

Public Safety Commission

FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 20, 2019

MINUTES

Emergency Operations Center @ 499 Mile Lane

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta
Commissioner Carl Chisem
Commissioner Deb Kleckowski
Commissioner Robert Santangelo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Phil Pessina

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Deputy Chief Al Leary

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

None present

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on March 18, 2019. Commissioner Kleckowski so moved, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

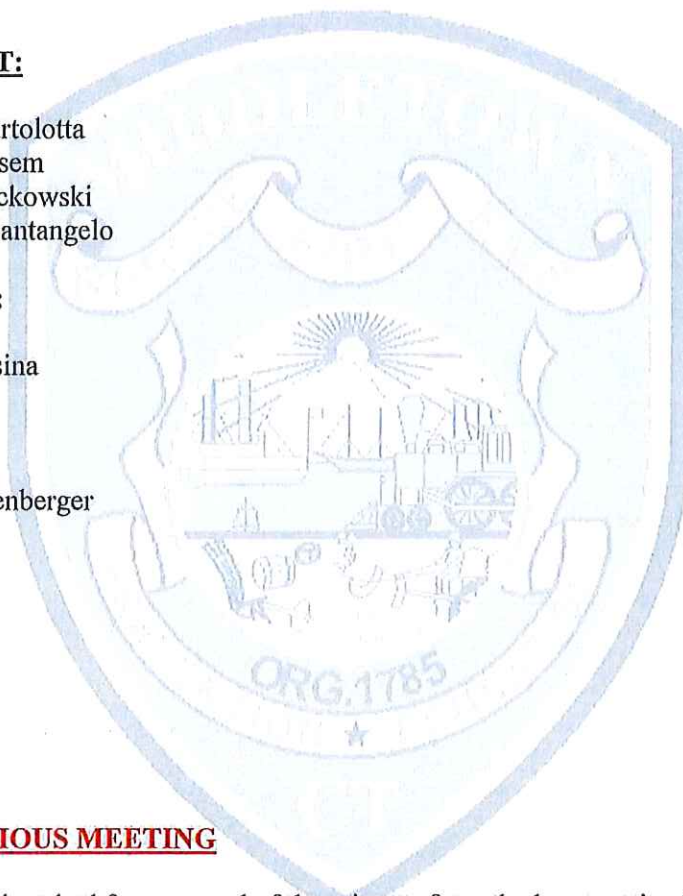
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5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

6. **MONTHLY REPORT**

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Call comparison:



- Up 16% from the same time period as last year, down 40% in fires, up 20% in EMS – up 10% for the year
- Wesleyan – call volume not available at this time
 - Fire Marshals spent 10 man hours
 - Alarms Division spent 34 hours
- Had a couple of mutual aid runs to South District
- Training:
 - Hosted a joint confined space certification class with South District
 - Taught in house by our instructors, assistant chief, and a few Lieutenants as well as South District
 - Certified 17 in the Middletown Fire Department
 - walk through done of Middlesex Hospital's MRI program/trailer
 - SCBA training done as well as some drafting work
- Currently working with Deputy Chief Leary, Training officer Woron, and the fire marshals on audit being done by ISO – hoping it will be a positive benefit on our ISO rating, currently at a 4 and just missed being a 3 by a few points. Bumping up to a three will have a positive effect on everyone in the district on their insurance ratings

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Meeting with the Water Department is scheduled for the private hydrants
 - Chief Kronenberger will let the commission know how that meeting goes & its results
- New engine is progressing – body is being manufactured at this time, pump & cab chassis is in place
 - Should receive late July – will have a little work to be done once is comes into the state (rescue tool & radio install)

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Presentation made to two fire Lieutenants, Dave Albert & James Ehman, with certifications from the National Fire Academy. They both completed the two year Managing Fire Officer program which is aimed at line officers to develop leadership skills, community risk reductions, etc. Research papers were submitted for graduation and both were fantastic and pieces of both will put into the next officer promotion
 - Commissioner Santangelo assisted with presenting the certificates to both Lieutenants and they were congratulated by the commission

9. **Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee**

- Minutes of meeting held on May 6, 2019 included in meeting packet
 - Commissioner Chisem reported that the radio installs are moving along
 - Chief Kronenberger stated the all mobiles are done for the fire department and the fire officers are working out the glitches
 - EM & fire department vehicles are done, Public Works is in the works, and then the water department will be done

10. **Other Matters Not on the Agenda:**

- o None

11. **Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters**

12. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Monthly report given by Joe Carta:
 - o Correspondence:
 - None
 - o Mr. Carta first congratulated the fire lieutenants on their accomplishments on behalf of Emergency Management
 - o Activity Report for April:
 - 9 days of activity - slow month
 - 21 days of no activity – total number of hours 210 by volunteers for the month
 - Calendar to date hours 922
 - Average monthly volunteer hours are 230
 - Activities for April:
 - o Traffic detail for Pilgrim Road Race
 - o Ct Trees of Honor – do grounds maintenance
 - o Collaborating with Portland and area CERTS – attended cyber fraud training session sponsored by the Portland CERT team
 - o Training hours: 142 hours to date
 - o Public Service hours: 124 hours so far for the year
 - o Assisted with lighting on Bartholomew Road for accident & assisted with South Main Street fire
 - May & June going to be busy
- Chief Kronenberger thanked the commission for their support on the three budgets that he submits - the fire department, alarms, and emergency management

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2019