

BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
October 2, 2012

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0810 hours in Chief Lasker's office with Commissioners Mark Saba, John Vincent, Kevin McLaughlin, and Linda Sheehey. Also present were Chief S. Lasker and Clerk of the Board Jillian Bogert.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time was set for 0900 hours by motion of Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Commissioner Sheehey with all in favor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

A motion to accept the last meeting's minutes was made by Commissioner McLaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey with all in favor.

Chief's Oral Report

On September 17th the department introduced the Emergency Medical Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Program. This assesses the quality of services currently provided with the goal of excellence in delivery of our EMS care.

The Commission report presented to the City Council on September 24th was received extremely well. There seemed to be a lot of support from the committee.

Mayor Miro did a ride along on G-Shift Friday evening for 6 hours with a total of 16 calls. He was exposed to a wide range of incidents which really showed him what we do.

Run VT has made a generous donation to help the department buy a response utility vehicle. Due to the amount of participants and spectators we are truly stretched so thin and have limited access to places such as the bike path.

Last week three Fire Chiefs from the Macedonia Air National Guard stopped by for the day. They were able to see the training at the old DMV and were able to learn a lot about our department.

A memo was shared with the Mayor about the Nation Guard Airport and the proposed F35. If the flight mission is changed or eliminated, the BFD would have to cover any fire incidents related to the airport. There is no comment on if this will happen yet.

We held training on North Ave. at the old DMV. The construction crews allowed us to smoke the building and breach doors and walls which allowed us to have a successful training. Discussion ensued.

The potential to have the IREMS paramedic program at Fletcher Allen is currently on hold. There is no one to sponsor the project at this time.

Old/New Business

Old – The Chief spoke with Plan BTV members about keeping the Fire Department in mind when coming up with any plans to rebuild throughout the city.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 0830 by motion of Commissioner McLaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.