

**Bristol Fire Department
Board of Engineers Meeting
December 5, 2022,**

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

The meeting was called to order by **Chief Michael DeMello** at 7:00 PM, a quorum was established. In attendance were **Deputy Chief Danny Cheatom, Assistant Chief Anthony Sousa, Assistant Chief Barry Carinha,, Battalion Chief James Vieira Training & Safety, Board Clerk Lou Mascola** recorded the minutes.

A motion and second to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, December 5, 2022 were both unanimously approved by the board.

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2023, @ 7:00 PM

Correspondence, Apparatus Reports, Station Requests and Issues, Board Reports

Agenda

Correspondence

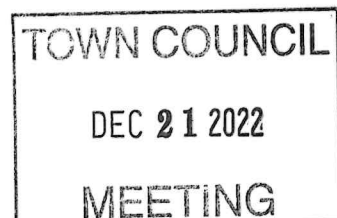
There was no correspondence received for this meeting.

Deputy Chief Cheatom

- ❖ Inquired about the Probationary Helmet Shields.
- ❖ Inquired about the Hi- Rise Pack Straps.
- ❖ Announced that Santa rides with the Defiance on December 24th.

Assistant Chief Sousa

- ❖ Announced that Santa rides with the Ever Ready's on December 18th.
- ❖ Announced that Santa rides with the Dreadnaughts on December 17th.



Assistant Chief Carinha

- ❖ Inquired about obtaining floor wax and a buffing machine for the Hydes. Chief DeMello stated to wait until the first of the year.
- ❖ Announced that Santa Rides with the Hydes on December 18th.

Battalion Chief Vieira

- ❖ Reported that the Firefighter II Class has been completed. (4) out of the (7) students had passed.
- ❖ **The following dates & times are scheduled for training at the former Tweets Restaurant on Mt. Hope Ave:**

December 8th @ 6:30 PM, subject for this training is May Day Operations.

December 11th @ 10:00 AM, subject for this training is again May Day Operations.

December 15th @ 6:30 PM, subject is Engine Co. Operations.

December 19th @ 6:30 PM, subject is Ventilation Operations.

December 21st @ 6:30 PM, subject is Structure Fire Operations. Note: All companies will stage at the DPW until called.

- ❖ **Train the Trainer for Driving Instructors will be held on May 13th 14th. Time will be announced at a later date.**

Chief of the Department Michael DeMello

- ❖ Chief DeMello announced that there hasn't been any word on the radio grants that were submitted recently.
- ❖ The Chief and Board discussed the SCBA Grants.
- ❖ The VF Fire Grant for chainsaws has been received.

Old Business

- ❖ The Board discussed a SOG regarding the EMT Course reimbursement.

New Business

- ❖ Chief DeMello asked if there has been any feedback from the companies regarding the message boards in the stations.
- ❖ The Board discussed recent Marine Calls, involving dispatchers, radio traffic and locations. The Board decided that Rescue should remain in service from their quarters until it is known what area the Marine vessel will be returning to.
- ❖ The Board also discussed "re-toning" for EMS calls. Apparently some dispatchers are re-toning within a minute or two of the original tone.
- ❖ Chief DeMello suggested that due to both Flu & Covid increasing, all members entering residences should be wearing a protective mask.
- ❖ Chief DeMello announced that as of this meeting, the department has responded to 4,045 calls year to date. It is anticipated that we will surpass last year's numbers.
- ❖ There will be EMS Training on December 20th, @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

For the Good of the Department

- ❖ On behalf of the Board of Engineers, Chief DeMello extends his wishes to all members of the department to enjoy a Happy & Safe Holiday Season.

Event Calendar Updates for December 2022

December 2022

- 5 - Board Meeting**
- 7 - Company Meetings**
- 13 - Engine 4 Meeting**
- 13 - EMS Meeting**
- 14 - Annual Board of Engineers Dinner**
- 15 - Fire Police Meeting**
- 17 - Fire Police Banquet**
- 21 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**
- 22 - Firemen's Memorial Meeting**
- 25 - Christmas**
- 26 - Boxing Day (Canada)**

Department Training Dates & Locations

December 8th @6:30 PM
December 11th @10:00 AM
December 15th @ 6:30 PM
December 19th @ 6:30 PM
December 21st @ 6:30 PM

Above training dates are at the former Tweets Restaurant

December 20th EMS Training - 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

May 13th & 14th 2023 Driver Instructor Train the Trainer

Santa Rides with the Companies

Dreadnaughts - December 17th
Hydraulions - December 18th
Ever Readys - December 18th
Defiance - December 24th

Closing & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct at this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Mascola

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