

All Island Fire Chief's Association

Feb 20, 2012 Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Members Present: Chief Pete Forend, Chief John Schilling, Chief Manny Estrella, Chief Peter Shemeth, Chief David Norton, Deputy Chief Alex Schaeffer, Assistant Chief Jim Rogers, Assistant Chief Bruce O'Donnell, Assistant Chief John Rose, Assistant Chief Scott Ellis, Assistant Chief Simon Bolin, Assistant Chief Jim Branch, Retired Chief Richard Clark, Treasurer John Varkonda. In addition, there were 22 officers from all the towns.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,090.62 balance in account

Motion was made for \$100 donation for Nelson Amaral and \$100 donation for Nelson Dixon. Monies to go to family's charity of choice. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

MCI:

- Jeff Friedman from airport operations gave report on upcoming MCI on Sunday, March 18th beginning at 10am.
- Rain date will be March 25th
- This is a mandatory drill the Airport has to put on every 3 years.
- Drill will consist of largest carrying capacity plane able to land at M.V. Airport.
- All Island fire departments are to follow their regular airport response plans.
- This will be considered a level 2 MCI.
- Paging for the drill will be Edgartown and West Tisbury first, followed by all other towns. This is an attempt to speed up the process of the initial page for responding units.
- Table top discussion to go over the drill on March 14th at 5:00pm at the Planeview Restaurant
- Critique of drill will be March 28th at 5:00pm at the Planeview Restaurant

All Island Officers:

- Chief Forend turned the meeting over to Chief Estrella
- Chief Estrella reported that the reason he invited the officers to attend the meeting was the need for more help with the All Island Training Council.
- He would also like to see the Chief's Association invite the officers at least once a year to discuss any problems or suggestions they may have.
- Discussion ensued regarding difficulties in staffing the training classes on Sundays. It was expressed that the guys are burned out and there is not enough of them to continue. They also felt that there should be some kind of compensation for the time they put in.
- Discussion continued with options to get more trainers, and possibility of using firefighters who are not certified instructors to help with training evolutions.
- ***Motion was made to form a committee to look into the needs of the training council, and how to move forward. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.***

- Chief Estrella volunteered to bring a list of all the certified instructors on the Island to the next meeting.
- **Follow Up: Each Chief to bring a list of members from their department willing to be on the committee to next month's meeting.**

Training:

- Lieutenant Joe Tierney reported that they are trying to put a fire instructor training class together for May.
- Assistant Chief Jim Rogers will be teaching a class on solar panels at the next Chief's Association meeting on March 19th at 6:30pm at the Edgartown Fire Station. This class will be open to all Island Chiefs and officers.

Captain Eric Medeiros asked if the Chiefs could gather a list of email addresses for all firefighters on the Island so they can have a master email list for notifications of upcoming training and events.

- **Follow up: Each Chief to compile their department list.**

NSTAR:

- Fire Marshall talked to NSTAR and they assured the Chief's that there was someone available at all times.
- The Fire Marshall will follow up to ensure quicker response to department's requests.

New Business:

Chief Schilling attended a session on electric vehicles.

- NFPA recommends that you let the vehicle burn itself out.
- Website for more information: evsafetytraining.org for more info

Chief Schilling reported on CO2 detectors.

- He stated they have a life span of 7 years
- Alarm sounds same as low battery, but entire detector has to be replaced.
- **Follow Up: Chief Schilling to ask Fire Marshall about press release regarding CO2 detectors**

West Tisbury Tankers:

- Captain Medeiros advised the Association that if West Tisbury tanker is called for mutual aid to any town, the responding tanker company will make the decision as to which truck from which town they will call upon to fill it.
- He stated this will not go through the established fire command of the incident at hand.
- Chief Estrella advised that he had given Captain Medeiros the authority to make that decision.

Muster Committee:

- Captain Kenny Mastromonico reported on left over money from the Muster Committee.
- He advised there was \$1,117.00 remaining in the account. He would like to see that money turned back to the Chief's Association.
- ***Motion was made to transfer the account balance of \$1,117.00 to the Chief's Association for training. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.***

Mutual Aid:

- Assistant Chief Rogers would like it mentioned that on mutual aid fires, all personnel follow the chain of command regardless of what town it comes from.
- **Follow Up: Chief Norton to have his mutual aid policy done for next meeting**

Hospital:

- Chief Forend reported that there is a new fire alarm display system at the Hospital.
- He will be setting up a walk through and explanation of the system on Tuesday, March 27th at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm