

Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 2015

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 7/8/2015 AT 8:00PM BY CHIEF WOLTHOUSE AT COMPANY 2.

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

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

Co.2 – Lt. Guerrieri, Lt. Grossi, Eng. Parmierter

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

Co.4 – Capt. Greco, Lt. Carney, Lt. Henneke

Also in attendance were – Mayor John Cosgrove, Mike Mullens, John Blair, Rescue Chief Pete Yuskaitis, Howie Londner, John N. Hoitsma, John Lyons, Jim Funcheon

MINUTES:

On a motion by Capt. Greco, seconded by Capt. Goldberg the minutes of the June Fire Board where approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co.1 – none

Co.2 – Box of pager batteries, Co.2 equipment stickers

Co.3 – Box of pager batteries, 1 helmet, 3 pair of FF gloves

Co.4 –none

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co.1 – SCBA repair

Co.2 – none

Co.3 – E-5 equipment stickers, 6 suspenders, 6 nomex hoods, 12 sets SCBA mask webbing, defib pads- 2 adult, 2 child, defib battery, 150' 1 ¾" hose white.

Co.4- box of pager batteries, 2 pager repairs

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BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1- Thank you to all the companies for their participation in the Borough drill, drill went well.
- 2- Captains, please look into planning a Borough drill in your district. Will be stopping down on a drill night to discuss.

DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – All the apparatus are in good shape for the time being.
- 2 – Thank you to all also for the showing at the drill along with the fireworks and Ridgewood parade.

ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Thank you for everyone's help with the fireworks.
- 2 – Good job at the Borough drill, seem to be getting good feedback from all who participated.
- 3 – Good job to Co.1 today at the boat assist in Elmwood Park today.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- 1 – Thanks also for the great showing at the Borough Drill.
- 2 – Thanks for the companies who went to the Ridgewood and Glen Rock parades.
- 3 – Companies who are still in need of baseline vitals please get in touch with the Ambulance Corp to get this completed.
- 4 – We are covering for Glen Rock this weekend, Sat. 12 noon till Sun 8am.
- 5 – If members are on the list for physicals they must get it done by date listed in the memo. This is a Borough guideline and must be adhered to. If it is not completed your gear will be pulled from the rack.

FIRE LIAISON REPORT:

- 1 – The physical program is being enforced with the insistence of the Borough Insurance Company.
- 2 – Please watch what is said at calls to homeowners, some will take comments to heart and put it into claims made against Borough or other agencies.

FIRE PREVENTION:

- 1 – Report attached

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

- 1 – No report

TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:

- 1 – Email sent out today reference daytime FF1 & FF2 class.
- 2 – I can't say it enough that there are a lot of good classes at the Academy and Companies are interested let me know and we can get you scheduled.

COMMITTEES:

Apparatus: On hold

Awards: No report

CAD: No report

Convention: On hold

Fitness: On hold

Funeral: Comm. list has been forwarded to Jay Bender and he will be setting up a meeting.

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Gear & Standards: No report

Honor Guard: Never received info reference the parade glove requested earlier in year. If we get info we will order gloves

Insurance: No report

Improvement: Received donation from Rotary, being deposited in improvement fund.

Jr. ff's/recruitment: No report

LOSAP: No report

Ordinance: Building Official has changes done just need to sit down with him and review.

Radio: Waiting for frequency list so that we can call in Radio Company for programming.

Reorg/planning: No report

SOG: Progress

Training Center: No report

Uniform: Looking into pricing on service stripes.

Website: No report

COMMUNICATONS:

- 1 – Letter from Jim Graff thanking the Department for their help at the Fireworks.
- 2 - Flyer for paint ball games in August. Copies to all companies
- 3 – Flyer for FDNY Black Sun lecture 7/29. Copies to all Companies

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APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

- 1 – On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Goldberg. F/F Dominick Cortes has been accepted as a regular member of Co.1. He will be assigned badge #12
- 2 – On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Snyder. F/F Grant King has been accepted as a regular member of Co.3. He will be assigned badge # 135

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1 – A new motion for funds out of the Wyder Fund for F/F Brent Pohlman. \$1000.00 was approved as per the guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 – Looking for the Companies to go back and consider sponsoring a scholarship Fund just like what all the other emergency services in town are doing.
- 2 – The Mayor wanted to give a heads up that the State Exempts Assoc. will be having a meeting in Jan. 2016 at the Community Center and the FD needs to supply the refreshments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1 – Mike Mullens is requesting the use of the FD grill on 7/17. Approved
- 2 – Ex-Chief Londner asked if the Chief has communicated with the Paterson FD yet reference to moving us to a closer firehouse. Chief advised that next Wednesday is the CBMA meeting and he will discuss it with the Paterson rep.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Hoitsma
Fire Clerk

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IMMINENT DANGERS AFFECTING FIREFIGHTERS AT –

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

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

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- **Storage facility, 406 Wagaraw Road**

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

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

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- **Salameno Scipione Realty, 13-15 Broadway**

Exterior roof over the Side C exit is collapsing. This exit/entrance has been cordoned off to prevent passage.

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Five (5) 100-pound propane cylinders were found unattended in the parking lot and ordered removed immediately. In connection therewith, a tar kettle was in operation without a Fire Safety Permit. Furthermore, that hot tar kettle was not attended to. Penalties were imposed for failure to comply with our original orders to not leave the propane and hot tar kettle unattended. Violations are now abated.

IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER at Fair Lawn Commons, 14 Kingsland Court

We responded to complaint of non-permitted storage of propane at this residence, and ordered it corrected which was complied shortly after.

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RIVER PALM TERRACE, 41-11 Broadway

All violations previously reported to you have since been corrected.

ROSE'S PLACE, 32-01 Broadway

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

- Inspections of LHU (Life Hazard Use) locations 128 of 273 total
- Violation Notices issued to LHU locations 210

- Inspections of non-LHU locations 176 of 1,390 total
- Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations 193

- Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease 207

- Inspections of multi-family dwelling units 158 of 2,066 total

- Issued violations upon non-periodic inspections 57

- Fire Safety Permits issued 72
- Permit inspections conducted 72

- Investigations of complaints of fire hazards 21

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

- Imminent Hazard Orders issued 15

- Fire Prevention programs presented to the public 7

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