

**Bristol Fire Department  
Board of Engineers Meeting  
September 6, 2022**

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**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 JP Perry, Captain Sam Turner, Division of EMS, Battalion Chief Vieira Training & Safety, Board Clerk Lou Mascola** recorded the minutes.

A motion and second to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, September 6, 2022 were unanimously approved by the board.

**Next scheduled meeting is Monday October 3, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

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

**Agenda**

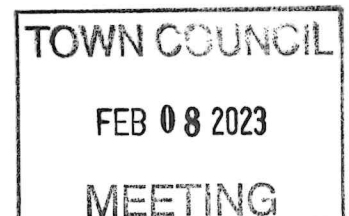
**Correspondence**

An invitation was received from the Swansea Fire Department to participate in their Annual Public Safety Day on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Engine 1 will be participating this year.

**Board Reports**

**Deputy Chief Danny Cheatom**

- ☐ Inquired about the progress with installing a gate in the rear of the Defiance Station.
- ☐ Asked about the ice machine location for the Defiance.
- ☐ There were no issues or requests this month.



### **Assistant Chief Anthony Sousa**

- ☐ Discussed the threshold at the side door of the Ever Ready Station.
- ☐ Discussed the "key reader" for the rear door at the Ever Ready Station.
- ☐ There were no other issues or requests this month.

### **Assistant Chief Barry Carinha**

- ☐ Reported that the ice machine at the Hydes Station needs to be either repaired or replaced.
- ☐ Reported that the gas meter he is assigned to, needs to be replaced.
- ☐ The list for turnout gear has been submitted to Chief DeMello.

### **Assistant Chief John Paul Perry**

- ☐ Discussed with Chief DeMello the re-painting of the wall in the Apparatus Bay, and repairs to the Kitchen Floor.
- ☐ Reported the issue with the tower light on Truck 6.
- ☐ Announced that Ladder 1 will be out of service for repairs and service on September 12th.
- ☐ The Annual Ladder Test will be conducted on September 20th.

### **Battalion Chief James Vieira (Division of Safety & Training)**

- ☐ Announced that the Firefighter I Preparation Class will begin on October 12th and conclude on November 30th. Classes will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:30. The Sunday Class will begin at 9:30. This is for Firefighter I and Junior firefighters.
- ☐ He will issue gear, following a short meeting On October 4th.
- ☐ Please return gear to HQ.
- ☐ Announced that the next Firefighter II Class will begin on October 6th, and end on November 10th. These classes will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:30. The Sunday Class will be held at 9:00. This Sunday Class will be held at the State Fire Academy in Exeter RI. The department's bus will depart HQ at 7:00 AM.
- ☐ Reported that the next Firefighter I Class will be held in Bristol for most classes.
- ☐ On Tuesday, September 27th, there will be a walk thru tour of Unity Park at 500 Wood St. There will be (2) tours that evening. The first at 6:30, and the second

at 7:30. Tour No. 1 will be for The Dreadnaught, Hydraulion at EMS groups. The second tour will be for the Defiance, Ever Ready and EMS groups.

- ☐ **Please note that the Brewery will be open for business, so, please park your vehicles in the middle section of the park behind the brewery.**
- ☐ Announced that the Annual Bristol /Warren Fire Departments Blood Drive will be held in Bristol on October 2nd, from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM at 4 Annawamscutt Drive. The Warren Fire Department will be held on Sunday, October 23rd, from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM at 1 Joyce St. in Warren. The Blood Mobile will be on site for both dates. **Sponsor Code for Bristol is 3006.** While walk-ins are welcomed, it is suggested that an appointment be made by logging in to [www.ribc.org/drives](http://www.ribc.org/drives).
- ☐ The SCBA Flow Test will be held on Thursday September 8th & Friday September 9th. BC Vieira would like assistance with shuttling the apparatus.
- ☐ Asked the Incident Reports for Marine 7, be filled with more detail.

#### **Captain Sam Turner (Division of EMS)**

- ☐ Inquired and discussed the format for EMR Re-certifications. Chief DeMello advised that there are some state requirements involved. Some classes require taking and should be done as soon as possible.
- ☐ New EMR Courses are tentatively scheduled for October in the Training Room. The course is approximately 50 hours in duration. Courses will be held on Wednesday & Saturdays. Times will be announced at a later date.
- ☐ Reported that the wall in the Janitor's Closet needs some attention.
- ☐ Requested (1) pager, and (4) Class A Uniforms.
- ☐ Announced that the EMS Banquet will be held on September 23rd at the Bristol Yacht Club.

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

- ☐ Announced that he has secured the field behind Guiteras School for the Muster / Waterbattle. There will be a new hydrant installed on Monroe Avenue. The date for the Muster will be on Sunday, June 25th. Chief DeMello will reach out to the 4th of July Committee. The board discussed the possibility of the return of the water battle, however, there will be a need to update the gear for personnel safety, multiple battle practices, reducing the pressure at the nozzles, etc. The board also discussed inviting area departments to participate. Asst. Chief Carinha

asked that team members attend any meeting prior to the event, so that everyone is on the same page.

- ☐ Marine Classes will begin in October There will be indoor classes and on hand classes both for daytime and nighttime operations.
- ☐ Public Safety Day will be held on October 22nd at HQ.
- ☐ Announced that the Oldtimer's Clam Boil will be held on October 28th at 12 noon.

### **Old Business**

- ☐ There was no old business to review, discuss, and act on at this meeting.

### **New Business**

- ☐ The board discussed moving the start date for new assistant chief's from April to February 1st. After discussion, there was a motion and a second to change the start date. The board voted (4) to change, and (1) to keep, with one absent vote.

### **Event Calendar Updates**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>September 23</b> | <b>EMS Banquet</b>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>September 25</b> | <b>Dreadfest</b>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>October 2</b>    | <b>Blood Drive</b>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>October 16</b>   | <b>Ever Ready Clam Boil</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>October 22</b>   | <b>Public Safety Day</b>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>October 28</b>   | <b>Old Timer's Clam Boil</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>November 4</b>   | <b>Hydes Turkey Roll</b>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>November 6</b>   | <b>Defiance Clam Boil</b>    |

### **September 2022**

**6 - Board Meeting**

**7- Company Meetings**

**13 -Engine 4 Meeting**

**13 - EMS Meeting**

**15 - Fire Police Meeting**

**21 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**  
**22 - Firemen's Memorial Meeting**  
**23 - EMS Banquet**  
**25 - Dread Fest**

**October 2022**

**2 - Blood Drive**  
**16 - Ever Ready Clam Boil**  
**22 - Public Safety Day**  
**28 - Old Timer's Clam Boil**

**November 2022**

**November 4 - Hydes Turkey Roll**

**Closing & Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

***Lou Mascola***

Clerk, Board of Engineers  
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