

Fire and Rescue Chief's Meeting
January 10, 2014

Attendance: Ben Wallace, Chief CHFD, Chair; Ed Blain, Chief OBIFD; Rick Daniel, Selectman; Krisit Eiane, Town Manager; Gail Hart, Rescue Chief HNFD; Frank Hilton, Chief HNFD. Public; Claire Dufort, MC2; Cindy Watson, Training Captain, OBIFD.

Ben Wallace opened the meeting at 3:10.

Minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Two minor typos were corrected. Motion to approve the corrected minutes by Ed Blain, seconded by Frank Hilton. Unanimous.

Discussion of a proposal to reduce the Marine Patrol staff and reassign resources from enforcement to resource management. This proposal was not supported at a recent town Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Ed Blain moved, Frank Hilton seconded that the Fire and Rescue Chief's Committee vote to support the current enforcement staffing level as an important adjunct and complimentary resource to the public safety work of the fire departments, as well as the safety of the fire department members response. The committee has no objection to ancillary work assignment to resource management, provided it does not lessen the current capacity of enforcement. Motion passed unanimously.

The training calendar for 2014 was reviewed. The departments will be working on a training schedule to offer training for all three departments.

Frank Hilton is exploring the use of the Grange Hall to host town wide training. He will report back on availability of that location. Another resource to host training is the The Orr's Island Schoolhouse. Both of these locations are large enough for the three departments to meet together.

Ben Wallace informed the committee of an incident transporting a psychiatric patient for the sheriff's office. Patient pulled a knife from their back pocket and threatened the crew. Claire Dufort will be exploring a training to educate members about responding to a violent or potentially violent patient.

Discussion of 2 to 3 combined EMS/Fire trainings each year. For 2014 it is hoped that the trainings will be Lifelight July 16, Extrication/Patient Removal involving a bus or large vehicle versus car May 14 and Cold Water Rescue February 12 Class and February 19 Practical.

Claire Dufort advised the committee that MidCoast Hospital will no longer exchange small oxygen bottles. She also informed the committee of bariatric patient resources in the area. Bath has an oversized cot, ramp and winch. Brunswick has stretchers rated for 750 pounds but requires manual loading.

Discussed a HazMat Awareness training on June 11. Exploration of a Safety Officer training in town is being explored by Cindy Watson.

Discussed scheduling of a town officers meeting. This has been tentatively scheduled for February 12 at 1800.

Rick Daniels reported the contract for the building to house MC2 has been awarded to JARR Construction from Augusta. Site work will begin as soon as the weather permits and should allow work completion by the end of April or early May. The building will be slightly longer, better accommodating the living quarters.

Discussion of a town wide Knox Box system. Ben Wallace volunteered to coordinate setting up a system for the three departments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Next meeting is scheduled for February

Respectfully submitted,


Ed Blain