

**DELRAN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS MEETING
February 13th, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Delran Township Fire District #1 was held on Tuesday evening, February 13th, 2024 at the fire district office.

President Joseph Parento, commencing with the flag salute, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The President announced that this meeting is being conducted within the provisions of N.J.S. 10-4.6 to N.J.S. 10:4-41 titled Open Public Meetings and that the time and place has been posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, and was advertised in the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on March 5, 2023.

Other members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and appointed persons present were Commissioners: Anthony Quaciari; James Bauer and Joseph Seybert. Commissioner James Turcich was absent. Also present were: Chief Joseph Cunningham Sr.; Deputy Chief Kevin Peak, 232 Batt. Chief/Fire Official Joseph Cunningham Jr; 231 Lieutenant Ralph Bensel Jr; 232 Lieutenant Burak Dugme and Clerk Maggie Suter.

Commissioner Quaciari made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Seybert, to approve the January 23, 2024 Commissioner meeting minutes. The Board was polled. ALL AYES. The motion was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report

SECRETARY: SOGs are being worked on

CHIEF: Report is attached

DEPUTY CHIEF:

Fit testing is on the 19th and 26th. Any certified members and if you are currently going through Fire 1 are highly encouraged to attend.

STATION 231 BATTALION CHIEF: Not in attendance

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Took advantage of the ice we had from the snow storm.

We were asked by Beverly FD to bring over 2329 to go over Extraction which is part of FF2.

Some of the Water Rescue suites are damaged, 3 of them went out for repairs

5 certified members do not have Class Bs, would like to send up at a-z

OTHER LINE OFFICERS:

231 Captain Parento-

231 LT Bensel- Indian tanks for 2316, the bags that are approved by forestry are \$196. R Bensel was looking into tires and suspension upgrades which would cost \$14,000 - \$20,000. The board will look over specs then come back next meeting

232 Captain Francis-

232 LT Dugme- Nothing to report

232 LT Pierce-

STATION PRESIDENTS: None in attendance

TRUSTEES: Nothing to report

FIRE OFFICIAL/ FIRE PREVENTION:

46 periodic inspections, 10 reinspections have been completed so far.

iPads are in and set up ready to go in the trucks. Programs that will be on these are:

IAmResponding, First Due and ProPhoenix which a training will be completed on these so all are aware of how to use them.

Chief J Cunningham Sr, Fire Official J Cunningham Jr and Deputy Fire Official A Friddell will be in AC for the Investigator Conference 2/28, 2/29 and 3/1

OEM: N/A

FIRE POLICE:

Last meeting was at Lenola, next is on the 28th at Hainesport.

All training has to be done at the Fire Grounds going forward

Mt Holly will be holding their annual St Patrick's Parade on March 2nd and would like at least one unit from our department to help out

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Commissioner Turcich is continuing to work on getting the heaters fixed

Bill Foster will be coming out to put a light switch in the Bay at Station 1.

The lights in the back of the building are out, which is making it dark behind the building

MASTER PLANNING:

Meeting March 3rd at 11am

Will be moving drivers training from morning to night that same day

FIRE APPARATUS:

2315 is being worked on for the drifting
2329 is back from the body shop
2319, 2318, and 2317 wiper blades have been replaced
2317 strobe lights are out
2321 fire & safety cabs system is out
2319 scene light needs to be looked at

UNIFORMS:

2 requests that need to be filled
new members will be sent out for class bs

GRANT/BID:

Chief Cunningham is waiting on Foster to give last quote, will have 3 quotes hopefully next meeting
Commissioner Quaciari gave Chief Cunningham NVFC grant informing that they did away with the cap on the budget which means we can put in for this grant

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

The total bills: \$63,647.58
A motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to pay all bills present. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

TREASURER: Not in attendance

Office Space: Order two chairs for the office.

Webpage: K Peak and G Boehmke worked on the website issues, and have changed the domain email.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: E1 is coming Thursday Night at 7pm to show us a truck

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Maroon team is at 232, White team is at 231 working on Sports Night
We had a call on January 27th, within minutes after we were finished there was a post on Facebook thanking us for all we did.

BOARD COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Parento and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to go into an executive session at 8:10pm. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

There was no further business to discuss so a motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari and seconded by Commissioner Seybert to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Suter

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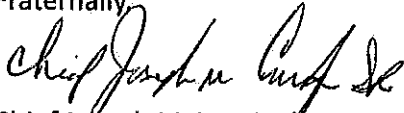
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Chief's Report February, 2024:

1. The Department handle 76 Calls for the month of January.
2. The residents along with Mayor Catrambone and Town Council commends everyone for the response all we did for them during the flooding in Riverside Park section of town.
3. Sprots night kicked off Saturday Feb 10th,2024. The Maroon Team will be using the Chester Ave station, and the White will be utilizing the Bridgeboro station again until Friday March 8th,2024. I just want to remind everyone if there are any issues/problem please let your Battalion Chief know and he will handle it.
4. I The Department had 3 members graduate FF 1 and our 4 members passed Fire Instructor 1.
5. I have E-One schedule for Thursday Feb 15th and Rosenbauer Schedule for Wednesday Feb 21st meetings will start at 7:00PM. Engine One will be bringing an Engine for us to look at.
6. The turn gear that was ordered last year has come in along with the helmets.
7. I would like to attend the FIERO Seminar on PPE in March.

Fraternally,


Chief Joseph M Cunningham Sr.

Department Chief



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Delran Fire Department Deputy Chiefs Report

February 13, 2024

We are currently at 97 Calls for service to date.

Some notable incidents since my last meeting:

1/10 – DFD responded into the Swampoodle area of Delran (Stewart Ave and Alden Ave) for the extensive water flooding. Crews remained on scene helping to evacuate those that could not do so on their own. Marine 232 was in operations and helped to evac over 15 occupants including children and pets from the flood waters in their homes. Thank you to those that also came out for the extensive pump outs that followed the next day.

1/13 – DFD responded out to Holy Cross HS for an alarm system and an odor of smoke. The school was occupied by the band and the camp on site with 100 members sleeping in the gym. Luckily it was not deemed to be necessary to evacuate everyone into the rain and crews found a bad power strip and removed it from the building.

1/15 – Bridgeboro Road station was dispatched and responded to Willingboro for a reported house fire. Crews were recalled due to the nature of the call.

1/18 – DFD responded to the area of Tenby and Route 130 for a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival it was noticed that there was an EV that was involved in the accident. Crews examined the car and deemed it to be safe from any other events that could transpire with an EV. Reminder that we have access to Moditech Crash Recovery Systems in the rescue and also, I will have emergency guides for Tesla's in my vehicle on my tablet and I will be setting up Chief 2300 with the same in the event we have a Tesla involved incident. Crew did however take the time to look over the vehicle and familiarize themselves with the FD cut loop that can secure the car and the high voltage system.

1/21 – E2321 and myself responded to station 301 for a cover assignment and once at the cover were pulled into the scene for manpower. Crews check and extinguished hot spots in one apartment before being released from the scene.

1/21 – DFD responded to a pump out on Leon Avenue. Once on location crews deemed it was sewer water and directed the resident to the proper authorities. Later that evening I was called my central advising there was a road collapse at 5th and Leon. I immediately contacted BC Cunningham being that he is also the OEM for Delran and we went out and seen the damage to the roadway which in the end was about 30' x 20' x 10' deep. No FD presence was required as the police were handling blocking the scene.



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1/22 – DFD responded to the area of Hand and Stone massage for a report of a hit gas line at the rear of the property. I arrived on scene to find a damaged gas line actively purging gas into the atmosphere. Myself and PD started evacuating the entire strip area including a full Dooneys restaurant. Evacuations went smoothly and PS had the leak under control within about 2 hours of notifications.

1/22 – E2321 diverted from the fumes call and responded to Moorestown for a house fire. Crews arrived and staged for a period of time and were released.

1/31 – E2321 responded to Delanco for a report of a building fire at 1000 Coopertown Road. (site of old D&W). First units on scene had smoke from the rear of the structure and once investigated it was a CO2 leak that was venting to the outside. Assignment was handled to units on scene.

2/11 – DFD responded to 110 Lowden Street for a vehicle fire. Upon arrival I observed a tow truck with the engine compartment fully involved. E2321 proceeded down Lowden Street to the fire to begin extinguishment and E2312 backed down to supply with water if needed and manpower as well. C2319 provided air support for the first in crews and fire police handled traffic down Lowden. I stayed on scene for about an hour and a half after to assure no other issues arose while the tow was enroute.

Firefighters Haliloglu, Wartenberg, and Conard have passed and graduated from FF1, due to the fumes call some of us couldn't make it, but thank you to the rest of the membership that went to support these two. Also, congrats to G on receiving the SPC Benjamin G. Moore Memorial Award for Most Improved Student.

Good luck to two students Omer and Jestin who are currently in FF1 now.

January 28th DFD was represented by 6 members for training at the old McDonalds in Edge Water Park on Route 130. Crews spent about 3-4 hours training on different scenarios and areas of the building. These areas included hose line advancement and operations, roof operations and RIC operations. Please take advantage of these opportunities of acquired structure training!

The chief's department will be going over the grids in the township and making some minor changes to some of the grids with some proximity problems that were found.

Kevin F. Peak
Deputy Chief; Fire Operations
Delran Fire Department; Delran Fire District #1