

**Bristol Fire Department
Board of Engineers Meeting
October 2, 2023**

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, Board Clerk Lou Mascola recorded the minutes.

A motion by Assistant Chief Luis, and seconded by Assistant Chief Cabral to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, October 2, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday October 30 , 2023, @ 7:00 PM.

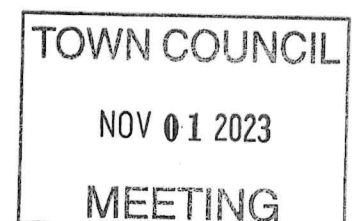
Correspondence, Apparatus Reports, Station Requests and Issues, Board Reports, Chief DeMello's Report, Old Business, New Business, Calendar Updates, For the Good of the Department, Closing & Adjournment.

Correspondence

- A letter of thanks was received from Herman Martin regarding the death of his father.
- (2) invitations were received, one from the Dighton Fire Department and one from the Swansea Fire Department, to participate in the Public Safety Day. Swansea's will start at noon at Station 1 on October 15th.
- A plaque & plate was received from the Town of New Shoreham (Block Island) for our assistance in the fire at the Harborside Hotel on August 18-19th.

Deputy Chief of Operations John Perry of the Dreadnaught Station

- Reported that the stairway at the Dreadnaught Station will need some attention soon.
- Discussed apparatus issues with Chief DeMello.



Assistant Chief Nelson Luis of the Defiance Station

- Reported that the chainsaw on Engine 3 is working properly.
- Captain Medeiros had a login issue, but it should be resolved as of this meeting.
- Chief DeMello stated that he is waiting on Wood & Wire regarding the fence & gate at the Defiance Station,

Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral of the Ever Ready Station

- Reported that some of the air pack bottles are out of date.
- The stairway ceiling is peeling.
- The rear storage room at the Ever Ready Station is very damp. Is it possible to obtain a dehumidifier for that room?

Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros of the Hydraulion Station

- Engine 4 has requested a new voice amp for one of their airpacks.9
- Engine 1 requires a torque adjustment. The springs are okay.

Lieutenant Brad Palmer of the Division of EMS

- There will be Impaled Training on October 15th.
- A CPR recertification class will be held for department members on October 28th at 9:00 AM. **A note to department members, do not wait until your card is about/ or has expired to recertify. Six months prior would be a good time to recertify.**
- There will be lights & sirens training. This is an online class.
- There will be a handheld CPR device placed on Marine 7.

Chief of the Department Michael DeMello

- For new members of the department, gear will be distributed on October 9th, The Firefighter I Prep Class will begin on October 11th.
- There will be TIC Classes on either November 18th, or December 9th, depending on the availability of the instructor. One morning class and one afternoon class.
- The 1021 Class will begin on October 24th. There will be a total of nine classes.
- The next Firefighter I Class will begin in the spring of 2024.
- A "May Day" Instruction sticker was distributed to the board to view.

- There may be a new program called " I am responding" available , on a trial basis that works with your phones.
- The RIAFC will conduct their monthly meeting on October 26th in Coventry, and is open to the Board of Engineers to attend.
- The New England Fire Chiefs Association is having their annual meeting, conference, and exhibits, this week, Oct. 4-6th at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. The Chief will be out of town until Friday afternoon.
- Chief DeMello discussed with the board the classes at RWU. The application, acceptance, and courses that are available for firefighters.
- The Incentive Stipends will be available in December.
- **Chief DeMello reminded the board to mention to their companies that all buildings and apparatus should be kept organized and cleaned.**

Old Business

- SOG Review edits have been added.
- New apparatus: Rescue 4 should be in by late October.

New Business

- The Griswold Avenue Fire : Great job . Chief DeMello has received all positive feedback including from the mutual aid companies. All of the training really showed in this incident.
- The Deputy Chief of Safety, Training and Administration position has been advertised.
- The BCWA will be working in the Monkey Wrench Lane area soon. No start date was available at this meeting.

Meeting & Event Calendar for October 2023

Meetings

Oct. 2	Board of Engineers Meeting
Oct. 4	Company Meetings
Oct. 10	Engine 4 & EMS Meetings
Oct. 12	Fire Police Meeting
Oct. 18	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Oct. 19	Firemen's Memorial Committee

Events

Oct.13	Old Timer's Clam Boil
Oct. 21	Fire Police Annual Banquet
Oct. 22	Ever Ready Clam Boil
Oct. 29	Defiance Fall Clam Boil

Events Going Forward

Nov. 3	Hydraulion Turkey Roll
Nov. 11	Dreadnaught Surf & Turf
Nov. 11	Ever Ready Annual Banquet
Nov. 18	Dreadnaught Annual Banquet
Nov. 25	Ladies Auxiliary Kick off to Christmas

For the Good of the Department

Year to date calls for 2023 3,342 calls for service

Response Appreciation Thank you for the continued support and great work.

Closing & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Mascola

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