



## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on October 01, 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 for 9/11 victims and 343 Fire Fighters. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Lieut. John Carlo, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief John Marsch, Engine Company 3: Capt. Joseph Longo, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst.Chief Marsch Warner, to dispense the previous Minutes and was seconded by Asst. Chief Warner. All were in favor to dispense.

Motions were made by, Asst. Chief Warner 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	\$6,373.98	Goosetown Communications	\$52.50
AAA Emergency	\$2,500.00	Tanis Hardware	\$88.86
Circle Auto Glass	\$100.00	Quality Communication's	\$349.95
10/75 Emerge. Lghtg	\$75.06	I.R.S LLC	\$464.06
All Small Engine's	\$110.00	Goosetown Communication	\$240.00
EG Auto Repair	\$215.19	AAA Emergency	\$864.39
Apollo Flags	\$160.95		

### Communications:

- 100 year anniversary celebration - Seaside Heights, NJ FD, October 05, 2013 11:00 am -5:00 pm.
- A letter of resignation was received from FF Alex Shommiloff (CO1).
- A 3- month medical leave of absence was requested from FF Thomas Bakker Jr. (C03).
- A letter of intent was received from resident Saseha Goetschenberg (CO5).
- A medical leave return was received from Vincent Corasio Sr. (CO1).

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The Board accepted all communications.

**Company Reports:**

**Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of September August 2013, Company 1 responded to: 25 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm(s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 29 alarms.

Engine 1 was is in fair condition with existing issues. All equipment is in working order. Engine 1 is out of service until 10/04/2013 for repairs.

FF Vincent Corasio Sr has returned to active duty effective 09/09/13.

FF Alek Shommiloff resigned from the Department with regrets.

Several Unit 5-7 members inquired as to simplifying the connections to the SCBA filling station. A/C Arturi and Safety Officer Kevin Foley inquired at the Wildwood Convention and located a local vendor (Coastal Fire Systems) who provides a quick connect / disconnect hardware that would eliminate any cross threading as well as ease of use. The information was passed onto Chief Speranza for consideration.

The SCBA bottles have been returned from flow testing.

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

**Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of September 2013, Company 2 responded to: 25 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 2 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 1 training(s), special detail (s) and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 29 alarms.

Tower 2 responded to Mutual Aid call to Paterson, NJ.

At this year's convention a vendor was approached to demonstrate the new multi gas meters and an electric PPV fan. The vendor will be at Company 2 on 10/14/13 at 6:45 for anyone that would be interested.

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Tower 2 bottles are still out for flow testing. Inquiry with vendor was also made and assured that the bottles are in process of being tested.

New turn out gear was received and distributed.

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

### Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of September 2013, Company 3 responded to: 27 box alarms, 0 radio alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, 0 mutual aid, held 1 training (s) and 1 drill (s) for a total of 30 alarms.

The Donaldson Service indicator light for the air filter is in need of repair.

Tom Bakker Jr. had shoulder surgery and is on medical leave for 3- months.

The water can fire extinguisher was returned from re-certification.

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

### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of September 2013, Company 4 responded to: 21 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 22 alarms.

E4 responded to an additional to the above 5 mutual aid calls to Glen Rock.

The generator is still in need of repairs.

FF Gianantonio is receiving bills from Valley Health for his 2013 Physical's.

*Chief Speranza advised he would address same with Clerk Tripicchio.*

Requesting (1) One SCBA head's up display battery, (1) One 9 ½ boots, and (3) Three pairs of gloves.

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### (1) Valic Application for FF Matthew Ryan

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

### Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of August 2013, Company 5 responded to: 23 box alarm's, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby's, 0 Chief's call, 0 training (s), and held 2 drill (s) for a total 25 of alarms.

Thanked Chief Speranza for assembling of the Rescue Class.

Letter of intent was received from Sascha Goetschenberg.

Requesting (2) two medium masks with voice amplifiers.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

### Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all of the members who attended the Department Annual Physical Program. We had 96% participation of the members and this saves the Borough money.

The Departments participation in the 9/11 Memorial was outstanding. We displayed ourselves in a professional manner and we were well received.

We are currently working on our 2014 Budget presentation.

The 9/11 Memorial will commence sharply at 7:00pm. All are urged to attend in full dress.

The Passaic County Mutual Aid Association has selected Alan Delvecchio as the Fire Coordinator. In addition a milestone is also approaching as the County is pressing "Pro Boarding which is that the State of NJ Firefighting Certifications will be recognized Nationwide. It is expected that "grandfathering" of the prior certifications should also be considered.

The County now has acquired a Passaic County radio that has a dedicated County channel. The radios were acquired from a federal grant.

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The NFPA has revised their standards for turn out gear in 2013. The requirement will now have to include padding in the shoulder, elbow and knee.

There will also be a new regulation for SCBA head ups display's to assist Fire Fighters monitor low air at 33% rather than the previous 25%. It will also have a temperature alarm for fires reaching 500 degrees. In addition all SCBA will need to be CBNR capable.

Fairway Food in Woodland Park will donate 40% of their earnings of that day to St Jude's Children's Hospital who was selected by Lt. David Sylvester as part of his winning of the food face off.

The hydrant at 240 Lincoln Avenue is back in service.

The Hawthorne's Boys & Girls Club has passed the states Fire Escape requirement.

### **Dates to Remember**

October 05, 2013- Hawthorne Day

October 12, 2013- Mutual Aid Beefsteak Dinner –Bloomfield, NJ

October 12, 2013- FD Softball Marathon

October 19, 2013 – Safety Officer's Awareness Course –9:00 am Van Dykes Park Place.

October 23, 2013- Fairway Food – St. Jude Donation

October 26, 2013 - Coin Toss

November 17, 2013 Memorial Breakfast

### **COMMITTEES**

**Communication Division:** Responded to 6 alarms held 4 meetings for a total of 10 alarms. All equipment is in working order.

**Fire Prevention:** In School program will take place week of 10/07/13 -schedules to follow. Premio Sausage is now working for Wal-Mart and there can be 300 employees at any given time.

Churchill Furniture has expanded to the rear of their building which also has a heavy fire load.

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

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**Junior FF's (Explorer Program):** Class has begun for Juniors. We have 33 Juniors. 10/02/13 Juniors practical at Training Center and Class for new participants.

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

**Van Hook Scholarship:** No report at this time.

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

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

**Hawthorne Day:** Fireworks will commence at Dusk.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** 10/26/13 Coin Toss. Proposal for carnival are being reviewed and will be selected shortly.

**Safety Officers:** No report at this time.

**Uniform Committee:** No report at this time.

### Old Business:

Company 1: A on board radio charger has to be repaired.

*Company 2:* The hub cap still missing.

*Chief Speranza will follow up with Campbell Supply.*

*Company 3:* The engines wig wag lights and air conditioning have to be repaired.

Company 4: No report at this time.

Company 5: No report at this time.

Chiefs Report: No report at this time.

### New Business:

Oath of Office: No report at this time.

Company 1: No report at this time.

Company 2: The new gear needs to be re fitted as they have been cut too short.

The Pink Fire truck (Breast Cancer Awareness) will be at Hawthorne Day. They will also be selling shirts.

Company 3: No report at this time.

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Company 4: Has not received any communication from FF Stephanie Hill.  
Chief Speranza stated he will speak to her to secure same.

Company 5: No report at this time.  
Chief's Report: No report at this time.

### **Good & Welfare:**

Company 1: 10/20/13 Paintball  
Company 2: No report at this time.  
Company 3: No report at this time.  
Company 4: No report at this time.  
Company 5: Laser Tag at Hawthorne Day.  
Chief: No report at this time

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

Capt. Van Der Velde asked to address the personal vehicles of Premio who are taking up spaces at Utter Avenue and flow onto 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street causing apparatus response issues.

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

A Motion was made by Asst. Chief Nelson second by Asst. Chief Warner that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary