

**Bristol Fire Department  
Board of Engineers Meeting  
March 2, 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**

- 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**

**Agenda & Previous Meeting Approval**

**A motion made by Assistant Chief Zack Rivers and seconded by Deputy Chief Adam Medeiros to approve the Agenda of March 2, 2026.**

**A motion made by Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral and seconded by Deputy Chief Knapman to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2025 meeting.**

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

**Next scheduled meeting is Monday March 30, 2026 @ 7:00 PM. or at the call of the Chief of the Department**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Firemen's Memorial Committee to participate in the sponsor book ads. This was held over to new business.

**Deputy Chief Stephen Knapman - Safety, Training, & Administration**

- The Firefighting I Class is progressing well.
- CPR Classes will be held on the following days: Monday, March 16th @1830 hours, and Saturday March 21st @0930 Hours. Anyone whose license will expire around June 30th, is advised to attend one of these dates.

- There will be a department "live burn" class on Wednesday March 18th.
- Mentioned that when responding to mutual aid calls, radio communications call signs should be Car 1, 2, etc. rather than Chief 1, 2, etc.

#### **Deputy Chief Adam Medeiros - Operations**

- Requested (1) pager for a member of the Hydes. There was one resignation and will swap out that pager, and notify the office of the serial number personnel/change.
- Advised the board that some of the power tools on Engine 1 have reached the end of their useful life, and recommended that the department look at replacing them. The Milwaukee Tool Co. was mentioned as a possible replacement.

#### **Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral - Ever Ready Station**

- Requested (1) pair of size 9 boots for a member of his station.

#### **Assistant Chief Luis Medeiros - Defiance Station**

- Requested that the overhead door in Brush 1's bay needs attention. Chief DeMello will have Captain Gianinni contact the door company.
- Inquired about acquiring a natural gas meter for gas related calls. It was advised to have RI Energy respond to such calls for service.

#### **Assistant Chief Zack Rivers - Dreadnaught Station**

- No issues or requests for this meeting.

#### **Captain Brad Palmer - Division of EMS**

- Reported that all four rescue vehicles are back in service, and operating without any major issues.
- Reported to the board some EMS related issues with the Medics not "splitting" on some calls. Chief DeMello will speak to the management of PSI.
- Inquired with the board if the department could march as one unit, rather than by company at the Firemen's Memorial Parade for a very good reason.

#### **Chief Michael DeMello - Chief of the Department**

- Mentioned to the board that he may be adding a Rescue Task Force prior to July 1.

- The department may also use a Stop the Bleed assistance when needed.
- Advised the board that the Budget Meeting with the Town Council will be held on March 18th.

### **Old Business**

- The SOG Recommendations / Additions/ Edits / Deletions should be completed at the April Board Meeting ( March 30th).
- The Awards & Recognition Night that was postponed due to the Blizzard of 2026, will be rescheduled for May. The date will be announced at a later date.

### **New Business**

- Chief DeMello praised the members of the department who responded to calls during the Blizzard in all aspects of the department. Unlike many other storms there were numerous calls for service during this one. Great job everyone!
- Early Preparations for the July 4th Celebration. Start planning for details for July 3rd & 4th, plus the events leading up to the 4th. The concerts are back at Independence Park with some changes. One being that the food trucks will be parked on Thames St. with one way travel (northbound). Discussion on what apparatus will be at the concerts and where the location will be. Also this year the country is celebrating its 250th year, so there may be additional events planned. There will be additional discussions as we move forward towards the events.
- Chief DeMello discussed with the board different radio channels.
- Firemen's Memorial Committee Sponsor Book. The board, on a motion by Deputy Chief Medeiros, and seconded by Assistant Chief Rivers approved the full page ad, that the department annually takes. This passed unanimously.

### **Company Meeting for March 2026**

- 2 Board Meeting
- 4 Company Meetings
- 5 EMS Meeting (cancelled)
- 10 Engine 4 Meeting
- 12 Fire Police Meeting
- 18 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 19 Memorial Committee Meeting

## Department & Company Events for March & April 2026

### March

14 Engine 4 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

### April

2 EMS Social Night

18 Ever Ready Annual Banquet

30 RIAFC Meeting & Clamboil

### For the Good of the Department

Once again Chief DeMello sends his utmost gratitude to the men and women of the department for their continued response and support.

### Calls for Service Year to date

7	Fire Related
567	EMS
46	Building Alarms
<u>101</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
<b>721</b>	<b>Total</b>

### Closing & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1956 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lou Mascola*

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Clerk for the Board of Engineers

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