City of Manchester, New Hampshire

Board of Fire Commissioners

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 08, 2014

Location: Central Fire Station-100 Merrimack Street

Board Members Present: Commissioners Paul Harrington, Timothy DiVenuti, Anthony Puzzo, Verna Perry, Mark Burns. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Present: Chief Burkush, Deputy Goonan, District Chief O'Reilly, Linda Miccio and Melissa Paulhamus. Deputy Campasano and Jody Rivard-absent.

A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion to accept minutes-DiVenuti/Puzzo

Correspondence:

Division Reports:

Chief Burkush reported on the following:

- Mayor Gatsas' budget for the fire department gives department a $300,000 to $400,000 shortfall.
- Lack of city funding for contingency and severance will have to be absorbed by the fire department.
- Budget is #1 issue. Aldermen are talking about going over tax cap.
- JP Pest Services came in to educate firefighters on bedbugs.
- Mooresville Rd fire appears to be arson. Commending Mitchell Cady and Peter Lennon for their investigative work.

Deputy Goonan reported on the following:

- Lt. Kevin Healey continuing work on the EOC.
- Emergency Operations Plan be re-written and should be finished in the summer. Being funded by a grant.
- Currently no personnel grievances.
- Poor station conditions. Two stations need new kitchens and station 8 needs a new roof.

Training Division Report:

See attached report.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report:

See attached report.

Communications Report:

- Absent-no report.

Old Business:

Letter from Jeff Duval dated March 27, 2014 to be put on record.

New Business:

Commissioner Harrington and Mayor Gatsas are working to obtain land for a new fire station in the south end of Manchester.

Next meeting scheduled May 29, 2014 5:00 pm. Annual Memorial Mass to be held immediately following. Bishop Libasci is scheduled to attend.

Commissioner Paul Harrington's last meeting and he expressed that it was a great experience. Discussion to replace Chairman, Commissioner Harrington stated that Mark Burns was interested in becoming the Chairman.

Motion to accept Mark Burns as Chairman Puzzo/DeVenuti.

Executive Session: Commissioner Paul Harrington announced that the Board of Fire Commissioners was going into executive session.

Adjournment: 9:10 am Chief Burkush, Deputy Goonan, District Chief O'Reilly, Business Administrator Linda Miccio and Accounting Specialist II Melissa Paulhamus adjourned.

Transcribed by Melissa Paulhamus

Respectfully submitted,

Verna Perry, Commissioner

City of Manchester, NH
Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Agenda

Scheduled Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

Scheduled Time & Place: **8:30 am – Central Fire Station**

Agenda Items:

A. Moment of Silence

B. Minutes of Previous Meeting

C. Reports for the month (distributed at meeting)

1. Current Roster

D. Correspondence:

1. Thank you note for CHAD Battle of the Badges.
2. Letter of appreciation from David L. Nixon.
3. Letter of appreciation to Real Pinard.

E. Division Reports:

1. Report from Chief James Burkush.
2. Report from Deputy Chief Nicholas Campasano.
3. Report from Deputy Chief Daniel Goonan.
4. Report from District Chief Ed O'Reilly.
5. Report of the Communications Division.

F. Local #856 and/or MAFS business:

G. Old Business

H. New Business

I. Executive Session (if warranted)

MANCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT Line Personnel Roster

No.	ENGINE CO. 2 Name	ENGINE CO. 3 Name	ENGINE CO. 4 Name	ENGINE & TRK. 5 Name	ENGINE & TRK. 6 Name	ENGINE & TRUCK 7 Name	DIST. CHIEFS Name
1	Kafejelis, Lt. Nicholas	Goley, Lt. Jeff	Battey, Lt. Mark	O'Rourke, Lt. Daniel	Plante, Capt. Richard	Fluery, Lt. David	Poulin, Alfred DC
11	Doucet, Mark	Sinnote, David	Clement, Richard	Ducharme, Roland	Wong, Kenneth	Provencher, James	
21	Brackett, Adam	Denholm, Kurt	Brassard, Paul	Provost, L. Christian	Ouellette, Ryan	Grover, Christopher	
31	Robert, Joseph			Brassard, Scott	Ellison, Christopher	Mills, David	
41						Boudreau, Lt. Peter	
51						Charpentier, Joshua	
						Knight, Lt. Kevin	
2	Pierson, Capt. Charles	Fosher, Lt. Jon	Burkush, Capt. John	Smith, Lt. Mike	Allard, Lt. Michael	Roy, Lt. Leo	Corbeil, R. DC
12	Devan, William	Paradis , Normand	Lawrence, Peter	Stemska, Robert	Deleault, Matthew	Aboshar, Jeffrey	Pelletier, M. DC
22	Bouthiette, Adam	Starr, Hayden	Biron, Robert	Morin, Charles	Quick, David	Simmons, Ryan	
32	Roy, Edward			Ducharme, Gary	Shea, Matthew	Lang, David	
42						Jay, Lt. David	
52						Monroe, Todd	
3	Sullivan, Lt. Daniel	Soderberg, Capt. Kris	Jette, Lt. Glenn	O'Neil, Capt. Brian	Ameen, Lt. Ed	Beaudet, Lt. Bob	Gamache, Michael DC
13	Allen, Kelly	Grace, Justin	Garrity, Patrick	Boucher, Paul	Gamache, Richard	Janelle, Kirt	
23	Lescatre, Michael	Kelliher, Patrick	Pinard, Brian	Fitzgerald, Ryan	Robinson, Gabriel	Morgrage, Timothy	
33	Franggos, Danny			Shelton, Jason	Swirko, Timothy	Ouellette, Jeffrey	
43						Nelson, Lt. Ken	
						Principe, TJ	
53						Lemay, Lt. Brian	
4	Gosselin, LT Robert	PARISEAU, LT	Brassard, Lt. Michael	Paquette,Lt. Brian	Desruisseaux, Lt. S	McGahey, Capt. Richard	Michael, DC James
14	Biron, Joseph	Georgiana, Wayne	White, William	McCafferty, Joseph	Welch, Robert	Laberge, Dan	
24	Rumfelt, John	Koslowsky, Jay	Osburn, Matt	Delahanty, Brian	McCulloch, Nikolos	Perkowski, Gary	
34	Swanson, Michael			Milliard, Carl	Faucher, Tom	Maylone, Robert	
44						Proulx, Lt. Ken	
						Hood, Brad	
54							

No.	ENGINE CO. 8 Name	ENGINE CO. 9 Name	ENGINE 10 Name	ENGINE CO. 11 Name	TRUCK 1 Name	RESCUE CO. 1 Name
1	Lawrence, Lt. Mark	McLaughlin, Lt. Richard	Veilleux, Lt. Leo	Chouinard, Lt. Gregg	Martineau, Capt. Hank	Chiasson, Lt. Max
11	Briggs, Jon	Senecal, Matt	Collins, Dennis	Goupil, Steven	French, Brett	Cote, Paul
21	Robidoux, David	Ferry, Craig	Lopez, Jon	Philibotte, Steven	Cote, Jason	Guay, Josh
31			Russo, Joseph	Wescott, Sean	Poulin, Nick	Wilkinson, Jeff
41						
2	Fitzpatrick, Lt. Richard	Burns, Capt. Brendan	Iverson, Lt. Adam	Starr, Lt. Jon	Prince, Lt. Ken	Flanagan, Capt. Joseph
12	Glickman, Ronald	Seidel, Duane	Meehan, Michael	Knight, Keith	Foley, John	Bagley, Joshua
22	Duval, Jeff	Pearson, Steve	Pingree, Brennen	Aramini, Timothy	Monroe, Joel	Biron, Andre
32	Hatfield, Charles		Michael, Joseph	Rouleau, Jason	Gelinas, Gregg	Sheatler, Paul
42	Pinard, Lt. Denis					
3	Butts, Capt. Joseph	Lamothe, Lt. Matt	Morin, Lt. Robert	Merrill, Capt. Scott	Healey, Lt. Kevin	Parent Lt. Andre
13	Laroche, Stephen	Beltz, Robert	Skora, Eric	Leafe, Michael	McNeil, James	Plantier, Robert
23	Beaudin, Joseph	Flanagan, Sean	Bodner, Daron	Healy, Kevin	Levasseur, Denis	Langley, James
33			Garon, Michael	Burkush, TJ	Gamache, Chad	Monnelly, Andrew
43						
4	MacDowell, Lt. Jeff	Cashin, Lt. R	Patten, Capt. David	Kelly, Lt. James	Couture, Lt. John	Franggos, Lt. Peter
14	Potvin, Thomas	Flynn, Ken	Pelletier, Richard	Bolduc, Gregory	Higgins, Mark	Defina, Thomas
24	Philibert, Adam	Sullivan, John	Keller, Joseph	Rheault, Michael	Joy, Corey	Barton, Steven
34			Ludwig, Kurt	Lang, Ryan	McGaffigan, Michael	Gelinas, Keith
44				Holdredge, Lt. Kevin	Aboshar, Scott	

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2-16-2014 CHIEF JAMES A. BURKUSH

2/25/20149:01 AM

Dear Chris -

Thank you so much for particip
in the CHaD Battle of the Badges
I apologize for the miscommunica
on the announcement. We reall
appreciate you taking the time
to be there.

We were able to raise over
for the kids at CHaD!

Thanks again!

Danielle

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MANCHESTER, NH 03101

March 20, 2014

Lt. Daniel O'Rourke
Manchester Fire Department
44 Webster Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03104

Re: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Dear Dan,

I have already called and written to Fire Chief Jim Burkush for you guys probably saving my life on the date above indicated at about 2:00 - 3:00 a.m.

Everything you did was very professional and kind, and certainly efficient.

By the time I got to the Elliot Hospital Emergency Room, I was breathing but with great difficulty.

They immediately oxygenated me and put me up on Ward 5, etc., etc.

Your part in all of this was very important to me, and I just wanted to express my appreciation "for the record" as they say in the trade.

I and my family are deeply grateful to you for your competence and courtesy.

If ever I can do anything for you in any way, just let me know, and it'll be done.

I can be reached most of the time at my office (669-7070) or by my cell (494-5940).

All good wishes to you for continued professional success and personal fulfillment and enjoyment.

Kindest regards,

David L. Nixon

DLN/bbw
Enc.

Cc: James Burkush, Chief

James A. Burkush
Chief of Department

City of Manchester
Fire Department

April 1, 2014

Mr. Real Pinard
294 Brennan Street
Manchester, NH 03109

Dear Real:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and support of the Manchester Fire Department.

Through your many years of service, the Manchester Fire Department has a true friend in Real Pinard, as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Fire Prevention Committee. It has always been a pleasure working with you!

Again, thank you for your service!

Yours in Fire Safety,

James A. Burkush

James A. Burkush,
Chief of Department

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DIVISION REPORT

DEPUTY CHIEF CAMPASANO

APRIL 8, 2014

TRAINING DIVISION

EMPLOYEE SELF-DEVELOPMENT

Department personnel participated in the following training programs offered through the Training Division during the month of March:

- MOAB Certification Training 8 classes 186 attendees 630 contact hours

The Division, working with the Human Resources Department, completed preparation for a Lieutenant promotional exam scheduled for April 2nd. There are fifty-three firefighters signed up to participate in the exam process, which includes a 100 question written exam and a written fire-based performance exam.

IN-HOUSE COMPANY TRAINING PROGRAM

Companies continue to formally document their company level in-house training. **March** training hours for each company:

- Station 2.....15.50 hours
- Station 3.....11.00 hours
- Station 4.....00.00 hours
- Station 5.....24.00 hours
- Station 6.....19.00 hours
- Station 7.....00.00 hours
- Station 8.....18.00 hours
- Station 9.....24.50 hours
- Station 10.....29.00 hours
- Engine 11.....22.00 hours
- Truck 1.....21.50 hours
- Rescue 1.....00.00 hours

The average training hours per company for the month of **March** were **15.37** hours. The average training hours per company for the month of February were 13.10 hours.

HOMELAND SECURITY

The Command Vehicle construction completion date is approximately two months away. Radio communication equipment has been purchased and the anticipated delivery date is mid-June. A delay in the chassis delivery has pushed the final completion date to the second week of June.

The Communications Division has been working to complete a request for proposal for the replacement of the city's 800 MHz radio system. It is hoped that this RFP can be released to the public within the next few weeks. The RFP will be looking for vendor quotes to replace the city's current system with a new P-25 compliant 800 MHz trunked radio system. The RFP will ask for quotes on both a simulcast and multicast system.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The LEPC did not meet in March. The next scheduled meeting is April 10th at 3:00 PM. A copy of the agenda is attached to this report. The committee is working on the May 7th workshop, which will be held at the Manchester Health Department. A copy of the program outline and press release is attached to this report. This workshop is intended to assist local businesses, which may use chemicals in their workplace, to comply with all federal reporting requirements and develop emergency plans for their facility. The workshop is three and one half hours long and will be provided at no cost. All LEPC meetings are open to the public.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMSPHIRE REGION COMMUNITY PREPAREDNES PROGRAM

This committee meets quarterly and will not be meeting again until June.

MANCHESTER EMERGENCY SHELTER COMMITTEE

The Emergency Sheltering Committee and Pet Sheltering Committee did not meet in March.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

ZOLL AED

The department has gone one winter without any AED experiencing a resetting of date and time. This issue has plagued our units since they were first purchased. Zoll Medical engineers have worked extensively with us on this problem and it appears we may have identified the problem. Utilizing an infrared downloading procedure, rather then the original thumb drive method seems to have eliminated the date/time change. Zoll engineers are now working to redesign their USB ports to isolate them from static discharges.

Zoll Medical's public relations unit visited the department last week for a photo shoot of their newest cardiac monitor. Four department firefighters were used to portray the rescuers for the promotion. The department will be receiving an AED Pro defibrillator in return for providing Zoll with a location for their shoot.

AMBULANCE CONTRACT

The department continues to meet with AMR and the medical resource hospitals for monthly quality review meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10th. All new ambulances have been outfitted with MDTs and department radios. The department is working with AMR staff to work out the bugs associated with the new contract compliance. The Division met with AMR supervisors to review the Firehouse software and discuss problems personnel have been experiencing when entering incident reports.

EMS OPERATIONS

The department has scheduled a representative from JP Chemical to present a "Bed Bug" 101 class for all personnel. With the current epidemic of bed bugs throughout Manchester, the department is taking a pro-active approach to prevent infestations in the station houses. Room traps are being distributed to all stations, so that personnel can monitor their quarters for the presence of these insects.

The State Division of EMS has rolled out a new Spinal Injury protocol. Members have been completing the three hour web-based protocol program. All members are expected to complete the program by the end of April.

Hosting an Event? Sell tickets here..

Hazard Analysis and Emergency Planning

07 May 2014 08:30 AM till 12:00 PM

Ticket / Registration information for: 07 May 2014 8:30 AM

Please select ticket / registration type to proceed...

Ticket Type	Sale Ends	Price	Fee	Quantity
Reserve a seat	04/30/2014	Free	Free	0

Proceed

Event Description

The use of hazardous materials is a common and routine part of modern industry and society. We use flammable, reactive, toxic and corrosive materials on a daily basis as fuels, cleaners and in manufacturing. The reality is that these materials have legitimate hazards that need to be evaluated and properly managed. In the past, there have been several major chemical explosions and releases that have caused significant harm and captured the media's attention, such as:

- Fertilizer plant explosion - West, Texas
- Train derailment and oil explosion - Lac Megantic, Quebec
- Chemical release - Elk River, West Virginia

No one wants to be the home of the next big chemical accident.

The Manchester Local Emergency Planning Committee (MLEPC), in conjunction with the Manchester Fire Department, is sponsoring a Hazard Analysis and Emergency Planning Training Session for local businesses. The MLEPC would like to share their knowledge of hazardous materials and work with you to promote effective emergency planning. There is no cost to attend. The goal of the training is to provide attendees with practical tips and suggestions for identifying and managing potential chemical hazards.

Topics to be covered include:

- Strategies for identifying and understanding potential chemcial hazards
- Emergency Planning 101 - A beginners guide to emergency planning - presentation by Todd Dresser, Loureiro Engineering Associates
- Pre-planning with the Manchester Fire Department to avoid chaos and loss during a crisis
- A review of the legal reporting and planning requirements - presentation by Len Wallace, US EPA
- Insurance coverage and chemical spills - you are not always covered - presentation by Cross Insurance Agency.

We would like to work together with you to promote the safety of your facility and the City of Manchester. We hope you will be able to join us. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Cancellation Policy

Please let us know if you decide not to attend, as seating is limited. ncampasano@manchesternh.gov

Occurs On

MAY 07

07 May 2014
08:30 AM
Add to Calendar

Share

Location

Manchester Health Department
1528 Elm Street
Manchester
NH
United States
03101

About the organizer

Manchester Fire Department
City of Manchester Local Emergency Planning Committee
http://www.manchesternh.gov/Departments/Fire/Emergency-Center/LEPC
(603) 669-2256
Contact Organizer
View other Manchester Fire Department events

James Burkush
Chief of Department

Nicholas Campasano
Deputy Chief

CITY OF MANCHESTER
Fire Department

April 8, 2014

Commissioners:

I apologize that I am unable to attend this morning's monthly meeting. I am attending an OSHA roundtable workshop at UNH Manchester today. The topic of the workshop is "*Behavior modification towards a safer workplace*". It is my hope that some of the ideas and techniques presented today at the workshop may be applied here at the department in an effort to reduce workplace injuries.

I have provided you with my monthly report, as well as, a copy of the OSHA workshop agenda and look forward to meeting with you in May.

Sincerely,

Nick Campasano

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WorkWISE NH

ASSE

G. I. Roundtable: at UNH Manchester in The Pandora Building 88 Commercial St. | Manchester, NH 03103

April 8, 2014

Did you know that shoulder injuries generally require two surgeries? Do you know that medical costs are quickly replacing lost-time costs as the cost driver in Workers Compensation claims? How do we get ahead of this? This roundtable session will include a review of how to modify employee behavior, and what best practices are helpful in getting you there. Strains resulting from material handling, entry/exit of equipment and tractors, and or improper ergonomics will be the focus because they are a leading injury type in many industries. We will also discuss direct costs to your business relating to the impact to your Experience Modification Factor and how to get behavioral change to become effective in your workplace.

Behavior Modification Towards a Safer Workplace

Presented by

Paul M Roberson, ARM,

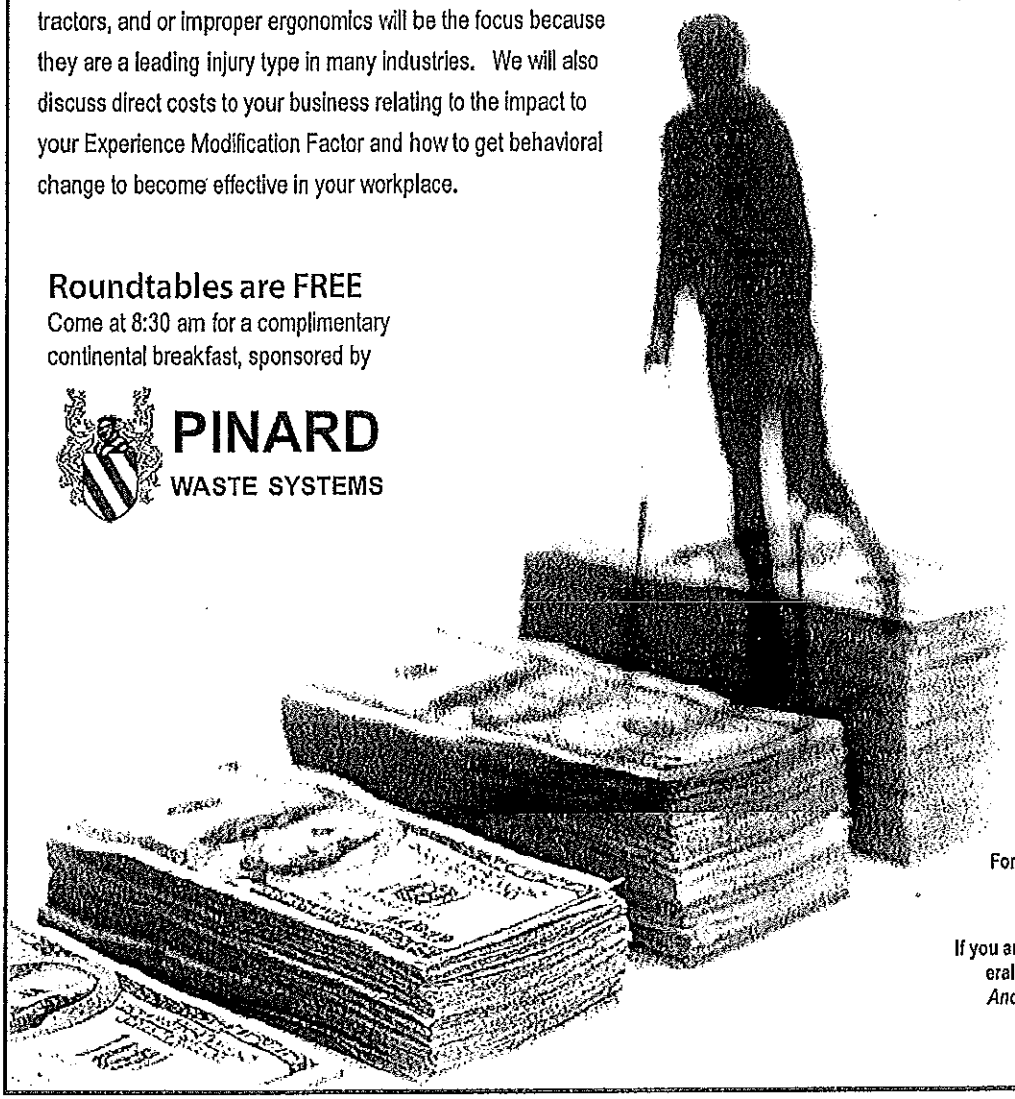
The Rowley Agency, Inc.

THE ROWLEY AGENCY INC

Roundtables are FREE

Come at 8:30 am for a complimentary continental breakfast, sponsored by

PINARD WASTE SYSTEMS



For more information please call or email:
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If you are interested in sponsoring future General Industry Roundtables, please contact:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 7, 2014

CONTACT:
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Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
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Hazard Analysis and Emergency Planning

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The Manchester Fire Department would like to share their knowledge of hazardous materials and work with facilities and businesses in the City to promote effective emergency planning. The department, in conjunction with the Manchester Local Emergency Planning Committee, is sponsoring a Hazard Analysis and Emergency Planning Training Session for Local Businesses on May 7th from 8:30AM to 12:00PM at the Manchester Health Department, which is located at 1528 Elm Street in Manchester. There is no cost to attend. The goal of the training is to provide participants with practical tips and suggestions for identifying and managing potential chemical hazards.

The following topics will be reviewed during the training session:

- Strategies for identifying and understanding potential chemical hazards.
- Emergency Planning 101 – A Beginner's Guide to Emergency Planning.

City of Manchester
Local Emergency Planning Committee
(MLEPC)

Agenda

April 10, 2014
3:00 PM

Manchester Fire Department
100 Merrimack St.
Manchester, NH 03101

I. Welcome and Minutes
   - Deputy Chief Nick Campasano, Chair

II. Distribution of Commodity Flow Study and Vulnerability Assessment Final Reports
   - Jillian Harris, SNHPC

III. Emergency Response Capabilities and Planning – Scope of Work
   - Deputy Chief Nick Campasano, Chair

IV. EHS 101 Workshop Outreach Coordination
   - Deputy Chief Nick Campasano, Chair

V. Tier II Approvals
   - Denise Vallee and Nick Campasano, Manchester Fire Dept

VI. Next Steps, New Business and Events
   - Date for Next Meeting

VII. Adjourn

~All MLEPC Meetings are open to the public. For questions, special accommodations or directions, please call Jillian Harris, SNHPC 669-4664, jharris@snhpc.org ~

- Pre-planning with the Manchester Fire Department to avoid chaos and loss during a crisis.
- A review of the legal reporting and planning requirements – Presented by Len Wallace, USEPA
- Insurance coverage and chemical spills: you are not always covered – Presented by Cross Insurance Agency

The Fire Department hopes to work together with Manchester businesses and facilities to promote the safety of life and property for all who live, work and visit here.

Pre-registration is required at:

http://hazardanalysisworkshop.eventzilla.net

Please register early as seating is limited.

The Manchester LEPC meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Manchester Fire Department, 100 Merrimack Street, Manchester. For more information on the Manchester LEPC please visit the following webpage: www.manchesternh.gov/lepc

Contact:

Deputy Chief Nick Campasano
Manchester LEPC Acting Chair
603-669-2256 Ext. 3501
ncampasano@manchesternh.gov

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Commission Meeting
Tuesday April 8, 2014; 8:30am
Report from the Fire Prevention Bureau

Projects: The apartment building at 224 Central Street has been purchased by a contractor and is now under active renovation. The property, once completed, will remain as a three family. This building was listed on our Vacant & Abandoned inventory for over five years. The basement experienced a split heating oil tank with all the environmental problems associated with that. Apparently, although we do not know, those issues have been remedied to the satisfaction of agencies charged with that enforcement arena.

Place of Assembly Permit Inspections: As of the date of this report, our office has completed more than 185 Place of Assembly Permit inspections due to expire on January 31, 2015. Most of South Willow Street, all of Candia Road, Second Street, South Main, Hanover Street East, etc.; The School assembly areas are scheduled during their annual School inspection sometime this Spring. Also, Elm Street restaurant/assemblies will be walked when the weather gets warmer. This process is the same as last year.

Easter Seals NH: The automatic fire sprinkler system at the Easter Seals housing facility on Zachary Road has been problematic for some time. Some history with this building reveals that it was constructed originally as a psychiatric hospital, closed down and left vacant for 7 years, and, is now operated by Easter Seals. The existing dry system is old and corroded with numerous pin hole air leaks, the compressor cannot keep up, loading the system and initiating alarms. Tri State fire protection got the bid and is currently installing a wet pipe system to protect the 58,000 square foot property.

Events Calendar: Paula Doucette maintains our events calendar. Last month our office managed the scheduling of details for the Home Show, Quilt Show, Globetrotters, Monarchs Hockey, Southern NH University Concert, and others. Next month we are expecting signoffs for numerous road races, fund raising events, Veterans Park events, baseball is starting at Delta Dental Stadium, things like that. Hot works details are continuing, apparently Red Robin is coming to the Mall of NH and there has been some cutting and welding activity there, requiring details.

Respectfully Submitted
Edward O'Reilly
Chief of Fire Prevention
Manchester NH

Chairman Paul Harrington
Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash St Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

March 27, 2014

Chairman Harrington,

It was a pleasure to see you at the meeting of the board of Fire Commissioners held on March 11. I appreciate the opportunity to sit in on these meeting as the President of IAFF Local 856 and for the most part enjoyed the context of the information presented. The one problem that I had, and it is a major one, was when Commissioner DiVenuti began speaking in regards to a member. And while he informed me that he had done so privately with Chief Burkush, and after having spoken with the Chief about this issue, it has caused me some angst. While I understand the board is of an advisory nature, nowhere in the City Code of Ordinances does it speak to investigating personnel, let alone having a responsibility in regards to personnel. In fact section 3.11(c) states: "The commission shall have no responsibility for personnel decisions or administration of the department unless otherwise required by state statute or this charter."

In closing, I would like to say that I enjoyed attending the meeting and will attempt to attend more in the future. But in case I'm not able to attend the next meeting in April, I request that you enter this letter into the permanent record as my official objection to Commissioner Divenuti's discussion on personnel matters or any future discussions from any of the commissioners on the subject. I thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeff Duval
President MPFFA
IAFF Local 856

Cc: Board of Fire Commision
Chief James Burkush