

Town of Chilmark Fire Department

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Select Board Meeting 9/6/2022

Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw Asst. Chief Gary Robinson

Training:

- 1: FF1 FF2 Class is starting 10/5 2022 we have 4 Students as of now hopefully 5 will be taking class final written test 2/11/22.
- 2: The DCR is planning a controlled burn in September hoping to get some of our firefighter's signed off on their FEMA wildland fire certificates.
- 3: We had a department drill up at the dump to practice running pumps flowing water and suppling water from one apparatus to another. We split the crew up one group worked with air bags off of 123 to practice on lifting; we used the trailers that needed to be moved for Del Brook. It was a very productive drill using equipment not always used.
- 4: We have our mutual aid oil spill mitigation training around the 18 the of October 2022 depending on tides.
- 5: Emma Mayhew and Jon Cabral have both passed there EMT national test very happy for both.

Recruitment:

1: We are very happy to welcome 3 new people in the last couple weeks. Manny Rose, James Moreis, and Nathan Cuthbert all are great assets to the town. Manny rose was acting chief of Ob till the town was able to hire a full time chief; Mr. Rose is a licensed EMT and has completed all fire prevention classes offered by the state and many other certifications that bring great knowledge and expertise to the department as does Jimmy Moreis. Mr. Moreis was at one point going to be a full time fire fighter in the city of Boston he has been taking and doing training for quite a while also is very proficient with all types of apparatus he will be instrumental with helping with our new training program he already helped at our last drill went over streams and flow paths with new personnel. Nathan Cuthbert is a young highly motivated person that works for JWL towing lives close to town and is excited about

taking FF1 FF2 class in the fall. We have 3 Firefighters in school this year we will be including them in our monthly meeting virtually on zoom to keep them involved and updated on department info.

2: We have two officers out on medical leave one is not active one is on light duty hoping to have both back on active duty soon.

Apparatus:

- 1: 121 Is still at shop getting final work done the 4 wheel drive is fixed it ended up to be loose brackets Joe is making a bracket to add to stabilize so want happen again . Still working on airline leak should have back in service soon.
- 2: 123 needs repair to the bump a high pressure water line went will have to send off to bulldog to access pump. We are deciding when to send off might wait till the weather starts getting colder so it will be indoors while getting repaired this will help with hosing for winter.
- 3: 131 winters housing has been arranged and secured; it will probably go into DCR barn in October.
- 4: I checked on town truck ordered through CMG still waiting on VIN # being assigned should be getting info in next couple weeks.

Equipment:

- 1: Thermal imaging camera still waiting for delivery, we have received the funds just waiting for product.
- 2: Drone is in the process of being ordered making sure we order the best one for our needs Jon Mayhew has already been called out 6 times to launch the drone for search and rescue and checking beaches for shark sighting's using his personal drone. On Wednesday Jon was called out twice, in the morning a sighting off Squibnocket and another sighting off of Lucy's later in the day nothing spotted just some seals. People on Beach seem to be very appreciative of the efforts. As I am writing this up just got a call about another shark sighting at Lucy Vincent Jon Mayhew responded.

Other Department Business:

1: Old Farm Rd fire tank location had some work done on the electrical. Tommy Collagen replaced broken light and installed new LED lights also fixed the exposed wires. I want to also thank the Highway department for clearing area around tank so tommy could gain access.

2: Tank at Sheep Hill was completely over grown, cleaned area painted pipes tested pump in great shape all our fire tanks in town are all working properly at this time.

3: We have already started planning for the housing issues for this winter for equipment with 121 coming back into full service we are working on solution not having to drain water and keeping it ready to respond especially that it's our only 4 Wheel drive class A Pumper .

Hope everyone is well