



ANSONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

253 MAIN STREET
ANSONIA, CT 06401

FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING March 25, 2009

Commissioner	Eugene Sharkey, Chairman	Present
Commissioner	Steve Blume	Present
Commissioner	Joseph Jeannette	Present
Chief	Michael Eheman	Present
1 st Asst. Chief	Ronald Burgess	Present
2 nd Asst. Chief	Joe Kingston	Present

Others Present:

3 rd Asst. Chief	Scott Trembley
4 th Asst. Chief	Ed Adamowski
Fire Marshal	Ray Tingley
Fire Alarms	Bill Hart
Co. #1	Captain Jack Scanlon
Co. #3	Captain Jack Keefe
Co. #4	Captain Jay Fainer
Co. #5	1 st Lt. Robert Caruso
Co. #6	Captain Kevin Tingley

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Fire Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Sharkey. A roll call was taken and the chair declared a quorum present.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Session

Chairman Sharkey asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. Being none the chair declared the public session closed.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2009 meeting as corrected was made by Commissioner Blume and seconded by AC Burgess.

AC Trembley noted a correction to the minutes on page 2 regarding training.

The minutes stated 'Hazmat Awareness full class will be held on 3/23 and 4/18.'

They should have said 'Hazmat Awareness full class will be held on 3/23 and 4/13.'

All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Approval of Bills

A MOTION to pay all bills if found to be correct was made by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Chief Eheman. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Correspondence :

Letter from ARMS requesting to work together for mock drill at EOB on May 20, 2009 at 10:30 AM.

New training lists were handed out to all companies.

Reports:

Company 1

Fountain Hose

- 1 survivor light is broke.
- Need sawzall blades.
- Ordered 2 ½ gated wye and was told it was in. It was never given to Company 1. Status please.
- Sent 2 ½ nozzle out 1 year ago and not returned. Status please.
- E1 is now fixed.

Company 3

Webster Hose

- 1 SCBA out for repair.
- Fuel injector problem being looked by Tracy's.
- Running lights are out.
- E3 down to one hand light.
- Cascade compressor needs to be serviced.

Company 4

Charters Hose

- Murray Street needs to have No Parking signs replaced. Send request to AFD and they will forward to Police Commission for action.
- Company 4 Firemen's Ball will be soon and E4 will be Out Of Service.
- Company 4 will be selling ads on Main Street for 100th Anniversary.
- Generator needs repair.

Company 5

Hilltop Hose

- Need 2 batteries for survivor lights.
- Check engine light still comes on.
- Need 2 sets gear for new members.
- Company 5 going to Fairfield Fire School in June and looking for partners to go with them.
- Thanks to DPW for waxing fire house floors.

Company 6

Eagle Hose

- All set.

Fire Marshal

- Boys Club now open with limited service. No daycare yet.
- YMCA will have school at Boys Club with 50 children including infants. Manpower will be imperative for calls to this location.
- Fire Department Knox-box at location with keys to building.
- ATP sprinklers are OOS. Fire department connection will work.

Alarms

- Boys Club is connected to the city alarm system.
- Lincoln school condos are in the city alarm system.

Training

- Hazmat Operations full class will be run soon.
- Grant for fire training has been awarded to AFD. Grant writers applied for \$33,554 for training in FF1, FF2, Aerial and Pump operations. Grant writers are amending to include combined courses and to allow surrounding towns participate.
- Waiting for dates on pump operators class.
- Need to review ice rescue in town. ARMS does not do it. We have some equipment but would need more and training if we want to do it. Save for future discussion.

Fire Police

- Letter from Captain Jack Keefe of Company 3 to Fire Police Captain James Jaffer endorsing appointment of Jack Getlein to Ansonia Fire Police.

A MOTION was made to send a letter to the Ansonia Board of Aldermen appointing FF Jack Getlein of the Webster Hose to be a member of the Ansonia Fire Police by Chief Eheman and seconded by Commissioner Blume. All were in favor of the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Chief 25

- Safety vests are here and will be distributed tonight.

Chief 24

- Some masks were returned. We need more masks returned from those not being used.
- Fit testing will be done again soon for those not done.
- Flow testing should be done every other year. Our masks are CBRN qualified and therefore need regulators checked yearly. Need budget money to accomplish.
- All bottles need hydrostatic testing done this year. We have 115 bottles and each one costs \$34. The bottles need testing every 5 years for 3 testing cycles. Should try to have half tested in FY 2008-2009 and half tested in FY 2009-2010. A line item for fit testing, bottle testing and T PASS testing should be added to the budget in future years.
- Policy on vests will be here next month. Bring your SOG books.

Chief 23

- Need eyeglass inserts for masks. AC Trembley has them.
- CO only meter out for repair.
- Put caps on testing ports of meters.
- Walk through at EOB school on 3/26/2009. all are welcome.

Chief 22

- Truck reports need to be done monthly.

New Business

Chief 21

- Info on Columbus Day parade presented.
- Blue light permits handed out and needed by next week.
- Point of Distribution (POD) reports given to each company last month needed to be in for tonight. Have all except Fountain Hose. Captain Scanlon states Company #1 members not interested in participating in this.
- All excess gear at each fire house should be returned to the chief's office at the next chief's and officers meeting. Bring all T-PASS, masks, gear etc.

Commissioner Jeannette

- Please see handouts from gridiron club.

Commissioner Blume

- All Set.

Commissioner Sharkey

- We will meet next Monday with BOAT on the 2009-2010 budget.

Commissioner Blume made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:50 PM, seconded by Chief Eheman. All in favor MOTION PASSED.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Bshara
Secretary-Bookkeeper
Ansonia Fire Department