Borough of Fair Lawn
Fire Department

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2015

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 8/12/2015 AT 8:00PM BY CHIEF WOLTHOUSE AT COMPANY 2.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WAS CHIEF WOLTHOUSE, DEPUTY CHIEF RINALDO

Co.1 –Capt. Goldberg, Lt. Sulcov, Lt. Wensell, Eng. Hriunk
Co.2 – Capt. Agnello, Lt. Guerrieri, Lt. Grossi
Co.3 – Capt. Snyder, Lt. Demeraski, Eng. Collins
Co.4 – Capt. Greco, Lt. Henneke, Eng. Tenis

Also in attendance were – Mayor John Cosgrove, Rescue Chief Pete Yuskaitis, Rich Healey, Lauren Healey, John Lyons, Ken Phiefer, Ed Baldofsky Sr., Ed Baldofsky Jr. Dennis Murphy

MINUTES:
On a motion by Capt. Agnello, seconded by Capt. Goldberg the minutes of the July Fire Board where approved.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:
Co.1 –6 HT1250 portable Batteries, 24 9V batteries, 3 chain saw repairs, 2 pager repairs, names and number stickers, 2 SCBA repairs

Co.2 -None

Co.3 – SCBA mask straps, 6 hand light repairs, 2 pager repairs

Co.4 – Name and number stickers

MATERIALS REQUESTED:
Co.1 –T-1 body repair, Misc Grainger, 4 water cans,

Co.2 –SCBA strap repair, Box of screws for SCBA battery box, 16 SCBA mask straps, 3 pagers, 2 Jr. shields, repair to Tac-9 cascade system

Co.3 –6 suspenders, pocket wrenchs

Co.4- High rise hose straps, plastic zip ties for extinguishers

BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:

1- Not present but sent message asking Captains to get Borough drills planned or he will plan them for each Company.

DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:

1 – Thank you to all who attended National night Out at Memorial Park.
2 – Co.1 will be out of service on Tues. Aug.18 attending a Mutual Aid drill in Elmwood Park.
3 – Pump and Ladder testing Monday Aug. 24 at Company 1 8am start.
4 – Great job to everyone at the Ryes Terr. Fire especially with the conditions we had on arrival. There will be a critique on Thurs. Aug 20 at Co.4 7pm.

ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:

1 – Not Present

CHIEFS REPORT:

1 –A thank you letter was read off from Fire Marshall Bender for all the help given to him by the Fire Department at the Rys Terr. Fire.
2 – Reminder to all members about recent news about one of our own. Please refer all questions or comments to myself.

FIRE LIAISON REPORT:
1 – Thank you for the great showing by the FD at National Night Out.
2 – Reminder to 2016 Chiefs that Fair Lawn will be hosting the NJ State Exempts meeting at the Community center in Jan. of 2016.

FIRE PREVENTION:
1 – Report attached

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:
1 – No report

TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:
1 –Email sent to all reference available dates at the Fire Academy next month.
2 – Level 2 instructor being offered if interested let me know.
3 – Tues Aug. 18 Prominade Comm. Going to Fire Academy to evaluate the high rise pack loads and make a decision as to which style we are going to use. Meeting 6:45 at Co.4

COMMITTEES:
Apparatus: On Hold

Awards: No report

CAD: Working on pricing of tablets and program

Convention: No report

Fitness: No report

Funeral: No report

COMMITTEES CONT.
Gear & Standards: No report

Honor Guard: Waiting for info on parade gloves

Insurance: No report

Improvement: No report

Jr. ff's/recruitment: No report

LOSAP: Reminder that members cannot sign in for training and fire call that happen at the same time. It is considered double dipping.

Ordinance: Still awaiting response from building official reference truss roof Ordinance.

Radio: Waiting to hear from new chairman.

Reorg/planning: No report

SOG: Progress

Training Center: No report

Uniform: No report

Website: No report

COMMUNICATONS:
1 – None

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

1 –On a motion by Capt. Goldberg, seconded by Capt. Snyder. A six month leave was granted to F/F Wendy Alvarez Badge #73 of Co.3 effective August 11 2015.

2 – On a motion by Capt. Greco, seconded by Capt. Snyder. The resignation of F/F Jerry Jastrab badge # 80 of Co.4 was accepted.

3 – On a motion by Capt. Greco, seconded by Capt. Goldberg. Edward Beverly was accepted as a Probationary F/F in Co.4. He will hold badge A-4

OLD BUSINESS:

1 – Talked to Mike Salvini about reprogramming of the apparatus KNOX boxes.

NEW BUSNIESS:

1 – With the passing of the new Ordinances we are going to start calculating the percentages on September 1 2015, the 2016 elections there will be a full years percentage to go by and then 2 years in 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1 - None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Capt. Snyder, seconded by Capt. Grco, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Hoitsma
Fire Clerk

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

MONTHLY REPORT @ JULY 31, 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	134	of 273 total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	217	
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	215	of 1,391 total
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• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	272	
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	158	of 2,066 total
• Issued violations upon non-periodic inspections	59	
• Fire Safety Permits issued	81	
• Permit inspections conducted	81	
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	30	
• Penalties collected (gross)	2	totaling $ 650
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training	1	totaling $ 200
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	16	
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	9	

IMMINENT DANGERS AFFECTING FIREFIGHTERS AT –

- **Sal Greenman Esq., 12-47 River Road**

Imminent Hazard Order issued to restore the required smoke detection system and that has not been complied with in this 2-story wood frame structure with a windowless basement. The business has been vacated. Current condition of the building as would affect firefighters, is unknown as we cannot gain entry. "Unsafe Premises" Notice has been posted.

- **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.

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Other extraordinary items called to your attention . . .

- **Scholastic Bus Co., 18-02 River Road**

Sprinkler system, yard hydrant, and fuel tank suppression system are overdue for periodic testing. Also, emergency light log is not maintained and/or available for inspection, electric hazards, and a fire exit needs repair at this 18,000 square foot Life Hazard Use storing and dispensing flammable liquids and doing motor vehicle repair.

- **Maurice M. Pine Free Public Library, 10-01 Fair Lawn Ave**

Fire alarm system is overdue for periodic testing, an exit door requires excessive force to open, 5 exit/emergency lights do not work, and 3 stairways are obstructed with book carts at this 31,000 square foot library, a Life Hazard Use.

- **Residential apartment at 13-41C Sperber Road – Knollcroft Gardens**

In the course of our periodic inspection of apartments' smoke and CO alarms we found this unit to be obstructed entirely with personal belongings, thereby making access/exit extremely difficult for the resident and firefighters. Per our Order, the hazards have been eliminated to our satisfaction

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

All hazards previously reported to you have since been rectified.

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

All hazards previously reported to you have since been rectified.

Submitted by,
Jay G. Bender
Fire Marshal