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## Borough of Hawthorne Board of Fire Commissioners

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order on October 4, 2022 at 7:30 pm by Chief Speranza

*The notice was provided to the Borough Clerk on Saturday, September 17, 2022 and published to the Fire Department's website and social channel. The public was provided an email ([Clerk@HawthorneFire.org](mailto:Clerk@HawthorneFire.org)) to forward questions to the Board of Fire Commissioners.*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Speranza, *Borough Fire Chief*  
John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*  
Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*  
Joseph Longo, *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*  
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*  
Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*  
Christopher Mogen, *Fire Dept. Clerk*

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Anthony Manzo, *CO. 5 Assistant Chief*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

*Led by Chief Speranza*

### **SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT:**

**Motion to swear in new members:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

#### CORE STATEMENT

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

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*  
Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*  
Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*

- Chief Speranza swore in FF. Matthew Galland, he will be stationed at Company 5. The Hawthorne Fire Department and The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Matthew Galland for his future service to the Borough of Hawthorne.
- Chief Speranza swore in FF. Michael Jannicelli, he will be stationed at Company 5. The Hawthorne Fire Department and The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Matthew Galland for his future service to the Borough of Hawthorne.

**MINUTES:**

*Previous month's minutes have been dispersed.*

**Motion to dispersed the minutes:** Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*

**DEPARTMENT BILL LIST OF EXPENSES ;**

*provided and presented by Clerk Mogen*

<b>FireFighter One</b> (HFD - SCBA Facepieces S, M, L)	\$ 4,104.00
<b>Company 2</b> (Flagholder - Some's Uniforms)	\$ 10.00
<b>Goosetown Communications</b> (Truck 2 - Repair constant whine on radios)	\$ 270.00
<b>Company 5</b> (Radio Room - Computer Repair - Network Adapter)	\$ 26.89
<b>A-Van Electrical Supply</b> (Rescue Electrical Alarm Repair)	\$ 74.82
<b>Company 2</b> (Standby Food (White Castle) Paterson MVA)	\$ 61.17
<b>Campbell Supply Company</b> (Engine 4 - Heater/Air Conditioning Repair)	\$ 959.20
<b>Luscher's Auto Inc.</b> (Unit 50 - Emergency Battery Repair)	\$ 809.33
<b>Giant Tire Service Inc.</b> (Engine 1 - Emergency Tire Repair)	\$ 1,125.00

**Total: \$ 7,440.41**

**Motion to pay the bills:** Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

Joseph Longo *CO. 3 Assistant Chief*

Devin Hughes, *CO. 4 Assistant Chief*

Brian Patmos, *CO. 5 Captain*

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD;**

*Presented by Clerk Mogen*

- Received a resignation letter from FF. Adam Geier of Company 4. Approved by Company 4 and notification was made to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The department and the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank FF. Geier for over 8 years of dedicated service to the department and the residents of Hawthorne.
- Received the return to active duty letter for FF. Cameron Geier of Company 4.
- Received the return to active duty letter for FF. Laurie Foley of Company 1.
- Received an invite to the 2022 Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 26th at 6pm, for the Borough of Totowa FD and West Paterson FD.

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH:**

### **Engine CO. #1; presented by Assistant Chief John Trippichio:**

- For the month of September, 2022, Engine 1 responded to; 26 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 0 Radio Alarms, 1 Special, 4 Drill(s) for a total of 31 alarms.
- Received doctor's note for FF. Laurie Foley to return to duty effective October 1, 2022.
- Engine 1 tire is being ordered by Giant Tire, may be an issue locating.
- (1) one member has been contacted by NDI, reclassified as a Class C until cleared.
- (4) four firefighters need fit tests.
- Unable to submit fix percentages as Personal Leaves were not included. Should be as per ordinance.
- Engine 1 requested to attend Wallington Santa Parade on November 26, 2022.
- Engine 1 & Truck 2 will be attending a flashover class on October, 15, 2022. Any department member can attend.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

### **Tower CO. #2; presented by Assistant Chief Travis Lodder:**

- For the month of September 2022, Truck 2 responded to; 27 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarm, 9 Mutual Aid including 6 to Glen Rock, 2 to Paterson, 1 to Mahwah, 1 Drill, 0 Training, 0 Radio Alarms, for a total of 37 alarms.
- Final percentages have been handed in to the Clerk and Chief
- All members have been fit tested and had their physical with the exception of 1 member who is on leave.
- Truck 2 completed and passed pump testing.
- FF Andrew Skae has returned to active duty from his Family Leave Act
- Truck 2's natural gas meter has been repaired and is back in service. Our
- The multi gas meter remains out of service for repairs.
- Truck 2 received 2 life jackets.
- Last night during the cleanup we noticed a hole in the tube in the Plymovent exhaust system and requested a call for repair.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

**Engine CO. #3: presented by Assistant Chief Joseph Longo:**

- For the month of September 2022, Engine 3 responded to 27 Box Alarms, 2 Mutual Aid, 0 Chief Calls, and held 1 Drills with 0 additional training for a total of 30 alarms.
- Co#3 received 2 new life preservers for the engine.
- Inquiring about the 100' length of 5' cloth hose in order to replace damage length from the fire scene.
- Inquiring about the medical bag with supplies
- Need Combi Tool looked at and possibly serviced for deep cuts in teeth of blades.
- Engine 3 would like to thank all firefighters and families who helped support us on Hawthorne Day buying our sausage and pepper sandwiches.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

**Engine CO. #4: presented by Assistant Chief Devin Hughes:**

- For the month of September 2022, Engine 4 responded to; 30 Box Alarms, 0 Still Alarms, 0 Standbys, 0 Radio Alarms, 0 Drills, for a total of 30 Alarms.
- The new Engine 4 was returned to the borough on September 19. All drivers have successfully completed the factory provided apparatus and pump training from Campbell Supply. The Engine is currently in process of radio installation, light programming, and equipment mounting.
- Firefighter Cameron Geier has been returned from his medical leave of absence.
- Firefighter Adam Geier has handed a letter of resignation in from the HFD, effective October 1, 2022

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**Rescue CO. #5: presented by Assistant Chief Anthony Manzo:**

- For the month of September 2022, Rescue 5 responded to; 27 Box Alarms, 1 Still Alarms, 0 Mutual Aid, 0 Stand-by, 3 Training /Drills, 0 Special Detail for a total of 31 Alarms.
- Vehicles and Equipment;
  - Rescue
    - Good working order.
  - Unit 58
    - Informed by vendor there is a delay in receiving equipment due to supply shortages
  - Unit 57/Communications
    - Good working order
  - Boat
    - Good working order
  - Personal
    - Captain Brian Patmos is on medical leave.
    - Rescue would like to wish Mike Jannicelli and Matt Galland the best of luck on being sworn into the Hawthorne Fire Department and being assigned to the Rescue Company.

**With the above mentioned exceptions, all members and equipment are in good working order.**

## **FIRE PREVENTION REPORT;**

*reported by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza*

- Contained within the Chief's report.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT AND CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY;**

*by Fire Chief Joseph Speranza*

Welcome to a new fire year and wishing our members a safe and progressive new fire year.

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to thank our members for the overwhelming show of support with the loss of my mother. It was much appreciated. I especially wish to thank Engine 3 and Engine 4 for the beautiful flowers sent.

### **Updates**

**FEMA** - Our FEMA grant which has been accepted and we are now in progress of finalization of vendor opportunities to supply the items awarded. We will be conducting a meeting with Chief Jennings, myself and the business administrators of Hawthorne and Glen Rock this Friday at 9am to secure the particulars of the grant.

**State PPE Grant** - The department has an additional grant pending with the state of NJ for PPE at a value of \$75,000.00, (approx. 34 full sets of turnout gear) awaiting further on this grant.

**FD emails** - To date and after an additional email to administration, there is no further news to report.

**Boat Launch** - No further updates have been provided from administration.

**Fast/Flood water guideline** - The approved copy is being signed in to approval this evening and will then be provided to the department.

**SCBA OSHA Physicals and mask fitting** - As we near completion of this process we are happy to have provided about a 95% completion rate from the membership.

**NARCAN** - The department has become eligible to receive Narcan doses for the fire apparatus but before we venture into the opportunity, we will undergo some type of accredited training. I also believe the use would likely be primarily for a firefighter exposure and not the general use.

**Apparatus response** - Please use caution in response to and from incidents as we see a surge in inattentive drivers the risk of incident is increasing. In response, pay close attention to a called reduced response or proceed with caution and adjust accordingly.

**SCBA Air Compressor** - The necessary information has been provided and the unit is on order for the installation. Expected by mid-November

**Ladies AUX Trick or Treat Event** - Saturday, October 29th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Fire Headquarters

**FD Halloween Open House** - October 31st at 6:30pm to 8pm at each fire house.

Respectfully,

Chief J. Speranza

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Communications Division:**

- No Submission

### **Cadets:**

- No Submission

### **Ladies Auxiliary:**

- Halloween Trunk or Treat - Sponsored by the Hawthorne Fire Auxiliary  
Saturday, October 29th  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Fire Headquarters  
828 Lafayette Ave., Corner of Goggle Road  
Family friendly event open to all  
Reserve a space or questions call 973-423-0624

### **Citizen Fire:**

- Kick off of the 2022 Citizen Fire Academy - Thursday, October 6th
- The 2nd Annual Class notification has been communicated on Facebook and flyers.
- New email address was added to marketing materials; hfdcitizensacademy@gmail.com
- If you're interested in signing up or already sent an email to us please resend us an email at: hfdcitizensacademy@gmail.com

### **Training Center:**

- Contracted the car simulator vendor for modifications
- Cellar/Basement simulator needs modifications

### **Exempt/Relief:**

- *Ex-Borough Chief Victor Tamburro*
  - Firefighters' Red Mass - Cathedral, Paterson, Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00pm
  - Exempt meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at 7:00pm
  - Relief meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at 7:30pm
  - Firemens' Memorial Breakfast - November 13th
  - County meeting at the PCCC Academy - Thursday, October 6th

### **Passaic County Sheriff's Department:**

- *Ex-Assistant Chief John Arturi - OEM*
  - No Submission

### **Radio Communications**

- *Ex-Assistant Chief Mike Nelson*
  - No Submission

### **CODES**

- *Captain John Carlo*

- No Submission

**Awards Committee**

- No Submission

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - Passaic County IDs - Are there any future dates? -  
*John Trippichio CO. 1 Assistant Chief - Checking with AC Manzo*
  - Are we getting radios to test out for the new communication system?  
*Chief - Yes, there will be radios available to test when the vendor provides them to the department.*
- Tower Company 2:
  - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 3:
  - No old business to report.
- Engine Company 4:
  - No old business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - No old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - *John Trippichio CO. 1 Assistant Chief - Can the borough paint / color the fire hydrate based on hose connection sizes (example 3" / 5"). It would help visually when approaching the hydrates.*
- Tower Company 2:
  - No new business to report.
- Engine Company 3:
  - *Joseph Longo CO. 3 Assistant Chief - Please keep the HQ washer clear and clean of gear. Please document when PPE is cleaned.*
- Engine Company 4:
  - No new business to report.
- Rescue Company 5:
  - The order of PFD came in and will be distributed to FD companies.
- Chief:
  - At the Passaic County Mutual Aid Chief meeting on September 22nd a few items were addressed;
    - The prosecutor's office will not do arson investigations for the county of Passaic
    - I'm asking the Borough and Administrator to send a letter to bring back the arson investigator.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Engine Company 1:
  - No good and welfare to report.
- Tower Company 2:

- No good and welfare to report.
- Engine Company 3:
  - No good and welfare to report.
- Engine Company 4:
  - Condolences to the family of FF Phill Alloco, who passed away September 21, 2022
- Rescue Company 5:
  - Congratulations to Assistant Chief Anthony Manzo on his marriage.

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE BOARD AND OPENED TO THE FLOOR;**

*by Chief Speranza*

- Victor Tamburro - *Question:* Can the Passaic County Sheriff’s Department take on the costs for the arson investigator instead of the individual towns?  
- *Chief - At the Mutual Aid meeting, the Passaic County Sheriff does not want to take on the expense.*
- Assistant Chief Longo - *Question:* How about the Insurance investigator being used by the Borough to cover the arson investigations.  
- *Chief - It would be an expense that the borough would have to take on.*
- Victor Tamburro - *Question:* What are the new repeaters that are being installed in town?  
- *Chief - Motorola, for channel 1 & 3. They are looking at Company 4 to install which would push the signal back into town.*

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE FLOOR AND OPENED TO THE BOARD;**

*by Chief Speranza*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to close the meeting:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

**Second:** Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

**Approved:** John Trippichio *CO. 1 Assistant Chief*

Travis Lodder, *CO. 2 Assistant Chief*

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*Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm by Chief Speranza.*

Christopher Mogen  
*Fire Department Clerk*