

## **TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1**

### **WORKSHOP MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER-** The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Furman at 7:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENT-** Attorney Braslow advised the Board that all requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting had been met by advertising in The Coaster and The Asbury Park Press, and by posting on the bulletin board in the Tinton Falls Borough Hall and placed on file with the Borough Clerk 48 hours prior to this meeting.

**ROLL CALL-** Estelle - present      Furman - present      Harris - absent

Mack - present      Matthews - absent      Attorney Braslow – present

Attorney Braslow reported that Governor Murphy has appointed a new Commissioner for the NJ Department of Community Affairs after the unexpected death of Commissioner Oliver.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Williams reviewed his report. There were 54 total incidents in August 2023. Total Incidents YTD 2023 is 432. All NFIRS have been submitted.

The Chief is looking to purchase additional rope rescue equipment. A list has been submitted. Discussion on re-inventory of rope rescue equipment. Items will need a quote. Commissioner Estelle requested Chief Williams to submit an equipment schedule for purchase as in the past.

Chief requested to send members to Instructor 2 class as well as motor vehicle extrication class.

The Chief requests the Commissioners to update the guidelines for fire officers for the District as per the State's guidelines.

The Chief will hand the call percentage numbers to the District and the Commissioners will compile the list of who is eligible for LOSAP.

The Chief requested guidance on medical screening and is medical marijuana still part of the testing protocol. Mr. Braslow says yes – there has been no updated guidance.

It was discussed if the expense for the fire prevention supplies be divided between the two districts and an annual line item be created for this expense. Discussion followed on same.

Deputy Chief Whelan had a personal camera in the car during a recent accident and the video proved helpful in the investigation. President Harris spoke with Commissioner Estelle in reference to buying dashcams for each District vehicle. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Estelle noted that staffing was taken out of last year's budget – would like to put it back in the budget. Also, would like to put the apron repair in the 2024 budget. Mr. Braslow reminded the Board to have any capital projects in the 2024 budget introduction to avoid an additional hearing.

Treasurer's report for September 2023 was read by Commissioner Estelle.

The Commissioner Compensation resolution will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Letter read from M&W Communications to state that the owners are retiring. The District wishes them well.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting was made by Commissioner Mack and seconded by Commissioner Estelle. All present in favor. The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.