

Firewards 3/12/26

Present: Josh Trow, Matt Gross, Asst Chief Pollari

Public: Lt Tim White, Lt Keith Ricci, Lt Joe Hampson, Cpt Steve Marshall,
Safety Officer John Gosselin, Admin Asst Betty Ramspott

Open 6:32pm

Updates

Chief Tillson has resigned for personal reasons, effective today 3/12

Thank you for your service and efforts over the past year

Asst Chief Pollari will be taking over in the interim while the search proceeds

Dept members noted he should get title of "Acting Chief", he deserves it (not "OIC" this time)

Moved Josh, Second Matt, unanimous

Matt noted that we are looking for folks to be extra-collaborative in this interim period

Betty explained her duties

Payroll - Betty produces, either she or Galloway approved, Tillson usually did - with Matt he can review and work together to approve

Run sheets processed into CSI

Invoices to be paid

PO system not working yet - proposed flow improvement to avoid Town hall for now

Correspondence

Fire Dept/CCI liaison

New member applications, process paperwork

Mail handling, from PO Box to members or wherever needed

Vehicle registrations, or anything state level really

Training/Safety/EMS are all still rolling as "normal"

Boat is in the next month, Gosselin has that handled

Mutual Aid Association

Ted was elected as chair recently, and is our rep

We need to let the Vice-chair know (Joe will), and appoint a new rep

Hospital/Ambulance

Chief Search

Voting approved full-time

Discussion took place around requirements

Expand the search committee to include members, resume review, etc

Get input more directly about how they feel they would work with them

Department members would like more input into the process this time

Didn't get much internal vs 1-1

Separate into different sessions, maybe just an officer portion

Round 1 internal, Round 2 include committee + more dept, etc

Comment - process felt rushed last time, take our time

Scenarios

Involve officers or department to design scenarios, see how they respond

See if the candidates have looked into the town, who we are, how we work

Collecting and reviewing references

Vehicles

Looking to schedule pump testing - didn't happen last year

Engine 1 deck gun - can we move it to rescue 1 rather than buy new?

No, bids are already due, but we can ask whoever wins it

Budget/Warrant/Money

Discussion around budget - gear line might be low

Need to review what people have, there are multiple who have gear that is in poor shape

Newer stuff doesn't seem to be doing nearly as well as old

Calls

Mount Royal had a bad detector, hence the second call

Life was saved on a recent call, by police, fire, and ambulance

CPR Save ceremony normally - looking to do one in May during EMS

week

Would like to do one soon - part of wards or something? Probably separate

Stay off roads when they are crappy!

Mutual aid calls recently reinforced the benefits of it all - area departments, highway, PD (ours and others)

When you get back from a call, ensure trucks go back in service!

Personnel

Josh is willing to re-up or assist with the chief process, somehow, at others discretion

Next meeting March 19th

Adjourned 8:01pm