



## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### Minutes of the meeting held on April 04, 2014.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, with a salute to the flag and a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for LODD of FF Michael R. Kennedy and FF Edward J. Walsh both of Boston Fire Department. In attendance at this meeting was, Engine Company 1: Capt. Christopher Dibella, Tower Company 2: Lieut. Anthony Divincent, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief Michael Nelson, and Rescue Company 5: Asst. Chief Brian Warner.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek, 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 the bills for consideration.

#### BILLS

I.R.S	\$341.80	Company 5	\$143.92
PA Auto Parts	\$379.12	Campbell Supply	\$469.90
AVAN	\$31.90	Fregman	\$392.45
Fire Service Safety	\$1,332.00	Communication Specialist	\$38.00
Communication Specialist	\$7,300.00	Advanced Air Systems	\$1,216.96
HFD Reimbursement	\$78.65 & \$60.00	HFD Reimbursement	\$430.00
All Hands Fire	\$939.81	Campbell Supply	\$148.00

#### Communications:

- A medical note from FF Thomas Kennedy who extended his medical leave.
- A medical note was received from FF Thomas Bakker Jr. who is returning to active duty effective March 10, 2014.
- A medical note was received from FF Robert Taglibue extending his medical leave.
- A medical leave of absence was received for Ex Asst. Chief Robert Foley retroactive to January 30, 2014 to present.

The Board accepted all communications as read.

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### **Company Reports:**

#### **Company #1**

Asst. Chief Arturi reported for the month of March 2014, Company 1 responded to: 27 box alarms, 1 still alarm(s), 0 radio alarm (s), 0 mutual aid call, 0 standby(s), 3 training(s) and held 1 drill (s), for a total of 32 alarms.

The Thermal Imaging Camera is out service as it is no longer charging. Chief Speranza has been notified of same.

The Company 1 officer along with Chief Speranza will visit the Pierce Manufacturing plant from April 11 thru April 14, 2014.

Engine 1 is in fair condition. All equipment is in working order and all members are in good standing.

#### **Company #2**

Asst. Chief Marsch reported for the month of March 2014, Company 2 responded to: 27 box alarms, 6 still alarms, 0 Chief's call, 0 Radio alarms, 0 standby(s), 0 training(s), and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 34 alarms. 5 Mutual Aid calls were conducted for Paterson FD

A new speed control valve was ordered for the new PPV fan. Campbell Supply repaired the airline leak.

The windup siren ground wire was repaired in-house by Captain Maher.

One (1) salvage tarp remains at 49 Royal Avenue.

Company 2 submitted paperwork to attend the Woodland Park Parade. Anyone wishing to march in the parade is to contact Company 2.

Ff George Lodder has been hospitalized due to a bacterial infection.

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

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### Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of March 2014 Company 3 responded to: 26 box alarms, 0 radio alarm (s), 2 still alarm(s), 0 standbys, held 3 training (s) and 1 drill (s) for a total of 32 alarms. 0 mutual aid response(s).

AED / CPR re certifications have been completed. Thanks to FF George Lodder and Keith Kopenal for the training.

Campbell Supply looked at the light bar and several options have been considered.

The rocker switch for the console is in need of repair.

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

### Company #4

Asst. Chief Nelson reported for the month of March 2014, Company 4 responded to: 27 box alarms, 2 still alarms, 0 radio alarms, 0 training, 0 standbys, 0 Chief's call, and held 1 drill (s) for a total of 30 alarms.

Campbell Supply has replaced the auto eject connection for the air line. The light tower is having intermittent issues and is being looked at.

Two (2) SCBA bottles are still out of service.

Ex FF Robert Van Duesen has returned all equipment with the exception of a hat badge.

FF Robert Taglibue has submitted a medical note.

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

### Company #5

Asst. Chief Warner reported for the month of March 2014, Company 5 responded to: 33 box alarms, 0 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 standby(s), 0 training (s), and held 2 drill (s) for a total 35 of alarms. 4 Mutual Aid call to Paterson and 1 to North Haledon.

One (1) HFD application is needed.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

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### **Borough Chief Speranza Report:**

St. Barnabas Burn Awareness Program will be held on April 14, 2014 at Van Dyke Park Place at 7:15 pm SHARP.

The Division of Fire & Safety has rejected all mutual aid plans for 2014. A meeting will be held with them on Thursday April 03, 2014 to further discuss.

The Christian Health Care Center has donated vehicles to the Department. A large scale drill will be planned in the near future with these vehicles.

The Departments Safety Officer program will need to be revamped. The current Safety Officers will be interviewed on April 30, 2014 by the Assistant Chiefs and Captains. Any member that is qualified to become a Safety Officer should speak to their respective Assistant Chief.

A drivers program was distributed for immediate use. Captains and Lieutenants will coordinate the drivers program for current drivers and new drivers. The Assistant Chief then will sign off on the on the candidate before being assigned as a driver.

Thanks to Chief Robert Cammarota of the Washington Twps. Fire Department and the Washington Twps. / administration who assisted in releasing one of their vehicles to the Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary paid for the vehicle and will be in use in the future.

Thanks to the Borough Council for allowing the vehicle to be added to the Departments Fleet.

The Fort Lee FD is interested in our Juniors program as the Boys Scouts of America has enlightened them about our success.

### **Dates to Remember**

April 11, 2014- Exempts & Relief Meeting 7:00 pm Company 1  
April 14, 2014 . St. Barnabas Burn program 7:30pm Van Dyke Park Place  
April 18, 2013- Ladies Auxiliary Fish & Chips Dinner - 5:30 -7:30 pm

June 06, 2014- HHS Stone Cold Program -9:00 am.

### **COMMITTEES**

CORE STATEMENT  
Volunteers providing a professional service in  
Fire Protection, Rescue Services and Fire Prevention  
To the citizens of Hawthorne.

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**Communication Division:** March 2014, responded to: 11 box alarms and held 4 meetings.

**Fire Prevention:** April 11, 2014 . Public School walk thru at Fire Headquarters at 12:00 pm.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** April 18, 2013- Ladies Auxiliary Fish & Chips Dinner 2 seatings - 5:30 & 7:30 pm at the Hawthorne Boys & Grils Club. Assistance will be needed by all members. They are also looking to purchase a utility truck from the Washington Twps. FD in near future.

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

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

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

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

**Passaic County Mutual Aid Meeting:** No report at this time

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

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The previously proposed sight is no longer available. A new site is being looked into and will be announced.

All Chairmans / sub Chairmans have been assigned to various tasks.

Sign-up sheets for various hours / tasks has been distributed to each company.

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

### Old Business:

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.
Chiefs Report:	No report at this time.

### New Business:

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Oath of Office: None

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: No report at this time.  
Company 2: George Lodder in hospital.  
Company 3: Ex. Asst. Chief George Degroot is up and walking, Kenneth Silvestri has returned from Florida.  
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.**

Ex-Chief Tamburro stressed that we should not be using lights & sirens when responding to a mutual aid response if we are not going directly to the scene.

April 11, 2014 Exempts & Relief meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is held at Company #1.

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, and a second by Asst. Chief Nelson that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Tripicchio*  
Board Secretary