



CITY OF SHELTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
7:00 P.M. White Hills Co. 5
2 School St.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ALSO, PRESENT

Captain Scollin
1st. Lieutenant Pellegrino
2nd Lieutenant Mayer
Captain Zak
2nd Lieutenant Mattioli
2nd Lieutenant Motasky
Captain Finta
1st Lieutenant Tatum

Commissioner Pereira

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 Captain Zak, 2nd by Lt. Motasky to accept minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 12-0.

D.COMMUNICATIONS – Thank you card addressed to D/C Wilson from Beth Brooks thanking him for his assistance with smoke detectors in her home.

E. REPORTS

Chief Francis Jones – Reported that R45 is almost complete. Co. 4 personnel to complete outfitting and layout in house.

- E42 remains out of service due to failed pump test. Parts are on order.
- T7 out of service, repair will take another 2-3 weeks. Winch for S1 will be installed this week.
- Hose testing to begin.
- Marine units to be out of water by Halloween.
- Went out to bid for staff vehicle, only one bid, did not meet spec. must re bid.

Deputy Chief Paul Wilson- Nothing to report

Assistant Chief Constantino – Not Present

Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio – Nothing to report.

Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler– Two live fire dates left, 10/17 and 11/03. Turnout so far has not been great. Would like Department to increase turnout.

- Bailout training on 11/4,5,14,15,16.
- Shelton will be running an in-house Instructor course next year.
- Down and Dirty Aerial course to be hosted by Shelton.
- January 11 and 12, at Derby Middle School, aggressive command that supports aggressive firefighting course. Will be combined with Ansonia and Derby.
- Acquired a house for training. Need to complete paperwork before sending out schedule.
- Training prop at Co.4 for city wide use.

Assistant Chief Mike Plavcan – Not present.

Fire Marshal James Tortora– Not Present

F. Committees

1. **Spec Purchase** – Waiting on spec back from Morning Pride. Gear is made to fit the individual which creates a longer turn around time. Hopefully get by end of week.
2. **Dispatching** – Meeting with representatives from Dispatch was held on Sept. 30 to work on some operational issues on both ends. General discussion followed.

Motion by D/C Wilson, 2nd by A/C Wheeler to add under new business Safety Committee. Motion passed 12-0.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ride Along Program**- Minor changes recommended. Waiting to hear back from legal.

Motion by Lt. Motasky, 2nd by A/C Wheeler to accept proposal with changes. Motion passed 11-1.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **By Laws**- Sent to Council for review. Bring any changes back to Officer Council for next meeting.
2. **Awards Ceremony**- Reminder that it will be held Oct. 16. Hope to have big turnout from Department.
3. **Safety Committee**- Looking to create a Safety Committee, it will consist of a member from each company along with the training division and the Apparatus division. Will meet quarterly. Will work on updating processes and recommend changes to stay ahead of changing times.

Motion by Lt. Molasky, 2nd by Captain Zak to form Safety Committee. Motion passed 11-1.

I. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Captain Zak thanked the Department for their support with the Fire Convention.

D/C Wilson stated we have to start doing a better job at using our accountability system.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Lt. Mattioli made a motion to adjourn at 20:25, 2nd by Lt. Molasky. Motion passed 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A/C Nick Verdicchio

Chairman

Officers Council

No tape available