

Borough of Fair Lawn Fire Department

FIRE BOARD MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2015

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON WEDNESDAY 10/14/2015 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

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

Also in attendance were – Ed Baldofsky Sr., Ed Baldofsky Jr., Mayor John Cosgrove, Howie Londner, Rescue Chief Pete Yuskaitis, John Lyons, Jim Funcheon, Kirk Shaw

MINUTES:

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

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

Co.1 – None

Co.2 – 8 SCBA mask straps, 3 squeegees, 1 pager repair, bags of screw and O rings for SCBA

Co.3 –Light repair Eng.3, 3 Squeegees, Temp repair to compartment door, 3 pager repairs and 1 condemned, Eng. 3 transmission work

Co.4 – 2 sets suspenders

MATERIALS REQUESTED:

Co.1 –None

Co.2 –3 pagers, truck soap, floor degreaser for bay floors

Co.3 – None

Co.4- Diamond blade for K12, AED pads Adult and Ped.

BATT. CHIEFS REPORT:

1- Borough drills coming up, Monday Oct 19 At Fire Training center Co.3 host. Thurs. Nov.12 Co. 4 host.
2 - LOSAP Coordinator will be activated and in charge of monthly sign in sheets. All sheets are to be in by the 5th of each month. I will have a spread sheet made so that all are on the same page.

DEP. CHIEFS REPORT:

1 – Thanks to all who attended the critique of the Broadway fire.
2 – Thanks to Co.3 for attending the wake for the Paramus Ex-Chief.
3 – Thank you also to Co. 2 for taking care of the flag detail at the funeral for the Paramus Ex-Chief.
4 – If any company has items they want to go to auction please advise me. The Borough auction is in November.

ASST. CHIEFS REPORT:

1 – Sign in sheets need to be filled in properly so that proper credit can be given.

CHIEFS REPORT:

1 – Sunday Oct 18, the dedication of the park for Ex-Chief Bill Grieder will be at 9am at Heights and Lorretta. Refreshments will be available after the ceremony at Co.2.
2 – Uniform Allowance vouchers are out, get them signed and returned.
3 – SCBA mask straps will be ordered with the left over monies from the bottles. Will advise when they are in.
4 – A letter was read off from Fire Marshall Jay Bender.

FIRE LIAISON REPORT:

1 –Was at the Bill Grieder park today and it looks good for the ceremony on Sun.

FIRE PREVENTION:

1 – Report attached

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1 – Rescue has received new Scott SCBA's. Will give the FD the old Scott masks as they are not compatible with our new units.

TRAINING COORDINATOR REPORT:

1 – 5 classes are available for those interested, they will be emailed out. Please advise if interested.

COMMITTEES:

Apparatus: On hold

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
8-01 FAIR LAWN AVENUE ~ FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY 07410
Telephone: (201) 794-5389 ~ Fax: (201) 794-1506
www.fairlawn.org

COMMITTEES CONT.

Awards: No report

CAD: No report

Convention: On Hold

Fitness: No report

Funeral: Dep. Chief Rinaldo asked what the proper funeral dress procedures are reference white gloves. A box of white gloves will be purchased.

Gear & Standards: No report

Honor Guard: A model of parade glove was handed in and will be looked into for purchase

Insurance: No report

Improvement: No report

Jr. ff's/recruitment: No report

LOSAP: Discussed under Batt. Chiefs report

Ordinance: Borough building official has finished his report and Chief will review.

Radio : Chief will talk to Kevin and check on status of reprogramming.

Reorg/planning: No report

COMMITTEES CONT

SOG: Trying to schedule a meeting

Training Center: No report

Uniform: No report

Website: No report

COMMUNICATIONS:

1 –Flyer for F/F Training seminar that Garfield Eng 2 is hosting on Saturday Jan. 30. Copies in all companies boxes.

APPLICATIONS & RESIGNATIONS:

1 –On a motion by Capt. Greco, seconded by Capt. Goldberg. Casey Russell was accepted as a Jr. firefighter in Co.4. He will be assigned badge J1.

2 – On a motion by Capt. Greco, seconded by Capt. Goldberg. F/F Fred Donatelli was granted a 6 month leave of absence. He holds badge #77 in Co.4

3 – On a motion by Lt Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Goldberg, F/F Mark Ferlantis resignation was accepted effective Oct 12, 2015. He held badge # 43 in Co.2.

4 – On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Greco, Timothy Hoedemaker was accepted as a Jr. firefighter in Co.2. He will be assigned badge J6.

5 – On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Greco, Jonathan Hoedemaker was accepted as a Jr. firefighter in Co.2. He will be assigned badge J5.

OLD BUSINESS:

1 – Capt. Goldberg asked about KNOX Box programming

2 – Reminder Borough hosting Exempts meeting in Jan.16 at Community Center

3 – Co.4 had some questions reference the new stand by generators.

NEW BUSNIESS:

1 – Dep. Chief Rinaldo wants the reorg. comm. restarted to discuss some issues that seem to arising. Meeting will be on Thursday 10/29 7:30 Co.4. Chief Wolthouse advised it should just be the ordinance comm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Funcheon asked since we seem to be having issues with radios with Glen Rock could we have them pay to repair our radios. Chief advised it's not just radio problems with Glen Rock.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Lt. Guerrieri, seconded by Capt. Goldberg, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Hoitsma
Fire Clerk

FAIR LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

MONTHLY REPORT @ SEPTEMBER 30, 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	178	of	273 total
• Violation Notices issued to LHU locations	295		
• Inspections of non-LHU locations	265	of	1,388 total
• Violation Notices issued to non-LHU locations	308		
• Inspections of 1- and 2-family homes upon sale or lease	344		
• Inspections of multi-family dwelling units	340	of	2,066 total
• Issued violations upon non-periodic inspections	76		
• Fire Safety Permits issued	99		
• Permit inspections conducted	89		
• Investigations of complaints of fire hazards	39		
• Penalties collected (gross)	13	totaling	\$ 4,734
• penalties collected to be dedicated to FD equipment/training	1	totaling	\$ 200
• Imminent Hazard Orders issued	18		
• Fire Prevention programs presented to the public	15		

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
MONTHLY REPORT @ SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
(page 2 of 3)**

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.

Other extraordinary items called to your attention . . .

- **IMMINENT HAZARD ORDER - Sal Greeman Law Office, 12-47 River Road**

These premises ordered to be vacated due to discontinuance of monitored fire protection system. All entrances have been posted “Unsafe and Unlawful to Enter.”

- **Knights of Columbus, 16-16 Maple Ave.**

Cooking suppression is overdue for periodic testing, kitchen hood & ductwork overdue for periodic cleaning to remove grease and cooking residue, and some electrical hazards at this 6,000 square foot assembly use, a Life Hazard Use.

- **Jack Daniels Volkswagon, 40-18 Broadway**

Automatic sprinkler system overdue for periodic testing, smoke alarm system overdue for periodic testing, and numerous electrical hazards at this 2-story, 14,000 square foot, auto dealership.

- **Jack Daniels Porsche, 29-09 Broadway**

Automatic sprinkler system overdue for periodic testing, smoke alarm system overdue for periodic testing, and numerous electrical hazards at this 3-story, 15,000 square foot, auto dealership.

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
MONTHLY REPORT @ SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
(page 3 of 3)**

Other extraordinary items called to your attention . . .

- **Hyatt Place Fair Lawn Paramus, 41-01 Broadway**
All hazards previously reported to you have since been abated.

- **Residential apartment, 15-33 Chandler Drive – Fair Lawn Park Estates**
All hazards previously reported to you have since been abated.

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.

Free smoke alarms and change of batteries are available to any resident unable to provide for themselves.

Persons interested in these life safety devices should contact Fire Marshal Jay Bender
201-794-5408 FireMarshal@FairLawn.org

Submitted by,
Jay G. Bender
Fire Marshal