

Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

November 8, 2022

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Attendance: P. Christian; E. O'Hurley; V. Mathieu; J. Bucior; J. Caron; P. Yeskey

Others in attendance: Margaret Van Cott, Dan Vindigni public in attendance.

Absent: Chief Flynn-Planned Vacation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: All here.

Secretary's Report

No report

Minutes & Correspondences:

Motion made by V. Mathieu to vote on the October meeting minutes at the December meeting as no copies were provided for the commission board. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Notice of Retirement: Ronald Carlson. Chairman Christian read the letter.

Financials:

Chief was not present to discuss the financials. D. Vindigni provided the hand-outs. All read them over and asked a few questions which could not be answered without the Chief being present.

Correspondences:

No correspondence

Calls and Activities:

73 calls for the month of October. Looks to be missing a few calls, could be a software issue, will discuss with the chief when he returns.

Public Comment:

No Comment

Old Business:

No Old Business to discuss tonight

New Business:

No New Business to discuss tonight

Fire Marshal's Report:

No Fire Marshal present.

52 calls in July:

1-Fire
0-Overpressure Rupture
5-Rescue
4-Hazardous
7-Service calls
27-Good Intent Calls
25-False Alarm
0-Severe Weather
0-Special Type/Complaint
4-Undetermined

Discussed inspections and renovations around the town.

Chief's Report:

Discussion of the Chief's report:

Vehicles: Trucks are all in good shape. Ladder door repaired and in service; waiting for repair date
Facilities: All stations are operational
Equipment: All good and in working order.
Personnel: All healthy-call volume is normal. 1 new cadet Alexa Wood and 1 new FF volunteer-Rachel Davis; 2 applications to be reviewed.

Deputy Chief's Report:

October 1-Flashover for the Modern Fire Environment -12 members attended.
October 10-Rapid Intervention Team-18 members participated.
October 12-Officer training-6 officers attended
October 17-Chimnet Fires-15 members attended and the 2 applicants
October 26-Eversource gas response-9 members and 1 applicant

Upcoming:

Nov. 12-Live burn training

Nov 14-HazMat refresher
Nov. 19-20-Emergency Services Bootcamp—7 slots available
Nov 21-SCBA refresh
Nov 29-Fire Extinguishers refresher
Nov 30-Training session to build the 2023 training calendar.

J. Caron made a motion to add in Executive Session to the December meeting agenda and invite the Chief. V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Chairperson's Report:

No report.

Chairman Christina stated that he attended the memorial service, and it was very moving and he appreciated all that the Fire Department did. Many other departments attended the service and said it was great that Suffield hosted it.

E. O'Hurley made a motion at 7:18pm to adjourn. V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary