

*BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 2
TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY*

February 10, 2015

Chairman Gregory Brass called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. The Sunshine law was read and the date and time of the meeting was posted. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mr. Clancy	Present
Mr. Goldstein	Present
Mr. Polo	Present
Mr. Polverino	Present
Mr. Brass	Present
Mr. Parker	Present
Vice Pres. Berman	Present
Chief Dinicolas	Present

Correspondence

Mr. Brass received a letter from the Board of Elections regarding using Daniels Way and Pond Road for the election. He also received and signed the shared services agreement, from Freehold Township, and sent it back.

There was a recall from Spartan on the rescue and the part has been ordered.

Sutphen is offering their yearly service agreement the cost would be \$1,400 the Board is going to accept that.

Chief's Report

The saw was mounted on 77. Everything is done on 85 except for the cooling fan recall which the part has been ordered. PL ordered the software for the SRS light. The laptop mount and antenna has been done on 75 and the other trucks will be done this week.

90 left and should be back in about 2 weeks. 67 is going to Ken's Auto Body for repair on February 19th. The Chief got a price for the antennas, radios and mounts which would be \$1,155 for Chief's trucks. He is also looking into a vent training class from FF1 he will get the board more information. He also needs to purchase amplifiers for mask which would cost \$445.50 and adapters for \$28.22, he'll get back to the Board with a quantity.

The Chief is going to have the base radios checked to see if they are ready for narrow banding.

Radio and Alarm

Everything is good.

Building

Everything is good.

Insurance

Mr. Goldstein is still having issues getting information from members for LOSAP. After Mr. Polo met with Travelers for the audit it was determined that we would be receiving a small refund.

Maintenance

Greenblade will be in to do the maintenance on all the saws.

New Business

Mr. Brass will be sending a letter to the Under Sheriff regarding communication protocol. This letter will be posted on the website with the minutes.

Old Business

Mr. Goldstein brought up a point that we could sell any fire apparatus/equipment to another municipality without having to go through the normal bidding process.

Treasurer

The final budget balance looks high because the capital improvement is included in that.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Goldstein
Sec.
Board of Fire Commissioners
District 2



FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT 2

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February 28, 15
Robert Dawson
Under Sheriff
Monmouth County
2500 Kozlowski Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Dear Under Sheriff Dawson,

The officers of the East Freehold Fire Company have informed the Board of Fire Commissioners of a proposed change in communications protocols, that they feel poses a danger to the fire fighters, and could result in confusion that may affect the ability to respond to fire calls.

As I understand it, the fire company will be dispatched on one frequency, then they will switch to a "response" frequency, to check in service, and check on location, at which time, they will again change frequencies to fire-ground. I also understand that all communications with the county will be on the "response" frequency. The officers, and the Board believe that this will pose problems with communication when responding to incidents. This will require, officers to monitor at least 2 frequencies, switching between both, to direct apparatus, and control fire ground operations. As I'm sure you're aware, the first few minutes, of an incident are critical to its success, and this will definitely interfere with successful communications, especially with a larger scale incident.

This will also incur cost to the tax payers, as we will have to reprogram all of our radios, and pagers. There will also be training requirements involved in this, we've been using the current system, which has worked very well, for over 20 years.

Another change that is apparent is a separate "dispatch tone" for task forces and strike teams, which our pagers may not be able to accommodate.

The Board would like to know what studies have been done, with this type of communication system? Where else is this system used? What are the results of the use of this type of system? What are the benefits to the fire service, how will this help us better serve our customers? What type of problems have been encountered, with areas that use this system? What is the feeling of the Fire Marshall's Office and the other fire companies in the county?

Sincerely yours,

Gregory Brass
Chairman of the Board