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Select Board Meeting

Attn: Select Board

Training

#1 The last few months we have had some fantastic department training. Pump and flow paths /Extrication drill / Foam applications / Timed water shuttle drill / testing a small Turbo draft / Also had a house45 Tilton rd. in Spring point that was getting demoed and the owners made available for department drill.

2 We have started our new training platform with the National fire training council to keep all personal up to date with NFPA standards. I have started the E learning and found it to be one of the best training platforms out there especially for the cost. Our new policy for all new personal will be required to pass a series of video courses complied by the National fire academy before getting signed off for active duty.

#3 We have an Extrication drill scheduled for Oct 22 @ 9am we are hoping to have Ems /Fire / Police multiple cars and entrapment so everyone can get signed off for credits.

#4 I'll be reaching out to the up-island council on aging to arrange a class on fire safety and cooking hazards. I started giving these classes last year with hopes they get bigger every year.

Apparatus

#1 The new 121 First due Fire Apparatus is scheduled for delivery the end of Oct.

#2 The UTV and ATV's #144 / # 145 /#146 have all had service

#3 When we receive the new 121 #122 1998 Class A pumper will only be used for fire suppression and taken out of automatic response to car accidents to try to limit the wear and tear on this truck it's the next vehicle slated to be replaced, #123 and # 121 will both respond to all car accidents.

Other Department Business

#1 Department is extremely happy to welcome Vincent Maciel to the team bringing a lot of experience long time fire fighter from west Tisbury. He has a lot of experience in rural fire fighting and water supply and a list of other talents.

2 We are also happy to welcome back to the team Nathan Cuthbert who left us for a brief moment when he joined the Us Marines and had a medical problem with knee and couldn't continue with boot camp. He is taking all the classes needed to becoming green tagged.

3 We are looking into our response to electric car fires in town. I have taken a lot of classes in the last year and just finished one with the state on battery storage and electric car fires. One thing that I brought out of these classes is that it takes an extremely large amount of water to cool to get them out of thermal runaway. The problem is the water becomes highly toxic and could impact Chilmark's water source so as of now our protocol is to let them burn and protect exposures. We are looking into other suppression ideas they make fire blankets maybe with the combination with CO/ Nitrogen extinguishers we might be able to lower the temp to get out of thermal runaway I'll keep you posted. West Tisbury's policy is the same as of now.

#4 We tested two more stand pipes in town both worked without issues.

5 This year we are due to have our driver training with MIIA we will be reaching out to arrange.

6. We started the on boarding of the new ESO incident reporting software has a few more sessions and moving over CAD reports. The fire house software that we have been using to send over reports to the state is no longer supported.

#7 The end of season at Lucy Vincent beach we had a person with a dislocated hip that needed extrication from the area around south Abel's hill. The UTV was used with two EMS personnel and two fire fighters

8 We had a generous donation of 5,000 \$ to purchase a Turbo draft a fitting to help access hard to reach water sources in town this would be a huge help to the department and town. We are planning on drilling with west Tisbury to become efficient in deploying. West Tisbury has already purchased one.

#9 Thank Vincent for fixing our other portable pump giving us two good portable pumps in town.

Sincerely

Jeremy Bradshaw
Chilmark Fire Chief