

**Bristol Fire Department  
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809  
Board of Engineers Meeting  
April 1, 2024,**

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

**After the quorum was established, the meeting was called to order by Chief Michael DeMello, Deputy Chief of Operations Nelson Luis, Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral, Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros, EMS Captain Brad Palmer, Captain Zach Rivers representing The Dreadnaught Station, Board Clerk Lou Mascola recorded the minutes.**

**A motion by Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros and seconded by Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, April 1, 2024 were unanimously approved. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 22, 2024, @ 7:00 PM.**

**Correspondence, Board Members apparatus Reports, station requests and issues, Chief DeMello's Report, Old Business, New Business, Calendar Updates, For the Good of the Department, Closing & Adjournment.**

**Correspondence**

- Letters of thanks were received from the East Bay CDC and the Warren Fire Department for our response to incidents at their property (EBCDC), and in Warren for mutual aid at a recent structure fire.
- The Knights of Columbus is having a Cigar & Whiskey Fundraiser.
- The Harmony Fire Department is having a 100 year anniversary dinner on May 11th, and has tickets available who may wish to attend.

**Deputy Chief of Operations Nelson Luis ( Defiance Station )**

- Inquired about the dryer connection at the Defiance Station.
- Inquired on whether there will be any additional forestry equipment placed on the Gator Vehicle for brush fire season.

### **Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral ( Ever Ready Station )**

- Announced that there will be an Open House at the Ever Ready Station on June 22nd, 1:00 PM, to celebrate their 100 years of service to the town. All are invited.
- Advised the board that the Ever Ready Annual Banquet will be held on November 9th, with a venue to be decided on at a later date.
- Inquired about the stairwell ceiling that is peeling.
- The second floor kitchen window is leaking, in the area of the coffee machine.
- The second floor kitchen sink is leaking.

### **Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros ( Hydraulion Station )**

- The batteries on Engine 1's SCBA's need replacing.
- Reported an oil leak under Engine 1.
- The Hydes Turkey Roll will be on November 8th.

### **Captain Zach Rivers ( Dreadnaught Station )**

1. Reported an air leak on Engine 4.
2. No issues with Ladder 1.
3. The light tower on Truck 6 is not working.
4. Inquired about the bracket for irons on Truck 6.
5. Discussed the deck gun on Marine 7.

### **Captain Brad Palmer ( Division of EMS )**

- An issue list with Rescue 4 was submitted to the office.

## **Chief of the Department & CFO Michael DeMello**

- Annual Hose Testing will take place on May 29th. Assistance will be needed moving apparatus to and from the testing site. ( RWU ). Also, take a photo of the hose bed illustrating how the bed is to be packed post testing.
- **The following list of Training Updates was submitted by Deputy Chief Knapman:**

**Firefighter I & EMT Class will be wrapping up this month.**

**The NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor Course will begin on April 18th and continue through June 18th. Classes will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Applications for this course are due to the office by Friday April 5th.**

**The Private detail Class will be held on April 16th 6:30 PM & 20th at 9: 00 AM in the Training Room.**

**Department CPR Classes will be offered over the next few months for any members needing it. Notifications will be sent once the dates are finalized.**

**180 Mt. Hope Avenue update: Once the owner notifies the department of the asbestos abatement clearance, the dates will be set up.**

**SCBA Fit Testing will begin this month. It will be offered during company / Department training.**

### **Old Business**

- The RIAFC and NEAFC Meeting / Clam Boil will be held on Wednesday April 24th, Chief DeMello asked that if anyone is available to set up/ serve, and clean up it would be greatly appreciated during the course of the day and evening.

- The Rhode Island Firefighters Celebration of Service Day will be held on May 11th, in Exeter. It would be great to have a good turnout for this event.
- Memorial Day Parade and Services will be held on May 27th. The parade will begin at North Burial Ground and proceed to the Burnside Building. Engine 3, Ladder 1, and Truck 6 will be participating in the parade.

### **New Business**

- Firemen's Memorial Sunday will take place on June 9th. Chief DeMello is hoping for decent weather so that the new statue would be in place and unveiled.
- The Annual Flag Day Ceremony will take place on June 14th, 6:00 PM, on the Town Common.
- The Firemen's Muster is once again slated for June. Two dates are being submitted, June 23rd & 30th. One to be decided on shortly.
- To be discussed and decided at the next Board Meeting ( April 22nd), EMR Classes for EMS.

### **Meeting Calendar for April 2024**

- 1 - Board of Engineers Meeting
- 3 - Company Meetings
- 9 - Engine 4 Meeting
- 9 - EMS Meeting
- 11- Fire Police Meeting
- 17- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 18- Firemen's Memorial Committee Meeting

### **Department & Company Events April / May / June 2024**

#### **April**

24 - RIAFC / NEAFC Meeting & Clam Boil

#### **May**

11 - Rhode Island Firefighters Celebration of Service

18 - Ever Ready Surf & Turf Fundraiser  
27 - Memorial Day Parade & Services

## **June**

6- Fire vs Police Softball game  
9 - Firefighters Memorial Sunday  
14- Flag Day Ceremonies  
15 - Dreadfest 2024  
23 or 30 - Firemen's Muster ( to be determined & announced )

## **For the Good of the Department**

Thanks to all of the first drivers for doing an excellent job with their apparatus.  
Thanks to all within the department for their responses for all calls for service.  
All of the responses and performances do not go unnoticed.

**Calls for Service January 1 - March 31, 2024 : 1032**

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Without any further business to conduct, a motion and second was entertained, with a unanimous vote, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

***Lou Mascola***

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