



CITY OF SHELTON  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018  
7:00 P.M. Huntington Co. 3  
44 Church St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chief Francis Jones*  
*Deputy Chief Tim Hongo*  
*Assistant Chief Joe Constantino*  
*Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio*  
*Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler*  
*Assistant Chief Paul Wilson- Not Present*  
*Fire Marshal James Tortora – Not Present*

**ALSO, PRESENT**

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Pellegrino  
Captain Zak  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Pane  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Mattioli  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Kosiorowski  
1st Lieutenant Tatum  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Finta  
FI Lantowsky

Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio called the regular meeting of the Officers' Council to order at 19:00.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. PUBLIC PORTION**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Captain Zak, 2nd by Lt. Pane to accept minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting. No meetings in February or March. Motion passed 12-0.**

**D.COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**E. REPORTS**

**Chief Francis Jones** – Stated the Fire Budget for the upcoming fiscal year has been submitted and accepted. Very similar to the previous year. Also gave an update on the floor issue at Co. 1. Short term solution was to relocate apparatus to different buildings, long term to get certified report on structural integrity of floor and building and devise plan going forward.

**Deputy Chief Tim Hongo**– Talked about Department physicals, stated they are going well. Also stated that he will be contacting each Captain with a list of members who are non-compliant. Letters to these members will be going out shortly. There will be Mental Health Training on April 26 and May 3 at Co. 3. Classes will start at 5:45 and end at 10:00PM.

**Assistant Chief Constantino** – Reported that some of the Opticom units on the lights are not working. Use caution when activating. Will follow up with DOT to find out what the problem is.

**Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio** – Have received pagers and batteries for distribution as needed.

**Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler**- Commended Co.'s 1 & 4 for their efforts at the recent MVA. Also stated that the new Polaris ATV should be in shortly.

**Assistant Chief Paul Wilson** – Not present

**Fire Marshal James Tortora**– Not Present

**F. Committees**

1. Spec Purchase – Nothing to report. Committee will consist of the four Company Captains and A/C Verdicchio. Chief Jones would like new committee to start looking into smaller TICs for purchase as well as Fire Fighting boots to go with turn out gear.

**Motion by Deputy Chief Hongo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lt. Mattioli to add Gear Washing and EAP to New Business. Motion passed 12-0.**

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Smoke in building calls-** C1 stated it was changed to a # Company response in the CAD, but the Dispatcher has the discretion to amend based on initial 911 call.

**2. Notifications-** Let Officers have prior notice of in service/out of service vehicles if possible.

**3. Tablets-** All Ipods have been installed. A lot of information is being pushed to the units.

**4. Locks-** Have all been installed. Permission for access will be granted by only the company Captains. Proxy cards will be coming shortly.

**5. Storm Response-** Use good judgement. Do not put unnecessary apparatus on the road. Use 4 x4 vehicles if needed to run errands.

**6. Side Jobs-** Good job by members that are doing them. General discussion on ideas to stream line payment and procedures. C1 to look into some of the ideas.

**7. Gear Washing-** D/C Hongo would like a list of four members from each Company, who will be certified in gear washing. This is to ensure that PPE is being cleaned regularly and correctly.

**8. EAP-** D/C Hongo has proposed different programs numerous times, with no results. Wants to try and set up an alternative Peer Counseling program to help members who may be struggling with different situations.

**I. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL**

Lt. Mattioli demonstrated a new style Halagon bar.

FI Lantowsky offered his assistance with housing issues that the FD may encounter.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Lt. Mattioli made a motion to adjourn at 21:00, A/C Constitino seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion passed 12-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*A/C Nick Verdicchio*

Chairman  
Officers Council

\*No tape available\*