



CITY OF SHELTON  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
7:00 P.M. Pine Rock Park Co. 4  
722 Long Hill Ave.

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chief Francis Jones*  
*Deputy Chief Tim Hongo*  
*Assistant Chief Joe Constantino- Not Present*  
*Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio*  
*Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler- Not Present*  
*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  
Captain Ferris  
1st Lieutenant Tatun

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 Lt. Mattioli, 2nd by Lt. Pellegrino to accept minutes from the April 10, 2018 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.**

**D.COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**E. REPORTS**

**Chief Francis Jones** – Thanked the Department on a job well done, been a busy few weeks with some extremely tough calls. Reminded officers that Memorial Day and Flag Day (June 8) are coming up.

**Deputy Chief Tim Hongo**– Talked about Department physicals, stated they are going well. The Mental Health Training at Co. 3, will be rescheduled at a later date. Looking to set up a Peer to Peer program, looking for 2-3 people from each company for training. Stated he will be out of service from May 29-June 9.

**Assistant Chief Constantino** – Not Present

**Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio** – Informed Council that radio equipment presently housed at Scinto towers will have to be relocated to a different spot in building. Doesn't anticipate any interruption in communications. Supplied the new Polaris with all its radio equipment, unit has not been officially designated with a call sign. The refurbishment of R45 will be a radio swap, no new radio equipment should be needed. Talked about the state of the Valley Fire School. Biggest obstacle they face is getting the funding released by the state to start construction.

**Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler**- Not Present

**Assistant Chief Paul Wilson** – Not present

**Fire Marshal James Tortora**– Not Present

**F. Committees**

1. Spec Purchase – Nothing to report. Committee is looking into the purchase of structural fire fighting boots and thermal imaging cameras.

**Motion by Lt. Mattioli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lt. Pane to add Training props, Survivor lights, and Dispatch to new business. to New Business. Motion passed 9-0.**

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Side jobs- A/C Verdicchio sent out copies of the private duty policy and what was expected of the FF who do these jobs. Stated all companies have been doing a great job filling and working the assignments.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Apparatus Relocation-** Chief Jones stated that the condition of the apparatus floor at Co. 1 is dictating that apparatus has to be moved off the floor until further studies and plans to rectify are met. Presently E2 and T9 are located at Co. 1, while S1 is at the FAM garage, and T7 is located at Co. 4. Stated these are not permanent changes. Will reevaluate as information is gathered. Also stated R45 is OOS and at Tracy's Garage while waiting for cab and chassis to be delivered.

2. **Training Props-** Lt. Mattioli would like the SFD to build its own training props instead of buying or renting. Discussion followed. Chief asked that any pops for consideration be brought before the Training Coordinator for approval.

3. **Survivor Lights-** Lt. Mattioli asked if the Department was supplying lights to the members. Was told there may be a few left, to check with Quartermaster.

4. **Dispatch-** Captain Zak stated there has been some issues with the text messaging. Discussion followed. Council was told that the CAD system just had a major update and some of the changes affected the messages. They are currently working on a fix. Officers were reminded that the text messaging is not our first form of notification, and members should still use their pagers.

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

Captain Zak and Lt. Pellegrino both commented about the amount of company cross training taking place, and how good it is to see the companies all working together.

Captain Zak also said plans for the Companies anniversary are coming together. Their will be a website dedicated to this in the near future where people can get all the information on the events that will be taking place.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Lt. Mattioli made a motion to adjourn at 21:00, Lt. Pellegrino seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion passed 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*A/C Nick Verdicchio*

Chairman  
Officers Council

\*No tape available\*