

# Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

## FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 9/9/2015 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 – Capt. Agnello, Lt. Guerrieri

Co.3 – Capt. Snyder, Lt. Demeraski

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

Also in attendance were –Mayor John Cosgrove, Rescue Chief Pete Yuskaitis, John N. Hoitsma, John Blair, Jim Funcheon, Kirk Shaw, Ed Baldofsky Sr., Ed Baldofsky Jr., Rich Healey, Lauren Healy

### MINUTES:

On a motion by Capt. Greco, seconded by Lt. Demeraski the minutes of the August Fire Board were approved.

### MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co.1 –4 water extinguishers, 1 AED, 30Ft of chain, 3 D-rings, 3 pager repairs, 1 D- handle shovel

Co.2 -8 sets SCBA mask straps, 2 Jr. shields, cascade repair Tac-9, chain for chain saw, 1 AED

Co.3 – 2 Dewalt 18V batt, 2- 9.6V batt, pager repairs, SCBA mask straps, 3 squeegees, Deck gun nozzle repair, 4 suspenders

Co.4 – 6 Min V batt, pager repairs, container 4 cycle fuel, E-4 repairs warranty

### MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co.1 –1 case Stihl mix fuel

Co.2 –8 sets SCBA mask straps, 3 pagers, truck soap, floor degreaser for bay floors, chain for roof saw

Co.3 –Electrical heaters foam trailer, roll pig mate, misc. parts for generators, misc. parts for K-12 saw, “o” rings for SCBA

Co.4- Truck was, 2 suspenders, 3 uniform shirts

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### **BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:**

- 1- Good job at the Broadway fire.
- 2- Borough drill tomorrow 9/10 at 7:30.
- 3- Still need Borough drill plans from 3 companies.

### **DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:**

- 1 – Engine 4 is back in service from the warranty repairs.
- 2 – T-1 will be out of service for about 4 to 6 weeks for body repairs. Use Quint 2 for truck ops or mutual aid.
- 3 – Good job at the Broadway fire. There will be a critique on Tues. 9/15 at Co.3 8:15

### **ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:**

- 1 – Good job also to everyone at the fire on Broadway.
- 2- In 2 to 3 weeks Pathmark on Maple Ave will possibly be shut down.
- 3 – Keep in mind that the Pope will be visiting the metro area in a couple of weeks. Keep alert to all situations during this time.

### **CHIEFS REPORT:**

- 1 –Mutual Aid to Paterson, if an engine is requested to go to Union Ave firehouse we will not be going. The Chiefs have requested on numerous occasions that we be moved to a closer firehouse to town and nothing has changed. If it's a closer firehouse we will go. (Trenton Ave or Riverside firehouses) Dispatchers have been advised.
- 2- Great job to all at the Broadway fire, please send me a list of any equipment that was lost or damaged at the fire.
- 3 – NWBMA is starting an Incident Safety Officer group to respond with coordinators to fires and assist departments as needed. If interested let me know.
- 4 – Fire One graduation will be Fri September 25
- 5 – The Borough will be holding a 9/11 ceremony at 9am at the memorial wall at the Borough Hall.
- 6 – Convention weekend is next week, please make all efforts to be around for calls if you are not attending as manpower will be lite.

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**FIRE LIAISON REPORT:**

1 – Mayor has talked to owners of the Pathmark property and if there is no interest in the current property they are looking to redo it all to like what is at the promenade property.

2 – On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Sunrise Rotary club will be honoring Rescue Chief Pete Yuskaitis for his service to the Borough. Flyers will be distributed when they are received.

**FIRE PREVENTION:**

1 – Report attached

**RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:**

1 –Chief had no report

**TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:**

1 –Plenty of open dates are open for the Academy, if interested please let me know.

2 – We have 4 or 5 graduates at the upcoming event announced by the Chief

**COMMITTEES:**

Apparatus: On hold

Awards: No report

CAD: Chiefs working on tablets and software

Convention: weekend of September 18, 19 in Wildwood

Fitness: No report

Funeral: No report

## **COMMITTEES CONT.**

Gear & Standards: No report

Honor Guard: No report

Insurance: No report

Improvement: No report

Jr. ff's/recruitment: No report

LOSAP: No report

Ordinance: Still awaiting information from Borough Building Official

Radio: Progress,

Reorg/planning: No report

SOG: Meeting September 23 7:30 at Co.3

Training Center: No report

Uniform: No report

Website: No report

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1 –Flyer for Sussex Co. fire muster on Oct.1 distributed

2 – Thank you letter from PBA for support at the Mary Ann Collura Scholarship fund raiser.

3 – Resignation letter from Christopher J. Hoitsma from the position of Fire Clerk, effective 12/31/15

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**APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:**

1 – On a motion by Capt. Goldberg, seconded by Capt Snyder. Anthony Messina was accepted as a probationary firefighter in Co.3. He will be assigned badge A3

2 – On a motion by Capt. Snyder, seconded by Capt. Greco. Kevin Beites was accepted as a probationary firefighter in Co. 3. He will be assigned badge A4

3 – On a motion by Capt. Snyder, seconded by Capt. Greco. Angela Bachman was accepted as a probationary firefighter in Co.3. She will be assigned badge A1

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1 – High rise comm. went to fire academy and a determination has been made as to which direction we will be going with. A list will be given to the Deputy Chief for prices and purchasing.

**NEW BUSNIESS:**

1 – Smoke machine not working and needs to serviced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1 - None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Capt. Snyder, seconded by Capt. Goldberg, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Hoitsma  
Fire Clerk

# FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

## MONTHLY REPORT @ AUGUST 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	153	of	273 total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	259		
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	233	of	1,390 total
• Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations	266		
• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	301		
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	286	of	2,066 total
• Issued violations upon non-periodic inspections	77		
• Fire Safety Permits issued	94		
• Permit inspections conducted	84		
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	38		
• Penalties collected (gross)	7	totaling	\$ 1,262
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training	1	totaling	\$ 200
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	17		
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	13		

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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.

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*Other extraordinary items called to your attention . . .*

- **IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER at Natural Way Café, 23-25 Broadway**

An Order to close the cooking operation was imposed for failure to comply with requirements to obtain the necessary Fire Safety Permit at this 1,000 square foot delicatessen.

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

Our inspection revealed 5 emergency light/exit sign units to be not operating; a fire exit that requires excessive force to open; the fire-rated door for the boiler room is typically held open; means of egress via 3 stairway landings are obstructed; 3 situations involving non-permitted electric extension cords; and fire alarm system is overdue for periodic testing in this 32,000 square foot, 3-story, non-sprinklered library, a Life Hazard Use.

- **A & P Pathmark, 22-00 Maple Ave**

Our inspection revealed the kitchen suppression system is overdue for a current test report; CO2 suppression system in the compressor room is overdue for a current test report; backup generator is overdue for a current test report; the deep fryer exhaust system is overdue for its periodic cleaning; 2 situations involving non-permitted electric extension cords, and a fire exit is obstructed at this 51,000 mercantile use, a Life Hazard Use.

- **Fair Lawn Athletic Club, 14-19 Parmelee Ave**

Our inspection revealed the fire alarm system is overdue for periodic testing; both cooking suppression systems are overdue for periodic testing; the cooking exhaust ventilating hood is overdue for its periodic cleaning; the fire alarm panel indicates “dialer trouble,” and an emergency light/exit sign unit does not operate in this 10,000 square foot assembly use for 290 persons. a :Life Hazard Use.

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

All hazards and violations previously called to your attention have since been abated.

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**Free carbon monoxide detectors** are now available to residents over age 60 who cannot afford to provide for themselves.

**Free strobe-light smoke alarms** are now available to hard-of-hearing residents who cannot afford to provide for themselves.

Persons interested in these life safety devices should contact Fire Marshal Jay Bender  
201-794-5408 [FireMarshal@FairLawn.org](mailto:FireMarshal@FairLawn.org)

Submitted by,  
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Fire Marshal