

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on July 19, 2017 in the office of the Board of Fire Commissioners, 14 W. Central Avenue, Blackwood, NJ 08012. This meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner McCann (here 7:05)    Commissioner Stout (here)  
Commissioner R. Jones (here)        Commissioner M. Jones (here)

Attendees: Fire Official P. Urso, Shop Steward Local 3249 B. Prendergast, Solicitor D. Carlamere, Chief Cipriano, Assistant Chief M. Coucoules, FF Spain, C. Lemmerman

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner Stout to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 6/21/2017. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner R. Jones to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 7/12/2017. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner Stout to approve the Special Meeting minutes of 7/21/2017. All in favor, motion carries.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner R. Jones reported that all annual physicals have been completed or this year. Flow testing has been completed. Hose testing has also been completed, and we lost some 5 foot hose, ground ladder testing is complete, and we are still waiting on a date for pump testing.

Commissioner Stout had nothing to report, but he has a question for Commissioner R. Jones, did we lose much hose?

Commissioner R. Jones said we lost 5 lengths of 5 foot.

Commissioner Stout asked if that is average. Can the bad hose be cut back and saved?

Commissioner R. Jones said it will all depend on what the rest of the hose looks like, and the age of the hose itself.

Commissioner M. Jones said he has a few things to report. The parking blocks for Station # 2 will be installed on Monday. He will reach out to the Township to see if he can get some No Parking and Do Not Enter Signs. Key boxes for the cover companies have been installed. Key fob has been placed inside so they can gain access. He believes Chief Cipriano will place the code in CAD, in the County system. They will have to call, it will not be broadcast over the

system. The sprinkler system for Station # 2 to provide sleeping quarters, he has one quote, and this is all with the help of FM Urso, who is spearheading this project for him. We have one quote, and we have attempted to get a quote from 2 other companies, but as of this date they have failed to respond, and it has been 4 days now. He asked for approval to go with Affordable Fire Protection, and the amount is \$16,887.00. This system will do the stairwell leading up to the second floor as well as the entire second floor. From our conversations with the fire code sub official, this is what we need to allow sleeping at Station # 2.

Commissioner Stout said \$16,887.00, so I guess that means we do not have to bring in another water line.

Commissioner M. Jones said no this will be directly to our domestic water line.

Commissioner Stout said they have identified the water line and said that was good.

Commissioner M. Jones said correct.

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner M. Jones to go ahead with Affordable Fire Protection for a partial sprinkler system at Station # 2.

Commissioner McCann had a question, we did not hear anything from the other 2 companies in 4 days, what if we make a tentative motion that I we do not hear in 7 days, then proceed with that bid.

Commissioner M. Jones stated they failed to respond in 4 days with even a phone call.

Solicitor Carlamere stated they can make the motion to approve the bid, contingent upon no other bids becoming available. Then 3 Commissioners can approve it.

Commissioner McCann asked if that would hold the project up too long.

Clerk Fini asked if that was a fire call.

Commissioner Stout said yes it is.

Commissioner McCann said 124 that would be about 3 houses down.

Commissioner Stout said she just came up to the door when I was outside on the phone and she goes like I smell something in my house, and I told her to call 911.

Clerk Fini said did she use the box out front?

Commissioner Stout said no, I presume she called 911.

Commissioner McCann said he did not want to hold the plan up. He said he just thought if it would save \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 and you were comfortable with waiting the few days, he has no problem letting 3 Commissioners make that decision. He does not want to hold that project up.

Commissioner M. Jones said he understands, and asked if he waits until end of business Friday would that be ok.

Commissioner Stout said if he is correct in listing to this, you called these people up and said you were interested in having a job done, and they have not even responded back.

Commissioner McCann said he thought they already had the data, and they were in the process.

Commissioner Stout said in other words if they would have responded, you would have given them the specs, and accepted a bid from them.

Commissioner M. Jones said correct, and added this is below our bid threshold.

Solicitor Carlamere asked if the deadline was this Friday or next Friday.

Commissioner M. Jones replied this Friday.

Commissioner Vannoni asked Commissioner R. Jones if he would like to amend the motion to include accepting the quote, unless we receive a lower quote by end of business on Friday 7/21.

Commissioner R. Jones replied yes, and Commissioner M. Jones seconded the amended motion.

Commissioner Vannoni said just to confirm, you did speak to the fire sub code official and he is cool with this.

Commissioner M. Jones said yes, but we will have him out there again, and Fire Official Urso is going to call him tomorrow and double check with him, again.

Commissioner Stout said so you are going to have a face to face with him and this company.

Commissioner Vannoni said well he has to approve the permits correct.

Commissioner M. Jones said yes.

Commissioner Vannoni asked if there were any other questions on the motion, none. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann said he had one more question, what if they come in lower.

Solicitor Carlamere said you should have 3 Commissioners review that.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stout designating Commissioner M. Jones to accept a lower quote on the Station # 2 sprinkler project if received in the timeframe of the previous motion, and after he has conferred with 2 other Commissioners, and they approve the quote. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann stated it has been 265 days since the last motor vehicle accident, and 33 days since the last injury. There is a Safety Meeting scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> and he was hoping to change the date to August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He asked Commissioner R. Jones if that date was ok with him, and asked Commissioner Jones to confer with Captain Reiss since he is on vacation this week, and ask if he will still be the career staff rep or if they would like to designate another person.

Commissioner R. Jones said he would.

Commissioner Vannoni said on the shared services with Fire District # 2, he has not heard anything from Chairman Genzel. He is still waiting patiently for any response from them. He had emailed him over a month ago, and he believes that Chairman Genzel spoke to Captain Reiss and said he would be contacting me, but so far I have not heard from him. He feels as though we have done more than our part on reaching out to them, and in trying to move forward, but again, no response.

Just some clarification on the Workshop, when Assistant Chief Coucoules came in and asked for an additional 10 Class A uniforms, which were in addition to the 10 Class A uniforms that were previously approved to order, and after speaking to Chief Cipriano, we will order 10 at this time, and the additional 10 will have to be budgeted for next year.

Commissioner McCann said as a footnote to that, last night after the drill it was stated that the Board of Fire Commissioners were willing to buy the additional 10 uniforms if Blackwood Fire Company was willing to give up the Clothing Allowance. That really was not what was stated here, and the Board decided that the additional 10 uniforms would have to wait until next year, if enough money is allocated for that purchase. He said he tried to get the feeling of the 10 people who were there, and some did not have an opinion and some were openly against it.

Commissioner Vannoni said it was talked about, as a creative way to pay for the additional 10 uniforms, but after speaking in private to the Chief, it was decided to wait until next year.

Commissioner R. Jones said he suggested giving them \$600.00 each as opposed to the \$800.00 each, about 1/3.

Commissioner Vannoni said they came here expecting to get a full complement of uniforms, and that seemed to him to be the only way to do that this year.

Commissioner McCann stated that by waiting until February, they can accomplish the same thing.

Commissioner Vannoni said exactly. He went on to say he spoke to Chief Cipriano about the bathroom situation, and he shares our dismay. He is going to reach out to the President as well as the head of the building committee, and try to get that project underway and moving forward as quickly as possible.

In the near future, he along with Commissioner M. Jones will reach out to the President of the fire company to discuss the future lease.

As soon as that is complete, he will reach out to the Union, to enter into contract negotiations hopefully by the end of the summer, and hope to have it resolved by the time the contract is due.

## **CORROSPONDENCE**

None

## **CLERKS REPORT**

None

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stout to pay the July bills in the amount of \$72,798.44. All in favor, motion carries.

He asked if anyone has had any issues with their line items, and Commissioner McCann said he spoke to the Clerk and she said Jeff had been here and she spoke to him about them. He thought it was the Unemployment line item, and she thought it was Social Security line item. Commissioner McCann re-stated that it was the Unemployment line item, and the Clerk said she will have him adjust it.

## **FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT**

Attached.

Commissioner Vannoni noted that there is an ongoing issue with the Fire Lanes in the Township.

Fire Official Urso stated that right now, only the police are authorized to issue Fire Lane violation tickets. The Fire Officials do not have that authorization. He said the Fire Officials have been trying to get the ordinance adopted for the past 2 ½ years, without any success. He

stated they have approached Council, have had meetings but it has not gone anywhere. He said recently GTPD reached out to him, because they are getting complaints from residents about people parking in fire lanes, the one they used was Quail Ridge, and they asked if I could enforce it. He said we have no jurisdiction over it until an ordinance is adopted. He repeated that we have been dealing with this for 2 ½ years, and he has decided that he is not taking on the responsibility or the liability that goes with this, so he is asking the Board to send a letter to the Township Council asking if they are or are not going to pass an ordinance so the Fire Officials of the Township can enforce the fire lane violations. He said if not, he will not be brought into court to justify when a piece of apparatus cannot get down a roadway or near a building, and someone perishes in a fire, because they are parked in fire lanes.

His second point is Camden County Fire Investigator David Wallace has resigned, leaving only one fire investigator in their office. The Fire Official has asked the Board to sign on to a shared services agreement with the other Fire Officials, in the other Districts, which would allow their fire investigators to come into Fire District # 4, and allow him to go to other Districts to investigate.

Commissioner Stout asked how that would work.

Commissioner Vannoni said basically anytime: He then let Fire Official Urso explain that every Fire District has a backup, but in the case for example that he and Captain Reiss are off, then any other District that enters into the agreement could come into our District and do the investigation. At the present time, Fire Official Brezee has an agreement with his Board that he could come here and investigate if necessary. And it would work the same way in reverse, if he or his back up are out, then they could use our Fire Official or another one of their choice. Eventually they would like to go to a call system, where each week someone, or a different Fire Official would be on call.

Commissioner Stout asked if in Fire District # 6, Brezee is out and you go down there to do an investigation, we pay you, then do we send them a bill for your time. Or are we just going to pay for it.

Fire Official Urso said no we absorb it, it is not different than Haz Mat or Special Operations Group. The amount of times this could happen is minimal. You are going through your in house back up first, and the other Fire Districts are your third choice.

Commissioner Vannoni asked if this would only be if our 2 Fire Officials are unavailable, or could you potentially call someone in if you needed a second set of hands.

Fire Official Urso said if he had a large incident and needed a second set of hands, he would call on Captain Reiss first, and if he was unavailable, then he would call on an out of District Fire Official.

Commissioner Vannoni asked if there would be some type of rotation to this, for example if you and Chief Breezy were best friends, could he call you every time because he wants to throw you a bone with overtime, or would he have to call on other District Fire Officials, which would end up costing Fire District # 4 more overtime.

Fire Official Urso said right now, only Fire District # 6 and Fire District # 4 would be signed up for it, but as the other Districts sign on, it would be on a weekly, on call basis. That would avoid the: I'm friends with you, I'm calling on you.

Commissioner R. Jones said we had this before when Fire Official Myers was here.

Commissioner Stout asked if Fire District # 6 has a backup Fire Official.

Fire Official Urso said Fire District # 6 is down to one, since Schwegel transferred to Fire District # 5.

Commissioner Vannoni asked if there is a shared services between Fire District # 5 and Fire District # 6 in that respect.

Fire Official Urso said no, Chief Brezee uses Chief Nolan from Lindenwold as a backup.

Commissioner Vannoni asked if Brezee or anyone else came into our District to do an investigation, would they have to be appointed to have statutory authority in Fire District # 4.

Fire Official Urso said yes, to be legally appointed in Fire District # 4.

Commissioner Vannoni asked the Solicitor if that is appropriate.

Solicitor Carlamere said this particular shared service, would need to be spelled out in the Shared Services Agreement, whereas that person who was called in has the same jurisdiction here as in Fire District # 6.

Commissioner McCann asked of the person who resigned, from the County, are they replacing him.

Fire Official Urso said no.

Commissioner McCann said so there is no effort on their part to go back to their original manpower.

Fire Official Urso said since PAU2 resigned, and the current PAEU1, Jay has a dog, he is the K-9 handler for the prosecutor's office, he is only finishing up his dog cycle, he has maybe 1 ½ to 2 years left, and he does not see them replacing him, as he will retire with the dog. The County

Fire Marshall Chief Sandrock advised them that he will be available on a limited basis, so he is not 100% reliable.

Commissioner Vannoni asked Fire Official Urso, in the case where we do not adopt this, and you and Captain Reiss are unavailable, and we do not a back up to the back up and the County Fire Official is unavailable, what happens.

Fire Official Urso said you could call the State, or he could call the local ATF Agent to come in, depending on the incident. He could be anywhere across the county and be unavailable, for the State rep, you would be getting Rod Myers out of North Wildwood, so his response time would be a minimum of 2 hours.

Commissioner McCann asked Fire Official Urso, we know you would be part of the agreement, but would Captain Reiss be part of the agreement.

Fire Official Urso said no, it is only the Fire Marshalls, not the backups.

Commissioner McCann said so we go to you, you are unavailable, you go to Captain Reiss, he is unavailable, so you go to Chief Brezee. In the case of District # 6, they may see you more, because he has no back up.

Fire Official Urso said no, because Chief Brezee uses Nolan from Lindenwold as his backup. In essence we are # 3 in line.

Commissioner M. Jones said if you are away, and then Captain Reiss is ours, would he be called in.

Fire Official Urso said he did not know.

Solicitor Carlamere said that needs to be spelled out in the agreement or as an attachment.

Commissioner Vannoni said Fire Official Urso does not have anything in writing, so with the Boards permission he would be willing to work him on an agreement and have it to the Board by the next Workshop.

Commissioner McCann said he has been thinking all along about after hours work, but if Chief Brezee is on vacation, and Chief Nolan is not available, during the work week, and you have to go down there or stay after we have been released from the scene, how will that affect minimum staffing requirements.

Commissioner Vannoni said he does not think it does, because technically he is still on duty. It would be the same as if he is on an inspection.



Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner M. Jones approve Commissioner Vannoni to work with Fire Official Urso on a Shared Service Agreement, or Memo with the intention of sharing Fire Officials with the other Fire Districts, to be presented to the Board at the Workshop for discussion. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Vannoni continued to read the Fire Official Report.

## **CHIEFS REPORT**

Attached.

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner R. Jones to remove the Presentation flag from inventory, and it will be taken to the VFW for proper disposal. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Vannoni read the remainder of the Chiefs report.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

None

## **CAPTAINS REPORT**

None

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stout to accept all reports as read. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Stout asked if the Board could get a two sided black and white copy of all the reports prior to the meeting so he could read them over, and write down any questions he may have.

Commissioner Vannoni replied that they were emailed to Commissioner Stout at 6:25, prior to the meeting. He then asked Clerk Fini to make copies of the reports for the Board when they become available.

Solicitor Carlamere stated that if all Board members are given copies prior to the meeting, then the reports do not have to read at the meeting.

Commissioner Vannoni like that idea.

## OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner McCann stated that the Chief mentioned the injury on the fall from the ladder as a minor injury, which most of us have done. He just realized this minor injury has had that firefighter out of duty for 5 weeks. We have missed 20 shifts of an active firefighter on duty because of a minor injury. Even though it was not a significant injury, it is amazing how they manifest into a significant amount of time off. Even something as in-significant as that still is a major situation.

His second point goes back to the Fire Officials report on fire lanes. If a death or a firefighter injury occurred, because a car was parked in violation, who is going to get sued by the family of the injured or the deceased. The signs state NO PARKING FIRE LANES. The first will be the Fire Official because he did not enforce it, the Fire District will be second because we did not ask him to enforce it. Do we want to wait or do we want to pose this letter and get this letter to Council to let them know what their liability is going to be, if there is an injury to a firefighter or a death to a citizen because they cannot rectify the situation. It is a serious situation and it is even at the old IGA shopping center, and the fire lanes are no longer properly marked but you can go down there any time of the day and find people parked in the wrong spot. It all falls back on the Township for their failure to adopt some type of resolution which would designate the fire lanes, and give the Fire Official or the police the power to enforce them. He said when R. Myer was here, he said if on the original plans for the building or the development, and it showed fire lanes that the Planning Board and the Zoning Board approved, then they are adopted and can be enforced. That was R. Myers interpolation, and that was 20 years ago, so he is not sure if that is still the way. He knows Foxcroft was one, and maybe K-Mart was the second where they could be enforced.

Fire Official Urso stated just because it is on the plan, still does not give you the authority to enforce it. He said you do not have an ordinance number, so that doesn't give it any teeth.

Commissioner McCann said that is good to hear, because if they say what if, then we have the answer.

Fire Official Urso said collectively all the Fire Officials have tried for 2 ½ years, so before, because it will happen, he was asking the Board to send a letter to Council for their official stance.

Commissioner Vannoni said if that is the wish of the Board, he will draft a letter, if they make a motion.

Commissioner Stout agreed that the Board should send a letter, because that will limit our liability, and maybe it will throw the liability their way.

Commissioner Vannoni said he is fine with that and basically the letter would lay out the Boards concerns, and a proposal was presented and he would ask for their stance on the matter.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner, second by Commissioner Stout to have the Fire Official and the Chairman draft a letter to the Mayor and Council voicing the Boards concerns over the lack of a fire lane ordinance, and asking them for clarification on the issue. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Vannoni said per the Boards discussion at the Workshop, he will entertain a motion to pass a resolution continuing the MOA for the FAM position for FF Prendergast, until which time a new contract for the Local 3249 is negotiated. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner R. Jones to pass a resolution to continue with the MOA for the FAM position for FF Prendergast until a new contract with Local 3249 can be negotiated.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner McCann (yes)    Commissioner Stout (yes)  
Commissioner R. Jones (yes)    Commissioner M. Jones (yes)  
Commissioner Vannoni (yes)

Commissioner Vannoni asked Commissioner R. Jones if the firefighter that was injured is back on light duty.

Commissioner R. Jones said yes, in the firehouse.

Commissioner Stout asked if there was a timeframe for his return.

Commissioner R. Jones stated that when Kennedy Health release him.

Commissioner Vannoni asked if all his files have been sorted.

FF Prendergast stated that as of right now, his next appointment with the orthopedic doctor is not for 2 weeks from Monday, and he has physical therapy in the meantime.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner R. Jones asked Chief Ciprino if he had the paperwork for Lemmerman.

Chief Cipriano said he did not, because he still needs the 3 signatures to approve the application. He went on to say that his criminal history came back fine, and the references he spoke to give him a good recommendation.

Commissioner R. Jones said he is going to accept him provisionally, until the signatures are completed.

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner M. Jones to accept the application of Carl Lemmerman as a volunteer firefighter for Blackwood Fire Company with the 6 month probationary period, and provisionally until the 3 signatures that the fire company needs are acquired. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann said he is lost.

Commissioner Vannoni went on to say that C. Lemmerman has been a previous firefighter here, and has completed his firefighter one training, and the fire company is just waiting on the signatures of the investigative committee, and we have his previous file if you would like to look at that.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

None.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

FF Spain wanted to ask the Solicitor a question. So he asked Solicitor Carlamere if you can switch line items during the calendar year.

Solicitor Carlamere said you can during the last 2 months of the year.

Commissioner Vannoni wanted to clarify why the question was asked. He said we have a line item for clothing, and one for uniforms. The Board thought about using money from the clothing line item to partially fund buying additional Class A uniforms.

Solicitor Carlamere stated that to him they sound like the same, so he does not think it would be a problem, because you are not taking money from truck repair to buy uniforms, they are sort of one in the same.

Commissioner Vannoni said the Board had decided not to do it anyway.

FF Spain wanted the record to reflect that he was in favor of the Chiefs idea to outfit the entire Fire Company with Class A uniforms.

Commissioner Vannoni told FF Spain that unfortunately you are totally opposed to the Board overspending their line items, so that will not happen. He agrees that he too would like to see the entire company fitted for Class A uniforms, but the money is not there this year.

Commissioner McCann asked if they would be going into closed session, and Commissioner Vannoni replied no, there was no need tonight.

With no further business to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner Stout to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries.

DATED: JULY 19, 2017

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ernest R. Jones, Secretary



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**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

- Fire Prevention materials have been ordered.
- UFD Capt. Reiss has started the Fire Official Assistance MOA.
- Fire Prevention grants have started to be announced, we will continue to monitor for possible award for the fire safety trailer.
- Continued progress with the Blackwood-Clementon Road firehouse sprinkler project.

|  | Month     | YTD        |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Periodic Inspections   | <b>9</b>  | <b>175</b> |
| Re-inspections/Extensions  | <b>2</b>  | <b>41</b>  |
| Fire Prevention Demonstrations/ Public Education/ Public Relations | <b>3</b>  | <b>5</b>   |
| Drills / Continuing Education/Service Training Completed           | <b>4</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| Fire Safety Permits Issued   | <b>0</b>  | <b>2</b>   |
| Complaints/Follow-Ups  | <b>0</b>  | <b>4</b>   |
| Smoke / Carbon Monoxide Detector Inspections                       | <b>19</b> | <b>113</b> |
| Meetings Attended  | <b>0</b>  | <b>3</b>   |
| Investigations   | <b>0</b>  | <b>4</b>   |
| Fire Lane Violations   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>   |

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Peter J. Urso*  
Fire Marshal

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP  
FIRE DISTRICT #4

FIRE CAPTAIN MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2017

TO: GTFD 4

FROM: Frank P. Reiss, Fire Captain

DATE: 8/16/17

Highlights:

1. Nothing to report.

Staffing:

The minimum staffing and fill in program is ongoing. There was an increase in minimum staffing overtime and fill in shifts this period due to the IOD status of one of our UFD Firefighters.

Per incident and per apparatus staffing has remained consistent and response times to location have decreased since the last period. Below you will find a summary of incidents that occurred during the normal UFD work period where minimum staffing is in place. Only full size apparatus were accounted for in these statistics.

UFD Minimum staffing shifts: 11

Fill in shifts: 8

| Time Period | Total Incidents | Total Responders | SCBA FF's | Apparatus Responses |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| JULY 2017   | 8               | 32               | 30        | 8                   |

| Avg. Time to Location | Avg. # SCBA FF's per incident | Avg. # Apparatus per incident | Avg. # SCBA FF's per Apparatus |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4.63 minutes          | 3.75                          | 1.00                          | 3.00                           |

Notes: None.

Significant Incidents:

1. Dispatched to incident #390 (lockout w/child in vehicle). This incident prompted the Chief to purchase a "Big Easy" motor vehicle lockout kit. Five days later we responded to incident #399 for the same type of incident. Rescue 84 was on location just after GTFD who had already deployed their "Big Easy" lockout kit. This equipment purchase has proven to be worthwhile already.

0 Injuries reported

First I would like to personally thank the career staff for the assistance during Nico's services. I would also like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for the help with making the large purchase of Class A uniforms. I received many compliments on our appearance, and I was thanked by the family several times during and after the services for the honors we gave to their son. I was extremely proud to stand in front of the family and be thanked by them for what we did for Nico. 59 Calls for service

I would like to thank the Board for the purchase and placement of parking blocks at Station 2, hopefully this will deter anyone from cutting across the front apron as they are a very bright yellow/black marking.

Moving forward, the purchase and installation of a sprinkler system at Station 2 will allow the members to do overnight duty crews, thus allowing them to provide better service to the taxpayers/visitors of the district. The members look forward to getting back into this.

Commissioner M. Jones is also planning a fence project for Station 2 improvements. I have referred him to Captain Imielinski who will speak on behalf of the members. I must request that if a full six foot privacy fence is installed on the parking lot side, parking bollards are installed to further protect the members that will utilize the area as they will not be able to see if anything were to come towards the fence area.

Station 2 dumpster- I recently passed by the station and found employees of the gym attempting to gain entry to dispose of several bags of trash. I explained to them that the dumpster was privately owned. I ask the Board to check with the trash company



to see if we can place some sort of notification on the front of the dumpster (painted) that it is a private dumpster. I also remind all personnel that anytime the dumpster is used that the lock be properly placed back on and locked. I found it unlocked when I arrived.

**Training:** During the month of August and early September, the fire company will be moving forward with vehicle stabilization and extrication training utilizing the rear parking lot. I ask that Captain Imielinski be notified if any daytime training using the acquired vehicles is done. He has a written lesson plan and any un-notified training could disrupt this plan.

The Paratech Training that was postponed in the spring with 82 has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the CCRETC. Certified Paratech training reps will be present, and the training is expected to last from 9:00 am to approximately 12:00 noon. I welcome and encourage all career staff to attend this training. Sign up sheet is posted.

Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> the fire company will be traveling to the Salem County Fire Academy for required live burn training, utilizing the Class A burn building from 0900-1300. All career staff are welcomed and encouraged to attend this valuable training. We will be paying close attention to the new FDNY hose packs that will be replacing the current apartment packs.

All up-coming training will be posted on the dry erase board in the utility bay.

A Big Easy Lockout Kit was purchased and training has begun on this valuable addition to our equipment. A General Order went out regarding the procedure and use of the equipment and is currently being stored in R2 on Rescue 84. Motor vehicle Lockout

release forms that were forwarded to the solicitor's office for review by FM84 (also attached for viewing) have been placed in the map book bin to be used anytime we attempt to gain entry into a vehicle. Only for life threats will the lockout kit be used. An additional lockout kit will be purchased next year and placed on E842.

An email about the new traffic pattern went out for the Timber Creek Bridge. We can still access Sicklerville road from 168 however all personnel should be aware there may be delays in that area for the next 5 months.

I would like to thank Captain Reiss for the work he did organizing some equipment stored on the rescue. The hazmat equipment was moved up to the coffin bins with the rest of the hazmat gear. The spare air packs were removed from L1 and placed in L2 on the slide out tray that the hazmat equipment was stored on. The airbag regulator was moved to the slide tray in the rear. The RIT pack, grip hoist and come along were positioned in a way that now makes it less likely something will fall. This equipment still sits in L1. Captain Imielinski has secured an old motorcycle tire for the extra wire for the grip hoist and that will be changed out shortly.

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I would like to thank the Board for the purchase and placement of parking blocks at Station 2, hopefully this will deter anyone from cutting across the front apron as they are a very bright yellow/black marking.

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Station 2 dumpster- I recently passed by the station and found employees of the gym attempting to gain entry to dispose of several bags of trash. I explained to them that the dumpster was privately owned. I ask the Board to check with the trash company

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All up-coming training will be posted on the dry erase board in the utility bay.

A Big Easy Lockout Kit was purchased and training has begun on this valuable addition to our equipment. A General Order went out regarding the procedure and use of the equipment and is currently being stored in R2 on Rescue 84. Motor vehicle Lockout

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