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Borough of Hawthorne
Board of Fire Commissioners

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Minutes of the meeting held on August 03, 2010.

Borough Chief Joseph Speranza called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, with a salute to the flag. In attendance to this meeting was, Engine Company 1: 2nd Lieut. John Tripicchio, Tower Company 2: Asst. Chief Anthony DiVincent, Engine Company 3: Asst. Chief Jared Van Ek, Engine Company 4: Asst. Chief James Geier, and Rescue Company 5: Asst Chief Brian Warner.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Geier to dispense the previous Minutes while a second Motion was made by Asst. Chief Van Ek.

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Di Vincent and second from Asst. Chief Warner that the following bills be approved and are to be submitted to the Borough Administrator for consideration:

BILLS

Turnout Uniforms	\$87.99	State Line Fire Safety	\$30.00
Triangle Trophy	\$66.00	Public Safety Academy	\$160.00
Public Safety Academy	\$320.00	Federated Emerg. Services	\$560.41
Federated Emerg. Services	\$1,446.71	B/C Communication	\$141.00
Zoll Medical Group	\$1,082.33	Fire Companies.com	\$239.97
Verizon	\$47.61	Verizon	\$56.55
AT&T	\$46.39	Ace Hardware	\$193.90
Company 1-4 (\$1,550.00)	\$6,200.00	Company 5	\$450.00
Asst. Chief Counsellor	\$30.00	Asst Chief DiVincent	\$30.00
Asst. Chief Van Ek	\$30.00	Asst Chief Geier	\$30.00
Asst. Chief Warner	\$30.00	Clerk Tripicchio	\$30.00
Chief Speranza	\$30.00	Company 1-5 (\$45.00)	\$225.00
Ricoh	\$11.50	Verizon Wireless	\$149.08
Hawthorne Chevrolet	\$1,133.68	State Line Fire	\$248.50
B/C Communication	\$194.00		

Communications:

- Lieut. Andrew Massey requested a (3) three-month medical extension.
- Blue & White Service Appreciation of Emergency Responders will take place on Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 11:00am. The location will be the Community Church of Paramus 515 Cedar Lane, Paramus NJ.
- Monster Mile will take place on September 26, 2010. This will support the Nation Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Please contact Erin Fortney at 302-883-6572 or e-mail at efortney@doversports.com for more info.

The board of Fire Commissioners collectively granted Lieut. Massey's the (3) three-month extension.

Company Reports:**Company #1**

2nd Lieut. Tripicchio reported that for the month of July 2010, Company 1 responded to: 17 box alarm's, held 3 training's, 0 drill, 0 radio alarm's and 3 still alarm for a total of 23 alarms.

The headset and radio that has not been functioning has now been ordered.

Vendor Ken's Auto service has repaired the emergency lighting switch.

One (1) gate valve for the supply line is being requested at this time.

All firefighters and other than above equipment mention issues are in good working order.

Company #2

Asst. Chief Di Vincent reported for the month of July 2010, Company 2 responded to: 18 box alarms, 0 mutual aid call, 3 still alarm, 0 radio alarm, 0 training's and held 1 drill, for a total of 22 alarms.

The Truck and all firefighters are in good working order.

Company #3

Asst. Chief Van Ek reported that for the month of July 2010, Company 3 responded to: 23 box alarms, 0 mutual aid calls, 0 radio alarm, 1 drills, 2 still alarm, 0 stand by's and held 2 training for a total of 28 alarms.

The open door sensor on the apparatus still needs to be resolved. A new vendor will be contacted to see if they can repair.

The headlight switch was repaired by Ken's Auto Electric.

The right hand air valve for the 6" intake is becoming increasingly difficult to activate and is in need of repair.

Lt. Andrew Massey requested a (3) three- month extension for medical leave

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

Company #4

Asst. Chief Geier reported for the month of July 2010, Company 4 responded to: 24 box alarms, 5 still alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 Chief's call, 0 mutual aid calls, and held 2 drills for a total of 31 alarms.

One (1) SCBA is out of service along with one (1) SCBA bottle.

Engine 4 is requesting 2 HT1000 portable batteries and a UHF antenna.

The firehouse fire siren is not functioning and is in need of repair. This issue has been ongoing and needs to be addressed.

Engine 4 is again re requesting 10 jump suits needed for water rescue operations assistance.

Other than the above-mentioned items, all equipment and members are in good working order.

Company #5

Asst Chief Warner reported that for the month of July 2010, Company 5 responded to: 30 box alarms, 0 radio alarm, 0 training, 0 still alarms, 0 mutual aid alarms, 2 drills for a total of 32 alarms

The solenoid of the Hurst tool burned out and was replaced.

Unit 58 was used during a drill / training in June and came back in less than desired order. All members that use Unit 58 must participate in the upkeep of the vehicle upon it's return.

All firefighters and equipment are in good working order.

Borough Chief Speranza Report:

Thanked all of the members that had attended all of the recent wave of wakes and funerals.

It OSHA has begun making inspection of Borough owner properties. They are making recommendations as they locate issues.

The annual Fireman's convention is rapidly approaching therefore, it is requested that each company secure a head count to who will not be attending and provide same.

The Borough is introducing language pertaining to rental properties to assist in the identification of illegal apartments. This is an ongoing issue that the Department will assist in facilitating inspections. This language will need to be approved at a later date as will be introduced as an Ordinance.

The Department has well established SOG's and SOP's. Members are constantly deviating for those standard's which is unacceptable. All members are expected to abide those standards. Any member that does not adhere to these SOG's/ SOP's will be dealt with accordingly by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

August 29, 2010 will be Jr Graduation and the Department's picnic that will commence at 10:00 am.

Dates to Remember:

August 8, 2010 – West Paterson Mutual Aid Drill

August 29, 2010 – Department Picnic / Jr. Graduation

September 09, 2010 Passaic County 200 Club – Annual Beefsteak

October 02, 2010 – Hawthorne Day

October 09, 2010 – Safety Town – (9: 00 am)

Communication Division:

Communication Division: responded to 8 alarms, 4 work details, and 2 meeting for a total of 14 alarms.

The computer in Unit 57 has reached its usable lifespan. It has no ability to be upgraded / supported therefore it is in the need of replacement.

The transmission lines from three (3) public safety antenna's need to be transferred to tower legs as well as the whip antenna caught on brackets that still needs to be untangled.

Since the air conditioning has been replaced the temperatures are now at 77 degree compared to the previous 91-92.

All members and equipment are in good working order.

Fire Prevention: No report at this time.

Ladies Auxiliary: Requested if the permit's for the coin toss was received for the August 28 & 28, 2010 dates.

Chief Speranza indicated that he would look into further.

Junior's/ Explorer Program: Chairman Tom Bakker Junior's will be assigned once the final test has been completed. Thanked all of the members that had assisted through out the year. An application to conduct training at the County academy for the Friday, September 24, 2010 was submitted.

Safety Officer's: No report at this time

Fund Drive: 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.

Mutual Aid Meeting: No report at this time

Web Site: 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

The second reading of the By Laws were conducted.

New Business:

Oath of Office: Karen Arsenault was sworn in and assigned to Company 5.

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

Good & Welfare:

Company 1: Thanked all of the members that attended and called Lieut. Tripicchio for the passing of his father (Lorenzo Tripicchio) and fro also attending the wake and funeral. Also thanked the Department and the Ladies Auxiliary for the basket of flowers.

Company 2: No report at this time.

Company 3: Shirley Joustra is now at home and recovering.

Company 4: Thanked the Department and members for the basked for Tina Fieldhouse Asst Chief's Geier wife's mother.

Company 5: FF Anthony Manzo has completed Navy "boot camp" and will be now stationed in Virginia. Congratulations to new member Karen Arsenault.

Chiefs Report: Brokehuizen Lane is treacherous during any rainstorm. It is advised that apparatuses that respond come from the top rather than off of Goffle Road.

Chief Speranza temporarily closed the Fire Board session and opened the meeting to anyone from the floor wishing to be heard.

Ex Asst Chief. Smith suggested that the Borough purchase Brockehuizen Lane to avoid future 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 DiVincent, second by Asst. Chief Van Ek that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tripicchio

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Board Secretary