

Town of North Branford Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING, COMPANY #2

AUGUST 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, Vice Chairman Ed Prunier, Commissioners Kenneth Ash and Anthony DellaCamera. Commissioner Andrew Campion was absent.

OTHERS: Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief Anthony P. Esposito, Jr. and Deputy Chief Training Officer Robert Colangelo, Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo, Captains Richard Lennon, Kevin Lyon and Gene Stabile, and Lieutenant Steve Torino.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE FIRE TRAINING FACILITY: Chief Seward had expected to receive the foundation plans prior to this meeting. This discussion will take place at a later meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE SPECS FO R22: The specs are complete and have been submitted to the Town's Purchasing Agent. They are expected to go to bid within one to two weeks. The specs are similar to Rescue 1 specs.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE FINANCING FOR R22: The Equipment Reserve budget was discussed. The amount of \$75,000 is budgeted for each year for five years for Rescue 22 in the equipment reserve budget totaling \$375,000 which should be sufficient for the purchase.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE FIRE STATION INSURANCE: The Chief distributed a "Statement of Values" which listed the insurance coverage for the individual firehouses and the contents. The apparatus are covered under the Town's insurance plan. Chief Seward questioned the meaning of "contents" as the amounts listed are extremely low. The Chief would like all the company Captains to prepare an excel spreadsheet listing the inventory on each truck. He would also like the value of everything in each station documented, including tools, gear, etc. It was noted that the Town Council would like to send an adjuster to each firehouse to determine coverage. There was a discussion about the claim that Company #3 filed regarding a March, 2015 incident due to ice damage to the firehouse that was denied by Purchasing Assistant Michele Knockwood. Lt. Torino then spoke to the Town Manager and the Council was made aware of the claim.

Copies of current statutes that discussed death, disability and injury benefits were distributed at the meeting since they pertain to insurance coverage for volunteers.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DAMAGE TO APPARATUS: The Chief discussed the damage to a vehicle that is estimated at \$13,500 due to Company #2 backing into a tree. The policy for the procedure to follow if an accident occurs with the apparatus was detailed in a March, 2014 policy issued by the Chief.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE MEDCOM UPDATE: Chief Seward distributed the mutual aid request form and a discussion followed. It was discussed that North Haven cannot bill for their services so they are not on rotation for our mutual aid. According to OEMS regulations, for a priority 2 mutual aid call, our department must wait fifteen minutes for the first Town that is called. Then the next Town would be called if the first Town doesn't respond. Chief Seward does not want to wait fifteen minutes before another ambulance is called and he strongly advised the members to ask for the next ambulance in rotation instead of waiting fifteen minutes for the first ambulance.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Chief distributed his report to the Board detailing his activities which included a Fire Department Executive Summary of Activity for fiscal year 2014-2015. A total of 1,941 alarms were responded to as well as 1,521 emergency medical incidents.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Prunier, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk