



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

September 25, 2023
Regular Meeting
Hawleyville Fire Dept.
34 Hawleyville Rd. Newtown CT. 06470

Meeting Opened By: Pat Reilly, Chairman at 7:00pm

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Brian Sharnick, Jeff Dugan, Jay Nezvesky, Tim Whelan & Ron Bolmer

Absent: Tom Fitzgerald

Chiefs – Chief Murphy, Deputy Chief Basso

Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober & Steve Murphy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAENCE

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Pat congratulated Sandy Hook on their Best Overall win at the Connecticut Parade Marshals Association (CPMA) State Championship.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Ron Bolmer made a motion to accept the minutes from 8/28/23 as submitted, Pat Reilly seconded and the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS-

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Richard Frampton presented August 2023 Reports- See attached

Purchasing Agent – David Ober presented his report as follows:

- Hose- Request for vendors to quote hose-Need Colors- see David After the meeting
This will include Failed Hose test- 2022 and Budgeted Hose 2023-2024
- Hose Testing- Same Company after Bid- Dates: October 23, 24, 26 (31st back up date if needed)
The hard suction being done this year.
- Ground Ladder Testing- Within this week or two- Vendor to set up dates
- Hoods- On Order- PGI Cobra BarriAire Gold Critical Particulate Coverage
- Gloves- Firefighting & Extrication gloves- will need sizes from each Dept.
-Firefighting- Firematic- FC- F8000 Valor- made by Fire Craft
-Extrication- Ringers 314-11, short cuff, yellow
- SCBA- Batteries should be replaced at/ about the last week of October (Every six months)
Replacement batteries will be given out at October Monthly meeting.
- Air Packs- 2022- were invoiced for 70 flow tests and in 2023 invoiced for 113 flow test- No idea where the 43 extra air packs came from...if anyone can shed light please do. We did not budget for 43 extras plus repairs
- Dave will ask each Dept. to do a count.

Tim Whelan asked if we are any closer to getting PROS to sign off on Firefighters physicals in a more timely manner. Sandy Hook still has one member that went and had his physical (July) that they have not signed off on yet. Maybe DOCS would be better. Either way it would be beneficial if we could get the scripts for X-Rays prior to physical appointment, so the Firefighter can have the X-Rays done prior to the physical. We need to figure out where the breakdown is.

Combined Chiefs- No Report

NUSAR – No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy –Tom Fitzgerald is still getting through the last of the SOP's

Radio/Hydrant – Reported by Jeff Dugan
Mike McCarthy said they had 6 more dry hydrants to complete.

Jeff is still waiting on a call back from the company to be doing Misty Vale.

Robin Hill Suppression tank was repair- will be tested and put back in service.

Radio Committee Sub Committee- The changeover to going digital is not going to happen this Wednesday as planned. There are still issues being addressed and all equipment still needs to be reprogrammed prior to switching over.

Truck- Tim Whelan reported that when 114 went to Tracy's for ladder inspection, they found a cracked weld. Tim called Firematic to get their recommendation and they said to hire a certified welder, which Tracy's employs a certified welder and he completed the job.

The truck committee met with the 114 refurb committee, after much discussion the truck committee asked the 114 group to pare down some of the requests, we will meet again soon.

Budget- Jay Nezvesky will be sending out the budget template this month, he would like these completed and returned the first week on November. Jay asked that Chiefs, Purchasing Agent update any pricing they can.

OLD BUSINESS-

- CT. Plan on Maintenance and Remediation of Toxic Substances on Turnout Gear- How to implement follow up.

The sub-committee met and all agreed that the Policy the state send out looked great and suggests the Board adopts this as the policy for the town. The board discussed this additionally.

Pat Reilly made a motion to adopt the CT. Plan on Maintenance and Remediation of Toxic Substances on Turnout Gear as our policy and it was seconded by Brian Sharnick. and it passed unanimously.

During the discussion it was noted that we will need to add a line item to the budget to cover "Specialized Cleaning" if it is needed to be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Changes to CIP for future fire apparatus purchase.** An additional \$50,000.00 has been added to each apparatus in the CIP due to high increases over the last few years. This is still in the process of approvals through the town boards.

- **Increase in Ambulance Calls-** Pat Reilly will send out an email to Director Will NECC. He asked the Chiefs to meet with the Ambulance Chief to come up with a resolution to the increase in Medical Call issues and the addition of types of calls the Fire Dept. are being dispatched to.
- **Election for Civilian Commissioner-** Jeff Dugan nominated Tom Fitzgerald for Civilian Commissioner, there being no other nominations, nominations were closed and Tim Fitzgerald was voted in to another term.
- **Nominations for BOFC Chair and Vice Chair**
Pat Reilly Nominated Tim Whelan for Vice Chair, there being no other nominations, Tim was voted in as Vice Chair for another year.
Jeff Dugan nominated Patrick Reilly for Chairman, There being no other nominations, and Patrick was voted in as Chairman for another year.

Announcements- Annual Dinner meeting will be held at Sugo in Sandy Hook on October 23, 2023. We will need a head count at the next regular meeting on October 16, 2023.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Dugan and Seconded by Tim Whelan and motion passed unanimously.


Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	6	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	5	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	2	
D	BUILDING & SITE	0	
	1. Building Inspections	37	
	2. Site Inspections	15	
	3. C.O. Inspections	5	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	2	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	19	
F	OFFICE	280	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	14	
I	TRAINING	0	
J	PURCHASING	129	
O	OTHER-Rich	5	
O	OTHER-Dave	1	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	522	378
Rich	Run Fire Pump	4	
	Deposits	1	
Dave	Knox Box -Modzelewski's	1	
Steve			
Jami			
	Aug-23		
		Marshal's Signature	

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	
ALARMS	32	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	8/12/2023	13 Riverside Rd. Barn		
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	12	8/23/2023	6 Sutherland- kitchen		
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	0	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	5	8/19/2023	1-84 SH		
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	1				
MUTUAL AID	4				
STRUCTURES	2				
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	26	8/28/2023	7 White Oak - Stove Smoking		
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	1				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	13				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	25				
WATER EVACUALTION	1				
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	8				
APPLIANCE	1				
TOTAL	133				
Fiscal Numbers					
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS			
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	MONTH	YTD
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	35	35
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	23	23
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	24	24
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	17	17
			TOTALS	54	54
				153	153

Fire Company's Calls 133

The Fire Marshals had 522 incidents and 378 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 3 tanks \$60.00, burn \$0.00, 0 reports \$.00 Total \$60.00