

BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

June 9, 2015

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0830 hours in Chief Lasker's office with Commissioners McLaughlin, Sheehey, Sweeney, and Vincent present. Also present were Chief S. Lasker, Deputy Chief R. Plante, and Administrative Assistant M. Sweeney.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time set for 0930 hours by motion of Commissioner Sheehey, seconded by Commissioner Sweeney with all in favor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Commissioner McLaughlin asked for a motion to accept the minutes from April meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Sweeney, with no objections minutes were accepted and submitted.

Commission Presentation

Commissions were awarded and Chief Lasker swore in Kyle Blake and Colin Bellavance.

Chief's Oral Report

- The department is moving forward with the Paramedic Proposal. Final documentation has been given to the mayor and he has approved to take the next steps to move the proposal to City Council. The proposal still needs to go before the Union for discussion.
- The University of Vermont allowed us to use Chittenden Hall for training. We were able to create forced entry, ladder throwing, victim removal and other scenarios.
- Union negotiations are ongoing.
- May 19th was the department's budget presentation to the Board of Finance. It was received well.
- The air packs from the SCBA Grant have all arrived. All staff have been trained on them. The next step will be installing the brackets to be able to mount them on the engines.
- Station 1 is in the process of getting a new roof as part of the Capital Improvements projects. This is the last project that is scheduled to happen. Capital Replacement plan for vehicle purchase is still in the approval process.
- The UTV has been fitted and is in service. The first time it was used was during the Vermont City Marathon and transported one of the first critical patients. It has been used for additional calls since on the bike path.
- Cromwell will be the company used to purchase the new ambulance. We only received two bids during the RFP period and the other company was quoting \$30,000 more than Cromwell. The Board of Finance has approved the purchase, and it will go before City Council on June 15th.
- The department purchased a 1989 rescue which is fitted like a large truck to take the place of our Air Van. It is currently in for body work and when it returns to the station department members will work on fitting it for the air system.
- There were 34 on course responses during the marathon of which there were 6 cold water emersions and 6 were transported from the Med Tent to the Medical Center.

- There are currently two open positions in the department. Letters have been sent and offers have been made to two candidates. Start dates will be July 6th.
- The department is working with Echo for a Home Safety exhibit for the summer. Every other week a truck will go down to be a part of the exhibit.

Old or New Business

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 08:54 by motion of Commissioner Sheehey and seconded by Commissioner Sweeney.