

Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

July 27, 2006

Meeting convened at 7:42 p.m.

Members present: Chief Michael Trovato
Gerard Menangas
Warren Alexander
Adam Wolf
James Roderick Jr.

Others present: Paul Silva (Lower Cape Ambulance)
Police Chief Ted Meyer
Staff Sgt. Warren Tobias

Dispatching and Mutual Aid Protocol problems discussed.

Chief Trovato expressed his concern re dispatching problems with many of the police dispatchers. Although Lower Cape Ambulance is part of the Mutual Aid system, Jim Meads is concerned that LCA vehicles could be dispatched to Wellfleet leaving Provincetown & Truro without coverage. The Chief added that if the County called him for an ambulance and there was only one vehicle in town, he would not allow the last ambulance to respond to the mutual aid request.

Wolf suggested that LCA only be dispatched thru the county if both LCA vehicles are available. Provincetown and Truro trucks should be dispatched first. Question arose regarding whether or not ambulances are in service when they are returning from the hospital and need rehab.

The Chief advised the police that when Mutual Aid is requested the dispatcher should immediately go to the Fire Chief or whichever District Chief is in charge. This should be done ASAP since he has only three minutes to make a decision. The board will review running cards and changes will be noted.

Purchase of new ambulance discussed. Rescue Captain Justin White and Rescue Lt. Monica Himes will be given a copy of the spec for their input on the design of the vehicle.

Main Station Construction proposal from Brian Alexander discussed.

Motion: Wolf motioned to accept Brian Alexander's construction proposal; Menangas seconded the motion; All in favor.

Zawaduk suggested checking above the problem area next year.

Water leak was recently discovered coming from the trap door above the apparatus door entrance. E.F. Winslow was called to check it out.

Lifting Air Bags discussed. Department's bags are outdated and should be taken out of service.

Adjournment

Motion: Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting; Wolf seconded the motion, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

