

**Bristol Fire Department  
Board of Engineers Meeting  
January 3, 2023**

**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, Assistant Chief John Perry, Battalion Chief James Vieira Training & Safety, EMS Captain Sam Turner, Board Clerk Lou Mascola** recorded the minutes.

A motion and second to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, January 3, 2023 were both unanimously approved by the board.

**Next scheduled meeting is Monday January 30, 2023, @ 7:00 PM**

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

**Meeting Agenda**

**Correspondence**

No correspondence was received to be read at this meeting.

**Deputy Chief Cheatom**

No reports or requests submitted for this meeting.

**Assistant Chief Sousa**

- Submitted a list of requests from Fire Police to Chief DeMello.
- Reported that a 6' New York Hook has been missing from Engine 2 since the recent training at the former Tweet's Restaurant.

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### **Assistant Chief Carinha**

- The front headlamp on Engine 1 is out.

### **Assistant Chief Perry**

- A new operator for Marine 1 is ready to be tested.
- Reported on the painting at the Dreadnaught Station.
- Reviewed the saw blade requests with Battalion Chief Vieira.
- Requested new batteries for the portable radios on Engine 4 & Ladder 1.
- Reported an issue with the charger for the CO meter.

### **Battalion Chief Vieira**

- The Firefighter I Class shall begin on Sunday, January 22nd @ 9:00 AM.
- The Aerial Class that was to be held last summer will be rescheduled. The dates & times will be announced at a later date.
- There will be a Train the Trainer Class for the upcoming EVOC Class. Time & Dates to be announced.
- The next Firefighter II class shall take place in the Fall of 2023.
- Chief DeMello stated that there will be another EMR Class in February 2023.
- Reported that the recent on hands training at the former Tweet's Restaurant was very successful. Chief DeMello is hoping that there may be additional training at the site before it is demolished.

### **Captain Sam Turner**

- Reported that the painting at the EMS Station has been completed.

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

- Announced that the weight restrictions posted for the Mt. Hope Bridge does in fact apply to emergency vehicles. He will be attempting to resolve this issue with the DOT. The restrictions come into play if apparatus is needed for mutual aid is requested.

## **Old Business**

- The SOG changes / updates have been received. Once reviewed, the updates will be published.

## **New Business**

- With the Company elections being held this month, it is important to update the files. Please forward to the clerk the following: Captains, Lieutenants, First Drivers, and Custodians. The information needed is Name, title, mailing address, e-mail address, and contact phone number.
- There will be an Awards & Recognition Night held in mid- to - late March.

## **Calendar Updates for January 2023**

- Other than the scheduled meeting nights, there are no scheduled events / fundraisers scheduled for January.

| <b>Bristol Fire Department</b>               |
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| <b>January 2023</b>                          |
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| <b>3- Board Meeting</b>                      |
| <b>4 - Company Meetings</b>                  |
| <b>10 - Engine 4 Meeting</b>                 |
| <b>10 - EMS Meeting</b>                      |
| <b>12 - Fire Police Meeting</b>              |
| <b>18 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b>         |
| <b>19 - Firemen's Memorial Comm. Meeting</b> |

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

- Chief DeMello thanked the board members that are leaving the board this month for their service to the department. Those leaving are Deputy Chief Cheatom, Assistant Chiefs Sousa and Carinha.
- Announced the numbers for calendar year 2022:

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Total Runs</b>              | <b>4387</b> |
| <b>Mutual Aid received</b>     | <b>231</b>  |
| <b>Mutual Aid responded</b>    | <b>66</b>   |
| <b>Overlapping % EMS calls</b> | <b>40 %</b> |
| <b>Avg. calls per month</b>    | <b>365</b>  |

- Chief DeMello thanked all members of the department for their continued support.

## **Closing & Adjournment**

Without any further business to conduct at this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Mascola

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Clerk for the Board of Engineers  
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