

**Bristol Fire Department  
Board of Engineers Meeting  
September 5, 2023**

2023 SEP -6 PM 3:00

**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 at 7:00 PM, In attendance were, Deputy Chief of Operations John P. Perry, Assistant Chief Nelson Luis, Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral, Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros, EMS Lt. Brad Palmer, Lou Mascola recorded the minutes.**

**A motion by Deputy Chief Perry, and seconded by Nelson Luis to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2023 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, Sept. 5, 2023 were unanimously approved.**

**Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday October 2, 2023, @ 7:00 PM.**

**Correspondence, Apparatus Reports, Station Requests and Issues, Board Reports, Chief DeMello's Report, Old Business, New Business, For the Good of the Department, Calendar Updates, and Closing / Adjournment.**

**Correspondence**

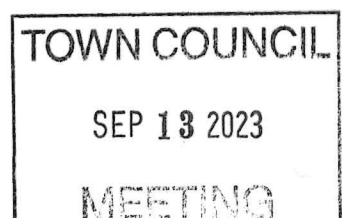
- ☐ A letter of thanks was received from officials of Block Island, for our response and support of their department for the recent fire at the Harborside Hotel.
- ☐ A request from the Boy Scouts Pack 6 to sell popcorn in front of the Dreadnaught Station from 3:00 - 6:00 PM on November 17th. This was approved by the board.
- ☐ A letter from the Dreadnaughts was received stating their support of the second deputy's position within the department.

**Deputy Chief of Operations John Perry of the Dreadnaught Station**

- ☐ A request from the first driver of Ladder 1, that it may be time for its Annual Lubrication.
- ☐ Discussed training sessions that he would be available to instruct.

**Assistant Chief Nelson Luis of the Defiance Station**

- ☐ A member of the Defiance needs their station FOB reset.
- ☐ Requested (2) uniform vouchers.
- ☐ The peacock valve on Engine 5 requires attention.



- ☐ A quote was received for the fence at the Defiance Station in the amount of \$6,000.00.

#### **Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral of the Ever Ready Station**

- ☐ Announced that the Ever Ready Annual Banquet will be held on November 11th, at the Bristol Yacht Club.
- ☐ Reported that the chainsaw on Engine 2 will not shut off normally. The choke has to be used for it to shut off.
- ☐ Reported an issue with the on board compressor on Engine 2.
- ☐ The New York Hook is still missing from Engine 2.
- ☐ Reported that the recent training at the parking garage at RWU went very well.
- ☐ Submitted the name of a member of The Ever Ready who's ready for the drivers test.
- ☐ The EHS pamphlet from RWU was distributed.
- ☐ A thank you was sent from the Gerjets family and the Ever Ready membership for the department support during their time of grievance.

#### **Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros of the Hydraulion Station**

- ☐ Requested batteries for Engine 4.
- ☐ Reported the issue with foam on Engine 1.
- ☐ Requested collar pins for the Lieutenants of the Hydes.
- ☐ Announced that the pack tracker is in the duty vehicle.
- ☐ Inquired about the ice machine. Chief DeMello stated that the part is still on order.

#### **Lieutenant Brad Palmer of the Division of EMS**

- ☐ Requested uniform pins for members of EMS.
- ☐ Discussed Truck 7 being blocked in. Additional information is under Chief DeMello's section.
- ☐ After a recent issue with a rescue vehicle, would a dash cam be necessary to obtain? Discussion ensued, and it would probably not be a good idea at this time. It was mentioned that a VFIS Class for drivers, and/or a Red Light Class would be more appropriate.

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

- ☐ Regarding Truck 7 being blocked in at the Hydes. If this keeps happening, the owner of the blocking vehicle could be suspended and there will not be parking allowed inside any of the stations.
- ☐ Announced that the next Firefighter II Class will be starting on Sunday September 10th.
- ☐ Regarding the Operator/ Driver Checklist originated by Deputy Chief Vieira, if anyone has any input, please send your thoughts to Chief DeMello.
- ☐ A 1021 Class will be starting on October 24th. There will be a total of (9) classes to be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- ☐ Advised the board to watch the weather for the next week as a potential hurricane is forming and could travel up the East Coast.

### **Old Business**

- ☐ The department 's SOG's continue to be reviewed.
- ☐ Reminded the board that the Department Outing will be held on September 23rd, at the VFW, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.
- ☐ Rescue 4 is tentatively scheduled to be delivered in late October / early November.

### **New Business**

- ☐ To fill in for the recently retired Deputy Chief, the members of the board as well as Captains to be included, to sign up to cover Wednesday nights. You can log in to the schedule on the aladtec website.
- ☐ Lt. Palmer from the Division of EMS will hold a class on October 2nd. The time of the class will be announced.

### **Meeting Calendar Updates for September 2023**

- ☐ **Sept. 5th. Board Meeting**
- ☐ **Sept. 6th. Company Meetings**
- ☐ **Sept. 12th. Engine 4 & EMS Meetings**
- ☐ **Sept. 14th. Fire Police Meeting**
- ☐ **Sept. 20th. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**
- ☐ **Sept. 21st. Firemen's Memorial Committee Meeting**

### **Event Calendar Updates for September 2023**

- ☐ **Sept. 16th. Hydraulion Annual Banquet**
- ☐ **Sept. 23rd. Department Outing (VFW)**

### **Department & Company Events Going Forward**

- ☐ **October 13th. Old Timer's Clam Boil**
- ☐ **October 22nd. Ever Ready Station Clam Boil**
- ☐ **October 29th. Defiance Station Clam Boil**
- ☐ **November 3rd. Hydraulion Turkey Roll**
- ☐ **November 11th. Dreadnaught Station Surf & Turf**
- ☐ **November 11th. Ever Ready Station Annual Banquet**

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

- ☐ **Total Runs - Year to date      3,000**
- ☐ **Response Appreciation Chief DeMello thanks everyone for the increase responses, during a busy time of year.**

### **Closing & Adjournment**

Without any further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Lou Mascola***

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