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Select Board Meeting

Attn: Select Board

Training

#1 The Turbo draft drills with west Tisbury are going well it's been a big help to become proficient with this fitting and working with the other towns so we are on the same page. Also, we are working on a group that will utilize this fitting to be part of the Water Supply Strike Team that the three up island towns will spear head. This team will have highly trained group of people that supply water for fire ground operations leaving fire suppression to the attack team. We have found one of the hardest parts of the fire ground is managing the water supply once activated this group would take over all aspects of water supply from drafting setting up tanks and supplying to the apparatus on scene. A working group has started with the three up island towns to see how to implement.

2 We have a mass casualty drill coming up at the airport in March with multi agency participation. Plans are to have a large-scale plane crash with multiple injuries.

3 The online training is going well with a lot of personnel taking advantage of the classes.

4 Next week drill will be in town we will train with our new Turo draft and access some of our hard-to-reach water sources.

5 We had 3 personnel attend the wildland fire class over the past weekend put on by the state to be able to get signed off after the live fire burn day in the spring. This

class is one of a three-part wildland in person class scheduled it's a very in-depth class put on by the state which is a huge help getting personnel ready for any wild land fire situation

Apparatus

#1 121 is off at bulldog for radio installation and some of the air leaks. Truck was sent to ford on Jan 26 for warranty work and some recall issues. We were having problems with the pump coming out of gear during water flow due to the electronic emergency brake that would prohibit it from going into 7th gear to pump. Hopefully we will have back to us soon.

#2 All small equipment has been serviced and ready for service. We had to replace two batteries #167 jet ski and one in # 145 ATV

#3 Doug Bardwell is waiting for a cable to fix the radio in 131 the state had no luck fixing it said it was the wiring from bulldog so I reached out to Doug who we always used for radio repairs never worked right since new radios were installed. The cable to back radio somehow got wrapped around PTO that's the reason for the failed system they never took bottom plate off but Doug did. Also, when 121 gets back Doug will be installing chargers for battery operated equipment in one of the cabinets.

Other Department Business

#1 Our ESO software that took the place of Firehouse software that was bought out by ESO which we use to enter all our incidents to send over to state to be able to apply for state grants. Also alarm calls Burn permits apparatus maintenance records/equipment maintenance and training records. The last step Ron Burson is working with the network engineer from ESO so the QED can upload to the software.

2 We are hoping to start the yearly inspections of the short-term rentals soon. I'll be talking to the other departments involved to see the best way to get started. I will gather a list of properties to be inspected and reach out to state for final requirements of inspections.

Sincerely

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