ordered and in place.

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER at FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL

Our Order to Correct or Close the Planetarium immediately due to un-approved movement of the EXIT sign to a not visible location. The violation has now been abated.

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER

at CJ GLOBAL INC., 20-21 WAGARAW ROAD, Bldg #30, FL Industries

Our Order to Correct within 24 hours issued due to obstructed means of egress throughout this 29,500 square foot storage facility. All violations corrected within 24 hours.

NEW JERSEY ADULT MEDICAL DAY CARE INC., 22-08 Route 208

Our inspection revealed "monthly" fire evacuation drills occurred only 3 times in past 11 months, and they were not following the prescribed Fire Evacuation Plan, as approved by the Fair Lawn Fire Marshal. Subject location is 7,600 square feet, a Life Hazard Use, and providing adult medical day care for 137 persons.

JACK DANIELS AUTO DEALERSHIP, 29-09 Broadway

As observed by the Water Department, we issued Violation Notice to correct broken water line supplying the sprinkler system to this 3-story automobile showroom.

Submitted by,
Jay G. Bender
Fire Marshal