



# Fire and Emergency Management Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 15, 2013



**Attendance:** F. Bell, M. Mc Carthy, R. Waligroski, S. Siegel  
G. Belcher, C. Hendrick, M. McCarthy, R. Ritchie, G. Oney, R. Potter, Chief Rhoades, Chief Cicalese,  
EMC T. Vicchiariello, FI Reilly

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:47pm** by Chairman Siegel

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Fire Department:**

**Old business:**

1. **EVR assessment** - Ongoing.
2. **OSHA Refresher Course** - Trying to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> doctor. An exact date is announced soon.

**New business:**

1. **Hydrant near 85 Orange St.** is out of service. Chief Rhoades says it can be removed due to location of two others near it.
2. **3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Meeting.** There was a discussion about a Ward Meeting. There was no request for a Ward Meeting or approval by the FD to the Council therefore it would not be proper to host one in a fire station until that process is completed.

**Other comments:**

None

**Truck Maintenance:**

**Old business:**

1. **Engine 1:** A better reduced price for the generator is being sought.

**New business:**

1. A computer database is being created to keep track of vehicle maintenance.

**Other comments:**

1. Councilman Waligroski brought up the subject of seatbelt use. He indicated that the use of seatbelts is essential in all fire apparatus as well as all city vehicles. There was a discussion about seatbelt use in fire apparatus. It was also mentioned that the new ladder truck will have a "Black Box" type device.

**Emergency Management:**

**Old business:**

1. **Opticom System:** Repaired at no cost to city. System should be functional. A test with apparatus will be done in near future.
2. There is some concern about the lighting on the Delaware River Bridge. Matamoras is going to take care the lights on their side of the bridge. They want us to do ours. We are going to look into that.

**New business:**

1. Tom requested permission to go to a Sky Warn meeting on 4/29/13.

**Other comments:**

None

**Fire Inspectors Report:**

**Old business:**

1. **St. Joseph's Place** – They will be using metal pipe, not plastic pipe.
2. **Bon Secour Hospital** - Their drafted Crowd Control Plan did not work well. They are working on a new plan.

3. **PJHA** – Draft has been prepared for an Evacuation Plan and unit renumbering.
4. **43 Ball St.** - Problem with a dry valve has been repaired. Alarm is working properly.
5. **Royal Furniture Warehouse** - Water problems have been resolved. Found stone in piping..
6. **174-176 Pike St. and 192 Pike St.** – Fire Alarm power problem has been repaired.

New business:

1. **911 boxes** have been tested. All OK
2. There was a question about if Keith Brown is working with as an FI.
3. There will be a water flow test at Bon Secours.
4. An alarm company was found to be using old, not certified, wiring on a job. That wiring was replaced.

Other comments:

1. The Planning Board is using a new cover sheet for safety concerns as suggested by the Fire Inspector.

**Public Comment:**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next Meeting **May 20, 2013.**

