

**DELRAN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
CAUCUS MEETING  
April 8th, 2025**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Delran Township Fire District #1 was held on Tuesday evening, April 8th, 2025 at the fire district office.

Vice President Anthony Quaciari, commencing with the flag salute, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Vice 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 Courier Post on February 6th, 2025.

Other members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and appointed persons present were Commissioners James Bauer, James Turcich and Joseph Seybert. Joseph Parento was absent. Also present were: Chief Joseph Cunningham Sr., Deputy Chief Kevin Peak, 232 Battalion Chief/Fire Marshall Joseph Cunningham Jr, 232 Captain CJ Francis, 232 Lt Burak Dugme, 231 Lt Ralph Bensel and Clerk Maggie Suter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Turcich, to approve the March 25, 2025 Regular meeting minutes. The Board was polled, all AYES. The motion was approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No Communications.

**SECRETARY:** Waiting to meet with the attorney to go over a few resolutions that are being worked on.

**CHIEF:** Report was read and is on file.

**DEPUTY CHIEF:** Report was read and is on file.

**STATION 231 BATTALION CHIEF:** Not in attendance.

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The township has the Spring Festival along with the Easter egg hunt this weekend.

Station 2 has their Flower sale Friday and Saturday next week as well as Lunch with the Easter Bunny on Saturday the 19th. There is also going to be Candy Bar Bingo on Thursday 4/24

**OTHER LINE OFFICERS:**

**232 Captain C Francis** - No report

**232 LT B Dugme** - No report

**231 LT R Bensel** - No report

**STATION PRESIDENTS:** None in attendance

**TRUSTEES:** J Cunningham Sr advised that the lights are being replaced at the Chester ave station by Trustee H Caraballo.

**FIRE OFFICIAL/ FIRE PREVENTION:**

Currently working on one fire investigation on Lehigh.

Looking into First Due to switch over our inspection program then will look at pricing and cost to integrate.

Requested an executive session.

**DEPUTY FIRE OFFICIAL:** N/A

**OEM:** No report.

**FIRE POLICE:**

2328 signed up for the Freedom ride on May 18th.

The next meeting is at 231 on the 23rd.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:**

Commissioner Bauer requested to have a meeting with the Chester Ave trustees to discuss the Bunkroom drywall and insulation project.

Blower on top of the engineers room motor on the roof needs bearings in it, recommend under \$5000

Commissioner Seybert has quotes for the cement pad at the Chester Ave station. Concrete Chiropractor

SJ (mudjacking) \$5,200.00; Groundworks (Poly Renewal w/o settlestop concrete package) \$13,742.95

Poly Renewal with settlestop concrete package \$18,350.80; Quality 1st Basement Systems \$8,695.62 and

\$16,471.37. Commissioner Quaciari made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to go with the

lower quote from Quality 1st Basement. The board was polled. All Ayes. The motion was carried.

The Bid Specs for the Roof and Bay Door projects have been advertised and we have been receiving a lot of interest.

**MASTER PLANNING:** No report.

**FIRE APPARATUS/Equipment:** The window and headlight on 2321 have been replaced.

**UNIFORMS:** No requests.

**Public Relations:** We have been asked to participate in the DHS Stem Fair again this year.

**GRANT:** No report.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

The total bills for this meeting: \$44,234.93

A motion was made by Commissioner Turcich and seconded by Commissioner Seybert to pay all bills present. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

**TREASURER:** The first quarter revenues are \$613,200.76.

**Office Space:** No report.

**Webpage:** Up and running.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We have received 3 quotes for the fire hose testing. Mistras \$9,906.93; Fire Dept. Testing \$9,120.79; Fire Flow \$11,555.00. Commissioner Bauer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turcich to table this until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/A

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bauer would like to have a meeting with someone from Civil Service to clarify some questions.

Commissioner Seybert congratulated 231 Batt. Chief S Seybert on the birth of their daughter.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari seconded by Commissioner Bauer to go into an executive session for personnel matters at 8:07pm.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:47pm.

Commissioner Bauer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Seybert that any member in the department at least 5 years upon leaving can take their helmet with them. The board was polled. All Ayes. The motion was carried.

There was no further business to discuss so a motion was made by Commissioner Seybert, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie Suter*

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### Delran Fire Department Deputy Chiefs Report

April 8, 2025

Currently we are at 181 calls for service.

Some notable incidents over the last month since the last meeting:

March 27<sup>th</sup> – S2324 responded to a reported building fire at Wynwood Rehab in Cinnaminson Township. Crew arrived and was staged at the hydrant and remaining crew reported to command for on scene needs.

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Delran structure Grid 2310 was dispatched for 6 Lehigh Drive. Crews arrived to find fire on division C with extension to the interior of the house to Division A. First in crews made an offensive attack on the fire to limit the extension throughout the house. Fire was brought under control in about 45 minutes from time of dispatch.

April 4<sup>th</sup> – E2312 was originally dispatched to cover 161, however the ladder was dispatched to go to the scene per commands request. L2315 responded to the fire and the engine cover was backfilled at my request to central while enroute to the scene with the ladder. Crews staged on scene for any needs and to assist as cover while E1613 restored to in service status.

Last night the department had its first Live Burn at the BCESTC utilizing the Class A building rear. Crews were able to use the minute man lay and practice stretching and deploying this hose stack. Our next scheduled burn will be May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Today myself and Greg Boehmke received an email from the organizer of the DHS STEM Fair on May 19<sup>th</sup> in regard to having the event placed on the sign at the Chester Ave Station. We will more than likely be participating in this again as we do every year. More info will be pushed out as its available.

AT&T made an announcement today stating they will no longer support Email-to-Text on their network. Currently we still use this in conjunction with the emails that go out. We will be transitioning to using IAR for quick message blasts to the department in conjunction with the emails that go out. I will be drafting an email to go out to the membership with the steps to take on their app to be sure Messaging is turned on so that they receive messages. We have used IAR in this aspect before and has worked well.

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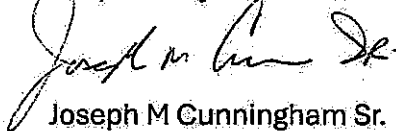
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## Chief's Report April 2025:

1. The Department answer 182 Calls to date.
2. Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> will be our first Live Burn at the county Training grounds. Please make every attempt to attend this Live Burn.
3. If there is a fire involving a Lithium ION Battery, please notify Central Communications and they will have the Haz-Mat team either call or respond. There was discussing at the County Chiefs meeting to see if EV cars and batteries can be store on the county Training grounds for a short time. No decision was made at this time!
4. The radio warranty will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. If we start having issues with any radio. Please let your Battalion Chief know ASAP so we can send them out for repairs.
5. The portable radios batteries are going bad within 2 years. I know we ordered some batteries already.
6. I am speaking to both Ben Brick and Tom Gerber from the Forestry Service about doing a site survey of the Lake Lonnie area. This is an area of concern with all the Forest Fire in the Country.
7. If we are ever in need of a Dive Team. There are four Teams Bellmawr FD, Trenton FD, NJ State Police and Whiting FD.
8. The County Chiefs discussed possible setting up a box alarm for departments that have fully qualified duty crews in the house. The duty crew officer would call Central and let them know they have a full staffed crew in quarters.

Respectfully Submitted.



Joseph M Cunningham Sr.

Department Chief