

Colchester Fire & EMS

TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING
Monday April 8, 2024 1800 hours
52 Old Hartford RD Colchester CT 06415

Call to Order: 1800 hours

Members Present: Chief Hoffmann, AC Shoemaker, DC Bernier, Lt. Bellantone, LT Kundahl, Capt. Standish, M. Previti, B. Currie, Lt. Joseph, C McCarthy, M. Larosa, Lt. Ziegler, M Gordon, Lt. Bush, Capt. Giudice, R Collett

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Kim Perkowski

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by DC Bernier to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by AC Shoemaker. The motion passed unanimously.

Additions to the agenda: None

Citizens Comments:

1. None

Budget update: Chief reviewed the current status of the budget, also gave an update on the upcoming budget. Reminder that we are on a hard budget freeze.

Career Staff/Volunteer/Personnel: The chief has applied for a SAFER grant to attempt to add 2 career personnel, there are no new supported initiatives in the upcoming budget therefore that is the only way we will have a chance of getting anymore personnel. Kim P's celebration of Life will be on April 22, 2024 from 10-12 at Aurora followed by a repass here at 12:30. Carl Alberts mother's repass will be on April 12 at 12:30 in the training room.

Training: Updated Rescue 1 in Vector. Training on the Scott Packs is almost complete, there are only 3 left to be trained. Sunday is the live burn, the auxiliary will be cooking a meal following the training. Capt Giudice is working on the confined space plan. Its going to be a busy April and May, Mission CIT will be doing training in May on Flow Paths.

Safety: Working on getting the last 3 people trained and fit tested for the new packs.

EMS Captain: The local EMS plan is in the works. Please get at Number through QV when doing standbys. We are working on some changes in check it to correspond with EMS Supplies. I am working with Salem on a large scale water drill. Run cards have been moved around Marlborough has been moved down on the list.

Capt. Giudice- Do we need to update the Respiratory Protection policy with the new weight of the air packs?

Lieutenants:

Lt. Kundahl: Nothing.

Lt. Ziegler: Updates on the headsets- Norcom will be out next week to install, Struts- town garage we be welding a pass through. What is the status of the Highrise kits? The wetdown of the new trucks has a tentative date of Sept 7th 11-2.

Lt. Joseph: Please repack the hose properly, we are working on a document to assist with repacking for those who are not familiar with the repacking process

Lt. Baillargeon: not present

Chiefs:

AC Shoemaker: We did a walkthrough of the Senior Center and I will try to get the key so that we can schedule a night or weekend time that we can have personnel walk through and get familiar with where things are. Bacon academy is working on getting a knox box located on the lamp post at the entrance, I will advise when it is completed. Please keep an eye on the vehicle exhaust system, I had to manually shut it down after the RIT call the other day.

DC Bernier: See attached

Chief Hoffmann: Sit Rep was sent out with most of the updates and projects that are on going, The 3 policies on Accountability, Peer Support, Gear Cleaning are all in the shared folder for review mark any changes you would like to see. Fire alarm at HQ is being repaired soon, 800mhz is installed at Buckeley Hill tower, we are awaiting the state at this point. Training tonight will be on documentation in NFIRS so Station 2 will be able to add personnel, and narratives will be able to be written. NL County Chiefs meeting is here on May 1st, Glanders fire is providing the food. Confined Space agreement has been signed, we are working on the contracts with the Volunteer Co.. ET1 and ET3 are listed on Gov deals, awaiting direction on what is going to happen with ET2 from the selectman. We are working on a fire prevention grant to update knox boxes and get some home knox boxes for those that may need them. Capt Giudice asked about the Paratech struts fittings for airpacks, Deputy Chief stated we will be keeping some of the newer 45 minute avon bottles to accommodate them. It was also brought up about messes in the fire house, please clean up after yourselves.

President Marvin: Not present

Adjournment: A motion was made by DC Bernier to adjourn, seconded by AC Shoemaker. Motion passed at 1905.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruby York".

Ruby York

Assistant to The Fire Chief