

Colchester Hayward Fire Department

SPECIAL OFFICERS MEETING

TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING

Monday October 17, 2022 1800 hours

**Call to Order:** 1800 hours

Members Present: Chief Hoffmann, AC Morris, DC Lee, Capt. Papp, Capt. Barnes, Lt. Guidice, Capt. Bernier, Lt. Bellantone, Engineer Shorts, K. Mosig, T. Joseph, M. Ziegler, A. Babineau, Lt. Kundahl, B. Currie, N. Marks, W. Collins, B. Baillargeon, J Langdon, Lt. Standish, K. Mosig

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence for Bridgeport Police Officers**

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by DC Lee to accept the minutes of the August meeting ( there was no Sept meeting) with an amendment of DC Lee's attendance, he would like it noted that he was on vacation. The motion was seconded by AC Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

**Additions to the agenda:** None

**Citizens Comments:**

1. Tim Joseph brought up that Company 2 is going to need some maintenance stuff done, ie, septic pumped, water filtration system serviced and the furnace needs to be cleaned. Tim also noted that we need salt for the water filter. Chief Hoffmann will take care of that.

**Budget update:** The budget has still not been voted in, we are on a tight and strict spending. There has been some movement of the career staffs schedule to attempt to limit the overtime.

**Career Staff:** Moving forward with filling the position of FF, the testing has taken place There are 19 in the running still for the position.

**Training:** Monthly training has been posted, we will have the Mill St. house until Mid-November if anyone has anything else they would like to train on. The Fire Instructor 2 class started last Sat. here at the station. On 10/23 there is a tanker drill in Yantic and we need a crew for that. There is also a live burn for Manchester on Saturday and we need burn monitors. DC Lee stated that we need to assure we have resources in town if needed. Please sign up in IAR.

**Safety:** We are searching for another alternative for physicals as Sparrow is having trouble booking them in a reasonable amount of time. Chief has been in contact with a company. OSHA rules for physicals is one year to the day between physicals after that the personnel is off line, no exceptions.

**EMS:** The portables on Ambulances are failing and they need to be fixed or replaced, please check the portables at the beginning of your shift to assure they are working. LT Bellantone asked that discrepancies be documented so the career staff is aware of the issue.

OD prevention kits should be on the rigs at the end of the month.

**Captain:**

**Capt. Papp:** Gear that we have been waiting for was never ordered by the dealer, Chief Hoffmann has been working with finance to try to get the vendor changed on the original purchase order, that will be going on the agenda for the next BOS meeting.

DC Lee met with Marion on the truck build on Friday, still waiting on a Chassis for the tanker

**Capt. Barnes:** Nothing to report.

**Capt Jones:** Not present

**Lieutenants:**

**Lt. Guidice:** Company 2 roof is done, one concern is the gutters on the A/D side are touching the ground and could be a problem, Chief will speak with Millstream to rectify that.

**Lt. Bush:** Not Present

**Chiefs:**

**AC Morris:** The UTV trailer has been ordered and will be in in 4 weeks. John is still working on the inventory on the apparatus. Thank you to all that participated in the open house.

**DC Lee:** Hose testing has been completed, there were very few failures. Pumps and ladders have also been tested.

Babcock pond dry hydrant is good to go.

800 mhz cross band system is being rolled out with QV MOU was signed by the commissioner to get the tower work done. Trying to get the money to integrate our radios with them.

Rick is working on getting the radios all programmed so that we can communicate with East Hampton, due to their recent change.

**Chief Hoffmann:** We are currently working with Air Temp to try to get the furnace switched out, there maybe an incompatibility issue with the furnace that is in the shed.

The fire alarm at CO2 alarmed over the weekend, Chief is working FASD to get a quote to rewire the building as that may be the issue.

We are waiting for the permit for the CO2 sign.

There will be a janitor starting to clean CO1, she will come twice a week for 2 hours each day.

Limited Access Highways- There should be no personal vehicles on the Highway for safety reasons.

Mutual Aide- Only apparatus that is requested should be responding to calls.

We are looking into billing for treat with no transport.

The Safety Committee is looking for volunteers to represent the FD on the committee.

There will be an EV charging station next to Noels.

On Sat 10/22 the Fire Marshal and the Chief will be doing Smoke Detector installs at Colchester Commons, the Red Cross is also involved in this. If you would like to help please contact Chief Hoffmann.

Great job and good team work at the Open House on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

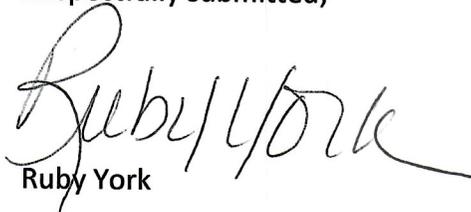
Great job on the mutual aide call to Hebron for the structure fire.

**Fire Marshal-** did not leave a report for the Chief.

**President Knapp:** Not present

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by AC Morris to adjourn, seconded by DC Lee. Motion passed at 1934.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruby York". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Ruby York".

Assistant to The Fire Chief