

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1**  
**July 28, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at the Tarn Drive Firehouse. The meeting commenced at **7:30PM** with Commissioner Masker presiding. Commissioners Tagliente and Jamieson were in attendance. Commissioners Berry and Ferdinandi were unable to attend. Chief Crawford attended as a representative of the Department.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Commissioner Tagliente and approved with minor corrections via a motion made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and passed via unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Monthly Report for June 2021 declaring operating expenses of **\$61,685.00 (Operating Expenses of \$55,430.00 & Building Expenses \$6,255.00.)** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. A deposit of **\$327,937.34** for 2nd quarter taxes was received. A deposit of **\$900.00** for use of Powder Mill Firehouse was received from EMS. No receipts for petty cash were submitted. No comments or objections were made.

The Treasurer's Report was approved via a motion made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and passed via unanimous vote.

**Truck Report:**

- **Tower 11:** There is an electrical odor in the driver's side front top compartment, may be fan;
- **Engine 12:** New door remote is in service;
- **Engine 13:** Fabrication is being handled; E-One would like to present the truck at Wildwood and will provide fuel, a driver, and is willing to assist with necessary insurance paperwork, Chief requests approval;
- **Rescue 14:** TIC is not holding a charge; suspension and A/C require service; truck will be scheduled to have service performed in August or October;
- **Engine 15:** Decision still pending on rust quote; Long-term replacement requires consideration;
- **Utility 16:** Small oil leak was repaired;
- **Car 18:** Scheduled for touch-up and decals next week; and
- **Car 19:** Waiting on new gas card to arrive; A/C is working inconsistently.

**Radio Report:** Radios in the Tarn Drive Firehouse have been installed. A PPD radio emergency alert was triggered which activated the Tarn Drive phones.

**Insurance:** No report.

**Purchasing:** Supplies were purchased to water the Tarn Drive property. Tarn Drive mailboxes have been installed.

**Fire Prevention:** Fire Prevention plans to visit the schools in October pending COVID situation.

**Joint Commissioner Board:** The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held at District #2's Firehouse on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

**Chief's Report / Open:** 204 calls year-to-date.

- New Construction
  - 2900 Route 10 project (156 Units)
    - No updates.
  - 1500 Littleton Road project (250 Senior Apartments + Assisted Living)
    - Demo should be starting end of August some time.
  - 2740 Route 10
    - OPRA request for alarms/issues, expecting a new project there soon.
- Upcoming Training:
  - 7/29 – Ground Ladders
  - 8/3 – Trench Rescue Awareness Open Enrollment

- 8/5 - Clean Up for Children's Day
  - 8/19 – CAFS Training w/E1 part 1
  - 8/26 – CAFS Training w/E1 part 2
  - 1 Member starting FF2 next week
  - 1 Member finished FF1, exam results pending
  - A few members will be taking Trench Rescue Ops in August
  - Looking at a Vehicle Rescue Ops class and Live Burn in Fall
- Mutual Aid
    - 22% of our total call volume is going to D2 for Mutual Aid YTD, 69% of all Aid Given (67 total)
    - Dover RIC/Cover – 6/27
    - Route 80 Car fire/fatal – 6/28
    - Mountain Lakes RIC – 7/6
    - Cedar Knolls RIC – 7/9
    - Water Team Standby – 7/10
    - Moving Up to 2nd alarm to scene (from cover) for RIC into Mendham Twp Brookside
  - Radios/Dispatching
    - County radio system moving along, ETA of completion Spring 2022
      - New handheld phone radios mounted in each firehouse with Parsippany Channels
    - Many issues remain with dispatching SOP's with PPD
      - No consistency in assigning Operations or InterOps channels for large scale or multi-disciplined incidents (MVA, Fires, etc)
      - Sent 3 emails regarding the Littleton Road Run Cards for MVA's, no response. Initial email sent October 2020.
    - Par Troy EMS has 3 BLS units on at least 3 days per week
    - Have not been notified who is running PD since Chief Miller's retirement
    - Some districts still very unhappy with policies and procedures within PPD dispatching
  - Chief recommends reevaluation of the allocation for the Township rehabilitation trailer.
  - A new policy for drivers' training on 16 is ready for review and discussion. The Chief will implement the policy for new drivers.
  - Chief suggests an inspection and inspection dinner for May 14, 2022 with the vendor that was originally scheduled for 2020.

**Old Business:** State facility / organization certification has been received for the Tarn Drive Firehouse

Application for permits was submitted for the revised EMS bathroom area. Town hall has reported that they lost our file immediately after submission.

Line painting at Powder Mill is complete. Caps for the bollards at Powder Mill are being installed from excess material from Tarn Drive.

LED light programming at Tarn Drive still needs to be completed.

**New Business:** Commissioner Tagliente will draft an invitation letter for the wetdown/dedication by next meeting.

**Resolutions:** No resolutions were presented or voted on.

Being no further business, a Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **8:30PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel A. Tagliente  
Commissioner / Clerk