

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
February 27, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Fire Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners LaCroix, Riccio and Ahern. Commissioners Clem and Fox were absent. Also present was Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney and Assistant Chief Heffernan.

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix to approve the minutes of January 30, 2020 (special meeting) and November 21, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Commissioner Ahern abstained. Vote 5 yea, 1 abstention.

**Finance** – no report

**Personnel** – Commissioner Massey reported that Ian Canny and Dylan Kessler have accepted employment offers to fill the two vacant firefighter positions. Ian started February 10 and is currently attending the CT Fire Academy and Dylan is scheduled to start in March. Chief Mahoney reported that Mackenzie Spooner and Tyler Mahoney are both riding for medical control. It is anticipated that they will be done in the next two weeks. Dante Ghiroli III, Eric Desruisseaux and Riley O'Donnell are currently in their second semester at Capitol Community Colleges Paramedic Program.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to appoint Michael Stackpole as Deputy Fire Marshal. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

**Training** – no report

**Apparatus** – Commissioner LaCroix reported that Rescue 2 has been delivered at a cost of \$204,068. \$3,014.00 under budget. The new Medic 2 is expected to be here March 9 and Car 15 has been delivered and is currently at FAS for outfitting. Tac 6 is due at the end of the month. All vehicles have had their annual PM except Engine 5. \$300,000 has been added to this year's capital budget request to the Fire Apparatus Sinking Fund to replace Engine 5.

**EMS** – Chief Mahoney stated that the year to date ambulance revenue is \$1,356,030.00. There were 3,176 EMS incidents from July 1, 2019 to February 27, 2020, resulting in 2,468 transports

to area hospitals. The ambulance rate schedule will for 2020 be attached to the minutes. The Paramedic Field Instructors have taken over the daily Quality Assurance function, working under EMS – Assistant Drill Master John Cugma. Assistant Chief Heffernan reported that they are in the process of applying for a non-transport paramedic license for Rescue 2. It will require a full hearing process.

**Buildings** – Commissioner Massey reported that Station 9 is complete, and Company 9 is moved in. There are still a few outstanding issued that need to be resolved before final close-out. Commissioner Ahern complimented the Building Committee for a job well done, it came out really nice. MP Rice is in need of a generator.

**Pension & Communications** – no report.

**Chief's Report** – Chief Mahoney reported that the department has responded to 4,039 calls for service from July 1, 2019 to February 26, 2020, averaging 16.75 per day. A roll over accident on Brushy Plain Road resulted with severe injury and entrapment of an individual. Crews completed a complicated extrication lasting 20 minutes. It required 10 on duty members and three volunteers to complete. A fully involved fire involving a travel trailer on Shady Lane caused significant heat damage to the exterior of the home. Quick work by the crews prevented the spread of flames to the house.

Coronavirus is spreading across the world and has been detected in the US. The department has begun in house preparations. There is a meeting scheduled with ESDHD tomorrow and a Department Head meeting scheduled at the EOC on Monday.

**Assistant Chief's Report** – Assistant Chief Heffernan reported that the Fire Marshal's office continues to be busy. Deputy Chief Stackpole will work on plan review. There has been an extensive amount of time working with the BOE on emergency procedures. There are numerous enforcement issues going through the court system at this time.

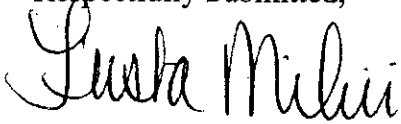
**Old Business** – none

**New Business** – Request from MP Rice to attend the St. Patrick's Day parade. Motion made by commissioner LaCroix to approve the request. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Commissioner Massey to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trista Milici".

Trista Milici  
Clerk

**SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATES**

*EFFECTIVE January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020*

**2019 Rate Schedule**

**Branford Fire Department**

**AMBULANCE SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE**

Basic Life Support (BLS) Rate.....	\$758.00
Advance Life Support Level 1 Non-ER.....	N/A
Advance Life Support Level 1 ER.....	\$1,199.00
Advance Life Support Level 2.....	\$1,269.00
Paramedic Intercept.....	\$852.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Helicopter Assist.....	\$496.00
Advance Life Support (ALS) Helicopter Assist.....	\$771.00
Advance Life Support (ALS) Assessment.....	\$445.00
Specialty Care Transport (SCT).....	\$1,647.00

**ANCILLARY CHARGES**

Waiting Time Charge.....	\$201.00
Per Mileage Charge.....	\$18.43
Special Attendant Charge.....	\$150.00

**INVALID COACH RATE SCHEDULE**

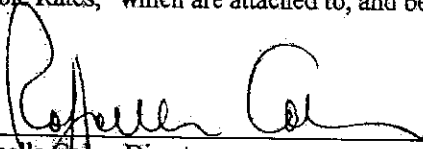
Base Rate (IC).....	N/A
Two Patients (IC).....	N/A

**ANCILLARY CHARGES**

Per Mile Charge (IC).....	N/A
Second Attendant Charge (IC).....	N/A
Waiting Time Charge (IC).....	N/A

All charges must be in conformance with the definitions on the subsequent pages entitled "Explanatory Notes on the Implementation of the 2016 Schedule of Maximum Allowable Rates," which are attached to, and become part of, the Rate Schedule.

Certified to be the maximum allowable rates by:

  
Raffaella Coler, Director  
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Date Certified: December 20, 2019