

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1
Bridgewater Township
PO Box 109, MARTINSVILLE, N. J. 08836**

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
May 12, 2015

Meeting Minutes of the May 12, 2015 BOFC District #1 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Natalizio, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements. Present were Commissioners: Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Natalizio, Mr. Patullo, Mr. Rose, and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present were Chief Bradley and Dep. Chief Cowley.

The minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. A motion was made by Mr. Rose to approve, second by Mr. Kalafsky and passed unanimously. *(The April 2015 Chief's report was not available at the time of this meeting and will be reviewed at the June 2015 meeting)*

The Treasurer's report for April 2015, as of May 12, 2015, was presented by Mr. Rose; a motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve, second by Mr. Patullo and passed unanimously. The bills for April 2015 up to May 12, 2015 were presented by Mr. Rose.

A motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Lichtig and passed unanimously.

- The meeting was opened to the public at 8:03 pm. It was requested that all wishing to speak must stand and state their name and address.

With no one from the public wishing to be heard, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:04 pm.

Correspondence:

Various advertisements and bills which were delivered to the interested parties
Lincoln Financial Annuity Program information was received and made available to the membership.
No other correspondence was available.

The Chief's Report for April 2015 was not available at the time of this meeting.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

The Executive Board of the Martinsville Rescue Squad approached President Doug Wright with a request to MVFD to assist with a "Summer Driver Assistance" program for the Squad. President Wright passed along the request to Chief Bradley.

The Chief respectfully replied that the MVFD is also short-handed and will not be able to assist with their summer driving program request.

Insurance and LOSAP:

LOSAP: Mr. Braslow is coordinating the transfer of the monies / funding from Harleysville to Lincoln Financial. Mr. Braslow advised that it will be a slow process.

Discussion on the process of funding and transfer process followed including tracking down individuals, members and past members that have not filled out the transfer information / application with Lincoln. We need to get information from Lincoln / Harrisville about who still has an account with monies for transfer.

A motion was made by Mr. Rose to make payment to the *eligible* recipients on record at this time as confirmed by Chief Bradley and President Wright for the previous four (4) years in four (4) payments and one (1) initial payment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kalafsky and passed unanimously.

Insurance:

Mr. Natalizio spoke with Mr. Tanga and had ineligible and non-members removed from the life insurance list which should be correct and up to date at the time of this meeting.

Membership and Personnel:

Correction on the name of the new member introduced at the April 2015 meeting: (*Brian Mucerino*)

Trucks Out of District:

Memorial Day Parade, Bradley Gardens: in Township

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Nothing to report, next meeting the third Tuesday in June (6/16/15) most likely in Bradley Gardens. John Lichtig will confirm.

New Development:

No Report; signage for the Chimney Rock Rd. & Rt. 22 west / GAF development site and anticipated tenants are posted.

Vehicle Training:

No Report. On-going .

New Fleet Apparatus:

Chief Bradley presented the latest drawings of the Attack Pumper.

Several items on the rescue vehicle front end were missing from the manufacture's drawings as noted from Station #2, Captain Snook.

Station #2 Generator:

The pad has been poured for the generator and the schedule has not changed from previous e-mail from the Chief. The Transfer switch is scheduled to be delivered May 15, 2015.

Somerset County Dispatch

We are on county dispatch 100 % at this time. It is reported that there are several communication issues with vehicles identification.

Text messaging and IamResponding are working.

BOFC By-Laws

The latest version of the BOFC by-laws were reviewed by Mr. Braslow and discussed. A question came up about the retention of the recording of the meeting from six (6) months to thirty six (36) months as advised by Mr. Braslow.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the current and revised BOFC District #1 By-Laws; Seconded by Mr. Kalafsky and approved unanimously. Mr. Braslow will do a final review and approval.

Command Vehicles Policy;

The Board received a request from Chief Bradley to increase the travel distance from 15 to 30 miles.

Mr. Lichtig put together a few “air mile” radius maps to show examples of the travel distance.

Mr. Rose made a motion to adjust/ amend the Command Vehicle Policy from originally approved to reflect the following:

- Amend the policy to twenty five (25) “air miles” with no commuter use permitted.
- The fire call measurement reduced to 30 % (from 40%) of the fire calls and measured at a six (6) month review period.

Mr. Patullo seconded the motion for the changes of the policy.

Discussion followed with (input from public opinion) on the travel distance, response time, personal use, enforcement / monitoring and response usage of the command vehicles. *(Available recording upon request)*

The motion was called to a vote; and was adopted / approved by a majority vote of three (3) yes and two (2) no.

Rose (yes); Patullo (yes); Natalizio (yes); Lichtig (no); Kalafsky (no)

A copy of the approved command vehicle policy will be set to Mr. Braslow for final review and attorney approval.

(Policy Attached)

New Business:

The MVFD motor vehicle accident policy was distributed by Mr. Rose

Discussion about the importance of expedited and immediate reporting (written & verbal), documentation, and past expertise of BOFC members followed.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the proposed accident policy as distributed; seconded by Mr. Patullo and approved unanimously.

A copy of the approved motor vehicle accident policy will be set to Mr. Braslow for final review and attorney approval.

(Policy Attached)

A motion to adjourn the May 12, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Rose; the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.