



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

October 16, 2023
Regular Meeting
Sandy Hook Vol. Fire & Rescue
18 Riverside Rd. Sandy Hook CT 06482

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

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

Absent: Tom Fitzgerald & Jeff Dugan

Chiefs – Chief Murphy, Deputy Chief Basso, Chief Capozziello

Marshals- Rich Frampton & Steve Murphy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Ron Bolmer made a motion to accept the Minutes from September 25, 2023 regular meeting and Tim Whelan Seconded, Motion Passed

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Tim Whelan asked to add Sandy Hook ARPA Funds to New Business
Brian Sharnick asked to add Hook & Ladder request of 3 sets of gear to New Business

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Richard Frampton presented September, 2023 Reports- See attached

Purchasing Agent –Report presented by FM Frampton

Hose:

- Request for vendors to quote has gone out.
- Failed hose test 2022
- Budgeted hose 2023-2024

Hose Testing:

- Same company after bid- October 23, 24, 26 and Oct. 31 (Back up date if needed)
- At Sandy Hook Fire- in rear- as done in prior years
- Hard suction being done this year
- Rack Hose not being done-unless there were repair or a swap out

Hoods: Hoods have been issued to the fire departments

Gloves:

- Extrication gloves have been issued as well (A few on back order)
- Firefighting Gloves are on order (XS special ordered- won't hold up order)

SCBA:

- (AA) batteries have been issued to each Fire Department to replace the SCBA batteries.
- Please change batteries the last week of October (Flow test and batteries changed April) every 6 months

Combined Chiefs- No Report

NUSAR – No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No Report

Radio/Hydrant – Ron Bolmer reported that the Tank on Robin Hill has been tested and back in Service.
No news on Misty Vale Tanks and New Lebbon tank has been repaired.

Radio Committee Sub Committee- Tim Whelan reported that Base Stations are being installed. Portables and Pagers are being programmed.

Truck- Tim Whelan reported that Newtown Hook & Ladder is ready to sit down for discussion on the 114 refurb with the BOFC Truck Committee.

Budget- Jay Reported that he sent out the templates to all Departments and hopes to have the completed budgets back by the first week of November. He also reported that David Ober has been working to get updated prices on the standard items.

OLD BUSINESS- Follow up on Fire Depts. running additional EMS calls.
Pat Reilly read over the policy that was updated 7/20/23

5.4.7 Lift Assist

1. If the ambulance crew requests lifting assistance from the fire department, inquire as to whether they need them Priority (lights and sirens) or with traffic (no lights or sirens – travel with traffic). Tone out appropriate company with necessary information and state – Priority or with traffic.
2. If no EMS personnel sign on the air, prior to attempting mutual aid, add the appropriate fire company as first responders and hold off on mutual aid until contact is made. FD is added only if no one from NVAC signs on.

The BOFC will reach out to NVAC to set up and meeting for discussion on the Fire Departments concerns.

NEW BUSINESS: Added: Brian Sharnick made a motion to purchase of 3 sets of gear for NH&L for members in FF1
Jay Nezvesky seconded the motion passed.

Added: Tim Whelan made a motion for reimbursement to Sandy Hook for the upgrade to all LED lighting to the station- Tim presented 3 Quotes and the least is in the amount of \$8,500.00. Ron Bolmer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements- The annual meeting will be held at Sugo Restaurant on Monday October 23, 2023 starting at 6pm. Please RSVP Nancy (by Email or Phone) if you are attending and how many. We would like numbers by Thursday October 19, 2023.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Sharnick and Seconded by Ron Bolmer and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	1	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	1	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	37	
	2. Site Inspections	7	
	3. C.O. Inspections	4	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	5	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	
F	OFFICE	223	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	6	
I	TRAINING	4	
J	PURCHASING	107	
O	OTHER-Rich	3	
O	OTHER-Dave	5	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	406	345
Rich	Run Fire Pump	2	
	Deposits	1	
Dave	Run Fire Pump	1	
	12 Church Hill _Occupancy Load	1	
	P.O.	1	
	Rankin- uniforms	1	
	Liberty at Newtown	1	
Steve			
Jami			
Sept. 2023			
		_____ Marshal's Signature	

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	DAYS/DATE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCS
ALARMS	35		STRUCTURE	
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0			
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	3			
BRUSH	2			
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	0		VEHICLE	
C.O. DETECTOR	2			
FALSE CALLS	0			
HAZ-MAT	0			
MUTUAL AID	0			
STRUCTURES	0			
RESCUE	0		APPLIANCE	
EMS/MEDICAL	29			
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0			
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	9			
VEHICLES	1		OTHER	
EXTRICATION	0			
MVA	26			
WATER EVACUATION	15			
CHIMNEY	0			
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	0			
PUBLIC SERVICE	3		TOTALS	
APPLIANCE				
TOTAL	140		Fiscal Numbers	
			FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS	
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	43
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	25
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	13
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	13
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	44
			TOTALS	140
				YTD
				114
				70
				31
				30
				146
				426

Fire Company's Calls 140

The Fire Marshals had 406 incidents and 345Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 0 tanks \$0.00, burn \$0.00, 0 reports \$0.00 Total \$0.00