

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2016

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Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, J. Miranda, T. Pajonas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. There were 55 incidents, 24 incident types, 30 persons responding and 193 man-hours expended. He said the call volume is significantly ahead of last year's volume; on track for 600 calls for this year. The pipes at Staples froze again. The Fire Marshal is working with the school to mitigate this problem. The Department participated with the Police and EMS in an active shooter-training program. The Department worked on procedures to deal with evacuating the building, controlling crowds, establishing a triage area, and getting victims to a safe venue. The chief is looking into specs on purchasing protective equipment. Fairfield purchased 23 bulletproof vests. The Department will hold two open houses to recruit new volunteers on April 2 and April 9. A bench and plaque, and a tree will be planted at 10:00 am on April 30 at the soccer field to honor three volunteers who passed away. The Department was able to put codes on the radios so they will be recognized on the new consoles. The Department will be using the Active 911 software program so that volunteers will receive texts on their cell phones to alert them of new incidents. The Chief is in the process of putting together a spec list to replace Engine 4. This Engine is 22 years old and currently there is \$300,000 saved for its replacement. He hopes the engine will last for an additional 3 or more years. The Chief attended a recent P & Z meeting. He was asked about moving the EMS and Fire Departments into one location. The Chief suggested to P & Z that the Commissioners from both Departments hold a meeting to discuss this proposition.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. The plan to modify the library space included expanding the conference room to house 30 people for small meetings and allowing people to access this room from outside the building.

Commissioner Buchanan distributed information relating to ISO. The Department worked with ISO in the past, trying to get residents living in the north end of Easton lower insurance rates. Commissioner Buchanan will review the documents and will discuss the situation at a future meeting.

Commissioner Miranda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary