

**DELRAN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**April 22, 2025**

The business meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Delran Township Fire District No. 1 was held on Tuesday evening April 22, 2025 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 Courier Post on February 6, 2025.

Other members of the Board and appointed persons present were Commissioners James Bauer, Anthony Quaciari, James Turcich, and Joseph Seybert. Also present were: Chief Joseph Cunningham, Sr., 232 Batt. Chief/FM Joseph Cunningham, Jr., 231 Lt. Ralph Bensel, 231 President Greg Boehmke, Clerk Elizabeth Briggs, Solicitor Carmen Saginario and Insurance Broker Ryan Jones.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari, which was seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to approve the April 8, 2025 meeting minutes. The Board was polled, all AYES with the exception of Joseph Parento who abstained. The motion was approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** We received a thank you card from the call where we spent 3 hours trying to get a cat out of the ceiling/heating vents. She also brought lunch for us 2 weeks ago.

**SECRETARY:** Have met with the Chief about some resolutions we are working on.

**CHIEF:** Report is attached.

**DEPUTY CHIEF:** Report is attached.

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

**STATION 232 BATTALION CHIEF:** Delanco is having a drill on the Bridge in a few weeks. Our rescue will be invited to go or possibly cover. DC Peak has more information on this.

**STATION PRESIDENTS:** 231 Boehmke- We have been working on the trustee's lists.

**OTHER LINE OFFICER'S REPORTS:** 231 LT Bensel- we had some more problems with the Ladder last week.

**FIRE OFFICIAL/ FIRE PREVENTION:**

We have been working on inspections.

First Due is working on the quote to switch things over to them for fire Prevention.

The schools inspections are almost done.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT (Carmen Saginario Jr.):** Have been in contact with the Townships Attorney about the financing for the HVAC.

Revised policy manual has been given to the Board. The main changes are about clarifying the paid employees vs the volunteers. We should have the final version in the next week or two.

Have done some research on DCA financing.

**INSURANCE (Ryan):** Report is attached.

**TRUSTEES:** Bridgeboro station is going through different things on the list.

**FIRE POLICE:** The next meeting is at the Bridgeboro Station tomorrow. It is the memorial dinner. May 28 is the next meeting at Medford Farmstead.

**OEM-** Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** The Chester Ave station had the flower sale and the lunch with the bunny. A truck was also taken to the egg hunts at 2 of the churches in town.

**FIRE EQUIPMENT:** Nothing to report.

**OFFICE SPACE & EQUIPMENT:** Nothing to report.

**MASTER PLANNING:** Nothing to report.

**UNIFORMS:** Nothing to report.

**APPARATUS:** 2316 pump will be re-piped. The LED head lights are in for 2316.

2315 is having problems again so they will be coming to look at this.

The FM vehicle needs 4 new tires.

They found a nozzle holder for 2316 at the station.

**WEBSITE:** Nothing to report.

**SAFETY:** Nothing to report.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:**

Jotten was at the station for about 6 hours today to check the roof.

Dunphy's was at the Chester Ave station turning on the sprinklers.

**GRANT:** We were denied for the State Farm grant.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Hose testing quotes were all discussed.

The CAFs testing may possibly have to be done by Pierce since there are some issues with 2 of the systems.

A motion was made by Commissioner Turcich, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to have Fireflow do the hose, ladder, and pump testing without the CAFs testing until it is discussed with Pierce. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

There was a discussion about some of the landscaping and following up with Bailey's.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Bridgeboro Station Treasurer sent in the year end report for the station. The solicitor provided us some information on financing. We are working on the HVAC financing and getting that approved.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** The bills for this evening are \$32,699.37. The total for April \$77,243.51. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Bauer-The Chiefs are using IAR now for alerts, which is a good thing. Commissioner Bauer- We definitely need to hire an employee. We could possibly hire 3. We have members interested in the position but they do not have the fire inspector class. The construction official is running a day class soon and offered it to our members as well.

We should have our own class here for our members that have firefighter 1 if they are interested. If we can not meet the minimum, we can open it up to other departments. The Board agreed to have the fire official meet with the person teaching the class in Pennsauken, about having a class here. After the Fire Official meets with him the board will discuss the cost and details at the next meeting.

Chief- the registration is opening up for the FRI conference in Orlando. Deputy Chief Peak, Morgan Peak, Chief Cunningham, Commissioner Parento would like to go. The Board agreed that officers only should attend this conference.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Quaciari to go in to an executive session 8:14 pm to discuss a personnel matter. 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 and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth S. Briggs*  
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**DELRAN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING**  
**April 22, 2025**

The executive session began at 8:14 pm. There was a discussion about a previous personnel issue which is the reason to follow through with a current policy. The executive session was closed at 8:27pm.



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### Delran Fire Department Deputy Chiefs Report

April 22, 2025

Currently we are at 193 calls for service.

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

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Chester Ave station responded to Delanco on a structure box assignment. Crews while enroute were recalled due to the minor nature of the call itself.

April 12<sup>th</sup> – DFD was dispatched for an EMS burn patient on Creek Road. Crews were tasked with landing zone duties at Summer Hill complex but were recalled and told to stand down per EMS and ALS.

April 17<sup>th</sup> – DFD along with mutual aid were dispatched to 193 Tenby Chase Drive at the apartments for a report of a possible apartment fire. First arriving units investigated to find a pot on the stove that was burning off its contents but did not extend anything past itself. Crews ventilated the apartment and turned it back over to maintenance on location.

R2329 was asked to attend a hands on drill with the NJ Transit Lightrail department in Delanco on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will simulate a train derailment on the Delanco train bridge with occupants that need to be carried off and lowered down to awaiting marine units. I attended a brief training seminar last night and received information to push out to members interested.

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

### Chief's Report April 2025:

1. The Department answered 194 Calls to date.
2. Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 we will be hosting Gloucester City Fire Chief Pat Hagan. Chief Hagan will be speaking about the loss of three back in the 2000's
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.
9. State Farm Insurance informed me today that the department didn't get awarded the laptops.
10. The FM vehicle had front and rear brakes done, L/S lower ball joint, Front end alignment and a new Tire PSI Sensor on L/R. Vehicle needs 4 tires.

Respectfully Submitted.

Joseph M Cunningham Sr.

Department Chief

**DELRAN TWP. FIRE DISTRICT #1**  
**INSURANCE REPORT**  
March 25, 2025 – April 22, 2025

March 29<sup>th</sup>:

- Work Comp claim was reported stemming from house fire call 3/28/25

April 14<sup>th</sup>:

- Medical bills from prior WC claim were received and relayed to adjusters

April 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Correspondence on coverage question

No COIs were issued or other Claims were reported

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