

**Bristol Fire Department
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809
Board of Engineers Meeting
March 4, 2024,**

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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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 Administration Stephen Knapman, 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 Dennis Cabral and seconded by Deputy Chief Nelson Luis to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, March 4, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 1, 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

No Correspondence to be read at this meeting.

Deputy Chief of Administration, Safety & Training Stephen Knapman

- Anyone wishing to enroll in the Detail Training Class, submit your name. The class is scheduled to begin in April.
- The CPR Class is scheduled to begin on March 9th @ 9:00 AM.
- The building at 180 Mt. Hope Avenue will be used for training, after it has been tested for any remnants of asbestos.
- The State Fire Academy is planning a 1041 Course in spring.
- A 1521 Safety Officer Course is also planned, there is no set date to begin at this time.

Deputy Chief of Operations Nelson Luis from the Defiance Station

- Some of the issues with Engine 3 are being worked on.
- Requested a pair of extrication gloves for a member of the Defiance.
- Discussed the rear gate at the Defiance with Chief DeMello.
- Submitted a letter from Fire Police to the board regarding department members driving to calls for service.

Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral from the Ever Ready Station

- Announced to the board that the Ever Ready's are planning a 100th Anniversary Dinner & Open House. No date has been decided on as of this meeting.
- Reported that he has a driver candidate ready for his test.
- Thanked Captain Brad Palmer (EMS) on the job well done by the EMS members.

Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros from the Hydraulion Station

- Requested a new radio microphone for Engine 4.
- Reported that he has a driver candidate ready for his test.

Captain Brad Palmer from the Division of EMS

- Reported that there are new EMT's ready to be placed on the duty schedule.
- Rescue 4 is out of service to review a punch list.
- Rescue 1 has an issue with its steering.

Captain Zach Rivers from the Dreadnaught Station.

- Requested chains for the saws on Ladder 1.
- Requested ratchet straps and tow hooks for Truck 6.
- Discussed the mast light on Marine 1.
- Announced that Dreadfest 2024 will be held on June 15th.
- The Dreads annual Surf & Turf Dinner will be held on November 2nd.

Chief of the Department Michael DeMello

- With the rain forecasted for this week, anticipate some flooded basements requiring pump outs.
- When responding to mutual aid calls, no one should respond in their personal vehicles other than members of the board and captains. Also, if anyone is responding on the apparatus they are required to be Firefighter I & II certified, and wearing full turnout gear.
- A Bariatric Sked has been purchased. As soon as the accompanying equipment arrives, there will be training, then placed into service.
- If anyone needs "May Day" sheets, they are in the office.
- A new draft SOG for Natural Gas leaks was distributed to the board to read with feedback.
- A Natural Gas Meter will be procured shortly.
- Anything more than a zero reading will be considered as a leak.

Old Business

- With the Department SOG revisions completed, this line item will be removed for future minutes.

New Business

- Chief DeMello announced that the Annual RIAFC Monthly Meeting & Clam Boil will be held on April 24th. This year there will be a contingent from the NEAFC in attendance. Chief DeMello is asking for help in set up, serving, and clean up. Anyone wishing to help should plan to be at the station around 9:00 AM.
- Announced that the RIAFC and Providence Bruins are sponsoring a First Responder Weekend on March 23rd & 24th. Tickets are \$18.00 each for the 100 level. Tickets can be acquired by going online.
- There will be a RI Firefighters Celebration of Service to be held on May 11th, 11:00 AM, at the State Fire Academy in Exeter. All are invited. Details to follow.
- The Annual Memorial Day Parade & Services will be held on May 27th, starting at North Burial Ground and proceeding to the Burnside Building. This year the apparatus participating are Engine 3, Ladder 1, and Truck 6.

Meeting Calendar for March 2024

- 4 - Board Meeting
- 6 - Company Meetings
- 12- Engine 4 Meeting
- 12 - EMS Meeting
- 14 - Fire Police Meeting
- 20 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 21 - Firemen's Memorial Comm. Meeting

Department & Company Events for March / April / May

March 16th	Engine 4 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade
April 24th	RIAFC / NEAFC Meeting & Clam Boil
May 11th	RI Firefighters Celebration of Service
May 18th	Ever Ready Surf & Turf Fundraiser
May 27th	Annual Memorial Day Parade & Service

For the Good of the Department

Chief DeMello sends his thanks for the responses and support for the calls for service.

Calls for Service Year to Date : 758

Closing & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct, a motion and second by Chiefs 6 & 3, with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Mascola

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