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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on June 04, 2013.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with a salute to the flag and a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in memory of LODD of FF Albert Nejme of Tacoma, Washington. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Asst. Chief John Arturi, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Lt. Joseph Pagnozzi.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst.Chief van Ek to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Nelson. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Marsch and a second from Asst. Chief Nelson that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration of payment. All were in favor to submit for consideration.

#### BILLS

Campbell Supply	\$2,266.62	Campbell Supply	\$3,158.13
Campbell Supply	\$1,200.00	Campbell Supply	\$1,500.00
Campbell Supply	\$2,500.00	Campbell Supply	\$5,000.00
Tanis Hardware	\$38.18	All Mobile Repairs	\$411.00
PA Auto	\$45.08	Tanis Hardware	\$180.30
Kens Auto Electric	\$85.00	Advance Air Systems	\$1,250.38
HFD Reimbursement	\$135.82	Valley Health	\$635.00
I.R.S LLC	\$28.00	FF1 LLC	\$1006.00
Gilby's	\$302.00	10/75 LLC	\$400.00
Ken's Auto Electric	\$2,002.66	Campbell Supply	\$5,122.12
I.R.S LLC	\$28.00	Fire Safety Education	\$601.47
Campbell Freightliner	\$6,069.10	FF 1 LLC	\$3,800.00

Asst. Chief Marsch stated that the \$5,000.00 Purchase Order was a duplicate of the \$6,069.10 order as there was only 1 repair.

*Clerk Tripicchio advised that he was never made aware of this.*

Asst. Chief Nelson also stated that 1075 has yet to come back and make the necessary repairs.



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### **Communications:**

- A letter of intent was received from resident Christine Peterson to join the Department and requested to be assigned to Engine Company 1.
- A letter of intent was received from resident Kristen Phillips to join the Department and be assigned to Rescue Company 5.
- A medical note to return to active duty for Ex. Asst. Chief George Degroot was received.
- A thank you note was received from the Hawthorne Public Schools thanking the Department for the contribution to the 2013 Scholarship program.
- A 3 month medical leave of absence was received from FF Vincent Corasio Sr.
- A communication was received from Valic ( LOSAP vendor ) outing the new procedures

The Board accepted all communications.

### **Company Reports:**

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of May 2013, Company 1 responded to: 36 box alarms, 3 still alarms, 1 radio alarm(s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 1 training(s) and held 2 drill (s), for a total of 43 alarms.

Engine 1 had a reversing issue at the brush fire on Rte. 208.

The cab lift, air conditioning unit & multiple lights issue all are still in need of repairs.

Thanked all of the members who participated in the coin toss.

An active shooter / bomb call lecture will be held on 06 10 13 at 7:30 pm at Company 1. All are welcomed to attend.

Aside from the above Engine 1 is in fair working order and all members are in good standing.

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### Company #2

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of May 2013, Company 2 responded to: 35 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training's, 2 special details and held 1 drill for a total of 41 alarms.

Tower responded to Paterson for Mutual Aid.

Tower 2's EGR valve was repaired and the Truck was placed back into service. In addition when the truck was returned from repairs a hub cap was missing. It was requested to have vendor, Campbell Supply to rectify same.

A meeting with vendor 10-75 is in the process of being scheduled.

A gear inspection spreadsheet was provided to Chief Speranza.

The Truck, equipment and all firefighters are in good working order.

### Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of May 2013, Company 3 responded to: 35 box alarms, 0 radio alarms, 3 still alarms, 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid, held 0 training's and 1 drill (s) for a total of 39 alarms.

Responded to North Haledon for a Mutual Aid call.

Replacement of the air actuator is still in need of repairs. Vendor Campbell Supply has located parts and is being ordered thus they should be installed next week.

Ex- Asst Chief George Degroot had cataract surgery and has returned back to active duty.

Capt. Longo provided a building construction lecture to Company 3.

Company #3 will be attending the NY /NJ Volunteer Fireman's Parade on Saturday June 08, 2013. All are invited to attend.

Aside from above all firefighters and equipment are in working order.

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### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of May 2013, Company 4 responded to: 36 box alarm's, 4 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 41 alarms.

Vendor 10-75 installed lights that were recently ordered. They had also installed incorrect interior lights that need to be revised and repaired.

The Nederman Exhaust System has been repaired.

The SCBA bottles have been returned from hydrostatic testing.

1 scba pack and 2 scba bottles have been sent out for repairs.

Fire reports are needed.

FF John Hurley has been appointed to the Paterson Fire Department. As a result he has requested a 3 month leave of absence.

A request was made to attend Garfield's Wet Down on Sat. June 15, 2013.

Aside from above all members and equipment are in good working order.

### Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of May 2013, Company 5 responded to: 41 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 Mutual aid calls, training (s), 3 funeral details and held 1 drill (s) for a total 45 of alarms.

Thanked all members who participated in the LODD funeral / wake.

A letter of intent was received from Joseph Gaglione. (No copy was presented)

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all who participated in the special detail of the LODD detail. The Department once again came together in an exemplary fashion.

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The Board of Education's Ms. Hackett thanked the Department for participating in the HHS DUI program. Once again the program hit its mark of those who were present sending a clear message not to drink and drive.

Thanks to each member that participated in the Coin Toss. It was a huge success. The funds will offset the 911 Memorial and the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary program. A future Coin Toss will be targeted for the fall.

Building construction training has been provided to CO1 & CO 3 by Capt. Joseph Longo.

The training center is moving forward in upcoming months. Phase 3 which consist of the roof and interior repairs and Phase 4 encompassing the regrading of the lot which should be completed by the end of June.

Once the above has been completed Phase 5 (installation of the partition walls) will be conducted by the Department.

The SCBA flow and hydrostatic testing is being conducted. CO1 & CO5 still have to submit their bottles for this process.

As to the labels of bottles only ones that can be removed are NFPA / OSHA approved. We will be working on a new labeling process to assist the Department for identification.

Flow testing will begin on June 20, 2013 with all companies required to attend at 9:00 am at Fire Headquarters.

Mon. June 17, 2013, 7:00 pm at Fire HQ gear fit testing for the replacement of PPE will be conducted. Each company has been allocated 5 sets of PPE gear.

Good Luck to Company 3 who will be attending the NJ / NY parade.

CPR training will task place at a cost of \$40.00 per person. A date is forthcoming and will be held at the Ambulance Corps.

A pamphlet was read on new residential fires that are being contributed to the "Honey Oil Extraction" process. This process entails the extraction of THC from marijuana utilizing a highly explosive / flammable process dubbed the "Honey Oil Extraction".

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There have been E-Dispatch issues with cell phone provider Sprint. It is being worked on to identify the issue.

George Zaggata has been working tireless hours to rectify the heat issues inside of the radio room. We thank him for his efforts and hard work.

### Dates to Remember

June 17, 2013- 7:00 pm (FHQ) PPE Fit Testing

June 20, 2013 9:00 am ( FHQ) SCBA Flow Testing

June 21, 2013 –Van Dyk Park Place – Mocktail for Sr. 5-7:30 pm (CO1)

August 09, 2013 – Safety Town (CO2)

### COMMITTEES

**Communication Division:** No report at this time.

**Fire Prevention:** 117 Ethel Avenue has hazardous material. (Pamphlet was handed out)

**Ladies Auxiliary:** No report at this time.

**Junior FF's (Explorer Program) :** No report at this time.

**In School Program:** No report at this time

**Van Hook Scholarship:** 2 candidates were selected: David Morgan and Sean Knepper.  
A 50/50 will be held at the Department's installation dinner in order to replenish the account.

**Open House:** No report at this time.

**Mutual Aid Meeting:** No report at this time.

**Hawthorne Day:** No report at this time.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** No report at this time.

**Memorial Park:** No report at this time.

**Safety Officers:** A critique will be held as to the accountability Board process.

**Uniform Committee:** Will be headed by Ex. Chief Tamburro & Ex. Asst. Chief Mark Smith.  
This committee will assist in developing a unified uniform policy.

**Old Business:**

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The second reading of the sign guideline was read.

Company 1: Commented on the second reading of the sign guideline.

*Company 2:* There has been dispatching issues  
*Chief Speranza stated we are working on it.*

*Company 3: Stated that CO 3 is not in favor of using the Coin Toss for the 911 Memorial Park. (A discussion was ensued and a closed session will be held after Fire Board)*

Company 4: The Radio Room has been working to identify the dispatching issues. Signal 1 has been working with a vendor to repair all problem areas that are identified.

A letter has been requested to be sent certified to FF Stephanie Hill as to her intent.

Company 5: No report at this time.  
Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

### **New Business:**

Oath of Office: Rebecca Morton, Javier Vargas and Jeff Marsch.

Company 1: No report at this time.  
Company 2: No report at this time.  
Company 3: No report at this time.  
*Company 4:* No report at this time.  
Company 5: No report at this time.  
Chief's Report: No report at this time.

### **Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: Vincent Corasio Sr. will be having subsequent surgery.  
Company 2: No report at this time.  
Company 3: No report at this time.

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Company 4: No report at this time.  
Company 5: No report at this time.  
Chief: No report at this time

**Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to public.**

FF Gerry Flanagan as if the LOSAP funds were deposited as of yet.  
*Chief Speranza stated that Valic had some computer issues and it was not yet deposited.*

*Ex. Asst. Chief Mark Smith that the Department has always followed the Ordinances and a 3- month of absence was the norm. If any special consideration (referring John Hurley's 6 month training for the Paterson FD) is to be given, the Ordinance has to be changed.*

*Chief stated that we can make a bylaw that we should address this special request as we know have the ability and knowledge to do so.*

No other requests were made from the floor; the meeting was re-opened to the Fire Board.

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek second by Asst. Chief Arturi that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary