

FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- Minutes -

Common Council Chambers
Monday, **March 20, 2017**

Fire Chiefs

Frank Fuller, III
Dominic Cicalese
Thomas Snyder

Committee Chairman
Stanley Siegel

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Guest: David Rivera, CEO

Committee Members

George Belcher
Gina Fitzpatrick
Regis Foster

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: George Belcher, Gina Fitzpatrick, Regis Foster, Frank Fuller, Stan Siegel,
Tom Vicchiariello and David Rivera

Public Comment: *(5 minute limit per person)*

- None

Emergency Management Report:

Vehicle Maintenance:

- **Hooks:** Still Out of Service in Latham, NY for recalls and other issues. While there, Cummins recalls came in and they are being addressed as well. They are awaiting parts, which American LaFrance parts are becoming hard to get. It is hoped to get the Truck back this week.
- **Engine 4:** Sqrut is still OOS as it needs parts, which are difficult to locate.
- **I-84:** Can't go on I-84 without hose bed covers. Engine 1 needs a cover.
- Noted that it is difficult to get American LaFrance parts and when available, they are very expensive. Having four manufacturers parts on 1's and 4's makes repairs very difficult.

Emergency Management:

- **Flo Jean Dike:** Still no action to date.
- **Delaware River Flow Management:** The flow management plan is in jeopardy since NJ is against renewing the current plan. There are differences with the Flood Control plan and Base Line.
- **Command Center:** It was manned from 7am to 11pm during the snow storm.

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- **Department By-Laws:** Out for review by each company. Voting on the By Laws was extended to sometime after the April Board of Officers meeting.
- **Waters Edge:** Stated that the city DPW agreed to put a curb cut in the emergency entrance/exit a while ago. It has not been to date and is of concern to the Fire Department. Stan will contact the DPW and request that it be done.

- **West Main Street:** Stated that the trees on the median on W. Main Street need trimming as it causes a problem with the fire apparatus passing by. This has been reported last year and still needs to be addressed.
- **Cell phone issue:** We were told that the issue has not been resolved.

New Business:

- **Car 3 Truck:** Was involved in an accident and being repaired.
- **Tablets:** There has been a delay in the implementation on each apparatus. Should be completed during the month.
- **AED's:** Looking for a grant to put AED's on each apparatus, has been delayed.
- **Thermal Imaging Camera:** Has been received and FD will be requesting to "surplus" the old model. Matamoras FD is willing to purchase it.
- **Rescue vehicle:** The Cascade system and the Rescue Jacks have been removed from the vehicle.
- **Physicals:** Are Ongoing.
- **Pump Test & Ladder Testing:** Will be held on the first week of April.
- **Selection by County:** The PJFD was selected by Orange 911 Center to demo the Multiple Data System before county wide distribution.
- **Dispatching System:** Orange 911 Center is soliciting bids for a dispatching system like Rover to provide to all the OC departments at no cost to the city. It has the potential to save around \$4,000.00 a year.
- **Grant:** The FD received a Confined Space Rescue grant for \$136,000.00.

David Rivera was a guest that requested to discuss the following:

- **FD Connections on commercial businesses:** This discussion revolved around whether the law calls for 3" Siamese or 5" quick connections. The Chiefs indicated that the law calls for Siamese and provided a copy of the code. They indicated that they would prefer a Siamese connection as that provides more pressure than 5". David Rivera indicated that the Fire inspector says the law requires 5", which provides more volume but only to 50 pounds pressure. We are awaiting David Rivera to research the subject.
- **Commercial CO alarms:** David Rivera indicated that the Fire Inspector says that CO alarms have to Orange 911 for FD response. The Fire Chiefs say that is not the case. Clarification is going to be researched through the state, by David Rivera.

Public Comment: *About topics covered in tonight's meeting. (3 minute limit per person)*

- None
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Adjournment: 8:00pm

Next F&EM Meeting **April 17 , 2017 @ 7:00pm** in the Council Chambers