



CITY OF SHELTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
7:00 P.M. Echo Hose Co. 1
379 Coram Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ALSO, PRESENT

Captain Plavcan
1st Lieutenant Pellegrino
2nd Lieutenant Scollin
Captain Zak
1st Lieutenant Pane
Captain Minardo
2nd Lieutenant Motasky
Captain Finta
2nd Lieutenant Demko

FF Nathan Moniz
FF Jesse Bodgerson
FF Gary Farar Jr.
FF Justin Mayer
FF Joe Pelaggi
FF Jeimi Borday
FF David Catlin Jr.
FF Matt Perkowski
FF Aaron Lugo
FF Casey Leslie

Assistant Chief 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- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by A/C Wheeler, 2nd by Captain Finta to accept minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 12-0.

D. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

E. REPORTS

Chief Francis Jones – Exhaust system starting. Components delivered to Co. 4. One-week time frame at each firehouse, starting at 4,3,5,1.

- Budget and Capital Improvement Plan submitted to City on Feb. 15. Needs to make its way through different offices before being accepted.
- Concrete poured, apron fixed at Co.1. Clean up to be done downstairs by members, contractors, and city workers. City to replace lights with LED lighting, secure gym equipment in basement, and other housekeeping items.
- LED safety signs being placed outside firehouse to help with traffic.
- R45 still OOS.
- U31 still not in production
- PM's, pump, hose and ladder testing coming up.
- In house FF1 starting in April.

Deputy Chief Tim Hongo– Not Present

Assistant Chief Constantino – Not Present

Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio – Working on getting more pagers and batteries (portables and pagers).

Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler– Great job at fire in White hills.

- Elevator kits being assembled and will be distributed to each company.

Assistant Chief Paul Wilson – Not present.

Fire Marshal James Tortora– Not Present

F. Committees

1. **Spec Purchase** – Nothing to report

Motion by Captain Zak, 2nd by Lt. Pellegrino to add under New Business, Knox Box. Motion passed 12-0.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Spotted Dog**- Not primary means of notification, members are encouraged to use it, but don't rely on it. Pagers should be first choice for alerting.

2. **I2**- Online portion closes on March 31. Issue with some members showing incomplete when actually have done it. Members should print out certificate for proof. IT and C6 are aware of problem.

3. **Membership**- Chief Jones discussed with the Council the need to standardize and streamline the application process. Would like the support of the Council on this matter. Too much money and resources are being wasted under the current system. Lengthy discussion followed.

Chief Jones also talked about the importance of recruiting members within the city limits. Companies need to work with the R&R Officer, not against. Need to set boundaries, can't just let anyone from anywhere join. Lengthy discussion followed.

Lt. Motasky talked about the need for retention of current members, and ideas for incentives to keep membership active and happy. Discussion followed.

Chief Jones asked the Officers to address their respective companies about getting consistent responses from all their members. See if there is anything on a city level that can help. Discussion followed.

4. **Dispatching**- Keep filling out Dispatch concern forms. Each one is reviewed. Working on getting dispatchers additional training.

5. **Mutual Aid**- Informed the Council that Stratford Fire has requested to add Shelton to their automatic mutual aid call.

6. **Knox Box**- Officers would like to see individual access codes work on all onboard Knox boxes in the city. More members are riding different Company trucks and don't have access at this time. Chief Jones would like the Captains to update their lists, and he will look into it along with the FM and city Pre-Planner.

I. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

J. ADJOURNMENT

A/C Wheeler made a motion to adjourn at 21:00, 2nd by Captain Minardo. Motion passed 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A/C Nick Verdicchio

Chairman

Officers Council

No tape available