

# **NOROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Service Board**

### **November 2013 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11/26/2013

Start Time: 20:00

Attendees: Buch Jr., Burkhardt Jr., Butcher, Buxton, Geraci, Herbert, Keane, Murray, Oxer, Sheehan, Ward

Guest Attendees: None

-Last months minutes read.

#### **Report of committees**

##### **Radios:**

- 5 pagers have been sent in to be fixed. Due back in approximately 3 weeks.
- Looking at waterproof pagers as an option for members that are active Marine Unit participants.
- Looking into changing pager channel C to be a close channel activated by NFD tones only with a vibrate alert.

##### **Trucks and Equipment:**

- L30 will be going out after Thanksgiving for PM which will take approximately 10 days. PM but will not include replacement of the waterway but will include replacement of the headlamps in addition to looking at the cost to convert the existing hand lights to the smaller versions. An email will go out advising membership when it leaves and returns. We will have mutual aid respond for box alarms while L30 is OOS.
- 5 Star's quote to replace the waterway on L30 is \$16K. Twin Lights is \$11K. Fraser / Oxer to compare the quotes to see if they are comparable and form a recommendation.
- E32 flow meter for the deck gun not working.
- E31 is fixed and back in service. Solenoid was repaired and replaced. Need to make sure the Cole Hersee selector is shut off after each use. If it is left on then the actuator for the solenoid has power and gets burned out.
- R33 is missing a handheld light.
- Cold water suit on bench needs to go out to Shipman's to fix the leak in the cuff.
- Meeting of the truck committee for E35 will be held 12/2 @ 7pm
- Alan is meeting with Kildoff for next steps to send the bid out for E35.

**Marine Division:**

- Brendan has requested several quotes to sandblast and paint the bottom of M34
- Jack is requesting quotes on new all season canvas for M34.

**Fire commission:**

- Electric underway at tower
- Financials read
- Drafting of SOP's for Sea Legs will in start in December. Any member wishing to express any specific wording / SOP needs to speak directly with a member of the FC to ensure that the issue is put on the table for discussion and consideration.
- SB has requested that the FC work to try to ensure that sea legs does not come labeled "Darien Fire". Prefer something more along the lines of "Town of Darien Fire Rescue".

**Membership:**

- Question was raised about when the next membership drive would be held. A general discussion ensued about the overall success of these membership drives leading to the need to add to our membership, especially on the younger / active side. There was a general consensus that we should explore ways to increase membership drive exposure within the areas contemplated in the By-laws, including but not limited to Stamford Cove. Ray was going to see if there was a way to get a mailing list that represented the boundaries outlined in the By-laws and update the SB at the next meeting. There were also discussions about doing a mailer in our district. General agreement was that what we've been doing over the past few years has not yielded the desired results and it's time to try something new.

**Drills and Training:**

- Drill on 11/28 Friday is open. Send out an email to gauge interest.
- Reminder: Fire Instructor class will run all of February thru first week in November on each Monday, Wednesday and Sunday. The course will be held at NFD. This course is a pre-requisite for any additional Office Training courses / certifications. Fire Fighter 2 pre-requisite. Contact Mike Vitti a.s.a.p. if you are interested.
- Due to the outstanding result from the complete L30 strip down and cleaning we will be making the first Friday drill specific to a complete strip down and cleaning of a specific apparatus. There was agreement that this is a more productive use of the drill time and will provide better overall upkeep if the apparatus and the equipment with other associated benefits.

**Gear:**

- A sign-up sheet to request specific gear will be put up. In addition, an inventory was made of all 10 year old turnout gear that needs to be replaced in order to be in compliance.

**Parades:**

- No report

**Old Business:**

- Vitti met with Keating on the zoning of the potential new garage to address the shortage of space due to the new engine. This meeting was held to determine if there were any concerns so they could be brought to the membership. Keating confirmed we would need a variance but did not seem to feel that it would be a problem to get done.
- Still down a few hundred feet of 5" supply line. Need to check \$ and see if we can order more.
- Pumps and generators – need to figure out the status of the order and when it will be done.
- Still need to have the horn checked.

**New Business:**

- A new fire hydrant was put in at Noroton Presbyterian Church at the head of the driveway.
- Look to add 2 handheld radios in E32 in the rear of the cab.

**Welfare:**

- Congrats to Paul Murray on getting his Q license.
- Past two night calls had good turnout. Keep it up.
- Keep use of spotted dog especially all the holiday travel plans. Also wanted to request that members respond on Spotted Dog about their response status even if a CAD is not sent. The response will still be accepted by Spotted Dog and is helpful to officer in charge.

-With no further business the meeting adjourned at 21:10.