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LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING
July 28th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 1830 hours with roll call of officers. Present were Chairman Strong, Vice Chairman Staufer, Commissioner Gallino, Commissioner Buchner, Commissioner Handel, DM Brewer, DS Lattman, Chief Martin, and Asst. Chiefs Freund and Kowalchuk.
Next meeting will be August 25th, 2026
Acceptance of minutes from June 23rd, 2026 meeting motion made by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

CHIEFS REPORT

30 presented the personnel report.
Motion made by Comm Buchner to approve resignation in good standings from Ryan McCarrick, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Buchner to approve resignation in good standings from Garrett Hess, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor. All equipment will be handed in to the chiefs.
DM Brewer updated the chiefs on those who were sent 45-day medical leave notice letters.
Motion made by Comm Buchner to approve the following new members into the department pending physical results: Kyra Dali, James Minetti, Paul Rausch, and Anmol Ghavri. 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Buchner to accept extension of education leave for Jack Crowley 6/1/26-4/30/27. 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.
Presented two quotes for a request for (2) Blitzfire Oscillating Combo Package Monitors. 1. Firematic- $11, 721.24. 2. MES Service Company- $15,662.74. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve quote from Firematic, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Presented a quote from Super Handy for an electric trailer dolly for the boat. Price is $2,099.99. Board discussed. 33 will get more information for next meeting.
On behalf of 31, 30 discussed the Ops channel having poor reception with the portables. Areas of concern are Tides, Terraces, Tides North, Pickwick and Hagerman Landing. Mobile radios sometimes also have issues.
On behalf of 31, 30 discussed the accountability tags and command boards that were trialed. Received quote from iCommandboard for a playbook, hand held command board, accountability tags, and custom accountability rig tags total quote price $1,830. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve bylaw change for probationary members and percentage (Article 27 Section 27.8) that was approved by the department. 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
30 asked for permission to take a rig and members to Firemen's Memorial Park in Ridge on 8/4 from 5p-8p for National Night Out requested by Ridge FD. They would like to set up a recruitment table. Board approved.
30 asked for permission to send juniors to the 2027 classes through the SC Fire Academy. Board approved.
32 discussed the updates for the drone policy. They are working with those qualified drone operators to implement these updates and possible trainings. Comm Handel discussed a quote received from UAV for drone operation training. Motion made by Comm Handel to approve (4) licensed drone operators to

attend a training class with UAV Drone Pilot School totaling $2,200.00. 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor. Chiefs to give dates of availability.
30 presented a letter from member Nick Siani thanking the board for the recent purchase of a new set of bunker gear.
33 asked for an update on 26. The board stated that maintenance and the vendor are still waiting for the pontoons to dry out before they can make the repair

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS

Comm Strong discussed the recruitment website changes that were received from the chiefs and also reviewed by attorney Bill Glass. The board approved the recruitment changes and they will be posted to the website for use.
Comm Strong discussed with the chiefs the continuous issues with multimeter chargers in trucks. They break often and are expensive to repair. Suggested to the chiefs to possibly research different options.
Comm Staufer discussed the recent cardiac arrest calls and thanked the volunteers and paid staff for their efforts. All patients had a pulse on arrival to the hospital.
Met with Firematic for new E-17. They are still on track for an early 2027 delivery. There will be an inspection trip in February of 2027 in Wisconsin. More details to follow.
DM Brewer presented a check that was received at the district but made out to the department from FASNY for the Recruit NY stipend for $250.00. The board approved to turn the check over to the chiefs for the department.
DM Brewer received a call from a SC Sgt. Asking to park their vehicles at Co. 3 tonight at 3am for a search warrant. Board ok'd. DM to contact Sgt.
DM Brewer stated there at 3 boxes of hoses in the lobby that Comm Staufer ok'd the chiefs to take.
DS Lattman asked the chiefs to remind the officers and members to ensure they are filling out vouchers completely and correctly; and to ensure that the Sig 8 receipts do not have charges for tax. Many receipts have had to be corrected by the vendors. Comm Staufer reminded the chiefs that we have a voucher policy to be followed.
Comm Buchner stated the new B-19 is coming along and projected for late 2026.
Comm Handel discussed her recent findings on bonding in our insurance policy and let the chiefs know that the department and all companies are bonded for theft under the district's policy currently. Motion made by Comm Handel to increase the bonding amount on all insurance policies to $100,000.00 and the District Treasurer and District Deputy Treasurer to $1.5 million; and to continue to insure the department but omit Co. 4 and the Benevolent. 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Strong to enter executive session at 1915 hours to discuss a department personnel matter, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Strong to exit executive session at 1933 hours, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Comm Staufer- Confirmed with DS Lattman that the contacts for our billing for ESO has now been changed to Heather Stewart and Taylor Lattman. They had the old district staff on file.
Heather began orientation today for 12 new EMS personnel. 3 EMTs and 9 paramedics.
Requesting uniforms for new hires. Quote from Inkterprise totaling $2,076.00. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
Requesting (2) EMS jackets for the two new FT EMS employees. Quote from Hammer Medical totaling $1,453.70. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve quote from Hammer Medical for monthly medical supplies needed totaling $3,203.14. 2nd by Comm Handel. All in favor.

Motion made by Comm Staufer to purchase (1) new LUCAS with ProCare warrantee quote from Stryker totaling $27,892.30. 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor. To be taken from EMS billing monies.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to purchase (2) new LIFEPACK 35s with ProCare warrantee quote from Stryker totaling $128,903.20. 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor. To be taken from EMS billing monies.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to purchase (6) trauma packs and (2) O2 kits quote from Hammer Medical totaling $1,679.60. 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor. To be taken from EMS billing monies.
Looking into vehicle cameras and GPS from Ladder. Comm Gallino states our current vendor for GPS tracking, Intellishift, also offers vehicle cameras. More to follow.
Discussed replacing the gator with a new UTV. Presented quote from L.I. Proliner for a 2026 Polaris XP Ranger 1000, 20ft enclosed trailer, lettering and lights included, total price is $81,225.00. Motion made by Comm Staufer to accept purchase from L.I. Proliner, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor. To be taken from EMS billing monies.
Discussed replacing Ambulance 16 in the near future.
Asked if the drill team trailer is still in use. Will follow up.
Requested DM to speak with Garage to post the old gear dryer at Co. 2 for sale.
Discussed possible EMS raises for the 2027 budget involving stipends for those who are qualified RSI. Also discussed possibly implementing emergency call ins for EMS for rehab purposes or for when there are multiple alarms expected, for example, the recent storms.
Discussed possible change in Heather's schedule to a 40/hr work week. Shifts to be determined.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to surplus the old EMS helmets for $0 value. 2nd by Comm Strong, all-in favor.
At 1950 hours, 30 exited the meeting.
Comm Buchner- In contact with T-Mobile in regard to putting a monopole at one of our locations. T-Mobile requested Co. 2 but there is no space so he is asking if they would be in interested in Co. 1 or church property.
Capt. Lattman at Co. 2 thanked the board for the Cassone trailer and alleyway gate that was installed.
Rob is requesting (3) replacement step ladders for maintenance. 3ft, 6ft, 10ft. Quoted at Home Depot for $567.00. Motion to approve purchase by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
In contact with Billy from L.I. Proliner for a new first responder vehicle that he will have on site in about 2 weeks, and possibly an ambulance from his 2025 leftover inventory. More to follow.
Contacted Crown Castle in regard to an 800-radio antenna on our cell tower at the district property. No answer from Crown Castle yet.
The dispatch room is requesting a new Keurig. Motion made by Comm Buchner to purchase a Keurig K-Elite Coffee Maker from Amazon for $149.99. 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.
Comm Handel- Presented a quote from Strategic Alarm Concepts Inc for $2,378.00 for the requested TV monitor to be placed on the bay floor of Co. 2 to view the gear room camera. Motion made by Comm Handel to approve, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.
Suggested the board hold a special meeting in August to discuss the budget and district personnel. It was approved by the board that there will be a special meeting on 8/18/26. Special meeting notice to be posted.
Frank will be working on implementing the new tablets purchased for the vehicles. Gerard to install mounts in 11, 13, and 18 for the new tablets.
Asked for all member physicals to be entered into Red Alert. DS Lattman is working on this.

BOFC discussed 2026 audit from Cullen and Danowski.

Motion to approve and pay all bills made by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

DM Brewer-

Completed CS-150 forms for all EMS new hires and sent to Civil Service.
The insurance/LOSAP matter has been settled for Sasek.
Received a letter from the TOB Fire District Officers Association stating it is Rocky Point's turn to host a meeting. The date will be 7/22/27. Must be notified within 30 days of receipt of letter. Board approved.
The offer made on Garage for the old fire police 13 and old spare chief car has fell through. They failed to make payment. Motion made by Comm Staufer to offer fire police 13 to the 2nd bidder at a price of $7,500.00, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.
The Co. 2 ambulance bay door is still in progress to be fixed. As per Rob, they are still waiting on parts, they were sent to be painted.
Received a request from Donna at Hometown to surrender Mass Mutual as they no longer are connected with Hometown and they are unable to access our statements anymore. Donna suggested National Life at a 4.75% rate. DM needs authorization from BOFC to approve. Comm Handel requested DM confirm it is a fixed rate. Motion made by Comm Staufer to authorize the surrender of Mass Mutual and switch to National Life pending confirmation of fixed rate of 4.75%. 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
The Crown Castle contract was received by mail along with two checks in the amount of $5,000.00 and $50,000.00. The checks will be given to Treasurer Donegan for deposit.
Asked for minimum bid amount for the gear dryer posting on Garage. It was decided the minimum bid will be $500.00.
Discussed with the board the presence of the state auditors in the district office. So far, they have been here for 3 weeks.

Motion made by Comm Strong to enter executive session at 2035 hours to discuss the MM1 position hiring. 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Strong to exit executive session at 2046 hours, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.

The BOFC has conducted interviews and plans to hire a full-time Maintenance Mechanic 1 to assist our Maintenance Mechanic.

Room Requests-

1. 8/30/26 8a-2p Co. 3 Kaleita Troop 161 Car Wash
   Motion to approve made by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
2. 9/26/26 1p-4p Co. 3 Fox Baby Shower
   Motion made by Comm Strong to approve pending TIPS qualified server if alcohol will be served, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

   Motion made by Comm Strong to adjourn meeting at 2056 hours, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.

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