

**Bristol Fire Department
Board of Engineers Meeting
August 31, 2026**

A Quorum was established, Call to order, Attendance, Minutes & Agenda Approval, Next Regular Business Meeting.

The quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order by Chief Michael DeMello at 1900 hours.

Attendance

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| ☐ | Chief of the Department Michael DeMello | |
| ☐ | Deputy Chief of Admin. Safety & Training Stephen Knapman, | |
| ☐ | Deputy Chief of Operations Adam Medeiros | Hydraulion |
| ☐ | Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral | Ever Ready |
| ☐ | Assistant Chief Luis Medeiros | Defiance |
| ☒ | Assistant Chief Zachary Rivers | Dreadnaught |
| ☐ | EMS Captain Brad Palmer | Div. of EMS |
| ☐ | Board Clerk Lou Mascola | |
| ☐ | Captain Justin Ursini | Dreadnaught Station |

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A motion made by Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral and seconded by Deputy Chief Adam Medeiros to approve the Agenda for August 31, 2026.

A motion made by Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral and seconded by EMS Captain Brad Palmer to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2026 meeting.

Both motions were unanimously approved by the board 6-0.

Next scheduled meeting is Monday October 5, 2026 @ 7:00 PM. or at the call of the Chief of the Department

Meeting Agenda

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the following : Tiverton Fire Department, Girls Scouts, Bristol Theatre Group, and Sansone Funeral Home .

Reports from the Members of the Board of Fire Engineers

Deputy Chief of Safety, Training , and Administration Stephen Knapman

- Firefighter II will be starting at the end of September 2026.
All applications are required by Friday September 4th.
- The 1021 Fire Officer Course will be held Mid to Late Fall. An interest form was distributed earlier this summer with classes, people could indicate which course they were interested in.
- The department will have a Standardized Course and Training for all new drivers.

Deputy Chief of Operations Adam Medeiros

- Reported an issue with the Mobile Radio.
- The Burn Trailer was recently serviced, however, the "dead Man switch" is currently out of service.
- Chief DeMello discussed the burn trailer is reaching the end of its useful life, and is looking at the feasibility of construction of a permanent structure.
- Chief DeMello is retiring the hand tub trailer in the very near future.

Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral

- Had no issues, or reports for this meeting.

Assistant Chief Luis Medeiros

- Reported that the Halligan Tool from Engine 3 is missing after the Meadow Lane fire.
- Requested (1) pager for a member of the Defiance Station.

Captain Brad Palmer from the Division of EMS

- EMS Fall Orientation is in progress.
- Discussed with the board, some improvements with trauma calls as some responders obtain more experience.
- EMS will be offering Mass Casualty Training in the near future.

Captain Justin Ursini Dreadnaught Station

- Announced that the Dreadnaught Annual Banquet will be held on November 24th at the Bristol Yacht Club.

- There will be marine training on September 14th, the training curriculum is in progress. Some materials will need to be procured prior.

Chief of the Department Michael A. DeMello

- Reported that Engine 1 & Truck 6 have new portables.
- The invoice for the airpacks has been received. The airpacks will be arriving shortly.
- The new air bags for Truck 6 have arrived.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss at this meeting.

New Business

- Review the department's SOG's and report any omissions, grammar or spelling errors to Chief DeMello.
- Chief DeMello stated that the Christmas Festival at Unity Park, and the Annual Christmas Lighting will have details including Fire Police.
- The Last Night Concert & Fireworks on September 5th. Engine 3 will have the fireworks detail along with an EMS Detail. The detail will also include a Fire Police Detail.
- This year's Porch Fest will be held on September 20th, in the event of rain, it will be held on the 27th.
- The Annual Old Timer's Clam Boil will be held on September 25th, noon, in the apparatus bay of the Hydes.

Company, Department & Town Events for September - October - November 2026

September

5	Last Night Concert & Fireworks
20	Porch Fest 2026 (Rain Date 27th)
25	BFD Old Timer's Clamboil

October

4	Bristol Fire Department Blood Drive 0900-1430, HQ
18	Ever Ready Clam Boil
25	Defiance Clam Boil

November

6 **Hydes Annual Turkey Roll**
7 **Dreadnaught Surf & Turf**
24 **Dreadnaught Annual Banquet**

For The Good of the Department

- Chief DeMello thanks the members for their quick response and performance at the Meadow Lane fire on August 31st.

Calls for Service Year to Date:

Fires	29
EMS	2217
Public Service	297
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>296</u>
Total	2839

Closing & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1946 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Mascola

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Clerk, of the Board of Engineers

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