

City of Biddeford
Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee
October 18, 2022 10:00 AM Central Fire Station

Status: Fire Department Conference Room; 10:00 in person & Zoom

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Minutes**
 - 4.1. Minutes from March 10, 2022
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- 5. Fire Alarm Reports**
- 6. Chief's Informational**
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Other Business**
- 10. Adjourn**



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Present: Chairman Roger Cantara, Rick Laverriere, Charles Drapeau, Kenneth Pendleton, Chief Gagne, Deputy Chief Duross and Office Manager Kathy Boyden.

Excused: Roger Hutubise, Assistant Chief Dexter

1. Called to Order on March 10th at 10:07 am.
2. Roll Call
3. Fire Alarm – Placed on File
4. Minutes of October 19th, 2021 meeting – Motion to accept minutes by Mr. Laverriere, seconded by Mr. Drapeau. Vote: Unanimous

Chief's Informational – The Chief talked about various things happening in the department. He stated that since October, there have been 16 new full time hires. Ten of the new hires are now on shift and the other 6 are going through a 9 – 10 week training.

A new engine has been ordered and should be arriving sometime in December.

There have been 4 people promoted to the new EMS Lt. position.

The new radios will be up and running soon, they prove to be very clear from many different parts of the City that we have tested.

There has been new uniforms ordered and are now being worn. Everyone is wearing red polo's as the daily shirt.

The Chief stated that he went to his first budget meeting this past week and our budget for next year has very little change.

The Call Force is now at full staff.

Deputy Chief Duross stated that Assistant Chief Dexter has been working hard with the "Rookie School". The new recruits are getting a lot of training in and the 10 new employees who went on shift in December are getting evaluations done every day that they work.

He also stated that the truck committee that specked out the new fire truck did a very good job on this project.

All of our EMS units now have a Dodge chassis and PL Custom box.

The upstairs dorm renovation is now complete.

The back office that was once the Call Force Chief's office has been turned into the Captain's office and it also their living quarters and has a bed in it for them.

He mentioned that he would like to bring the Committee around for a tour to see the new dorm rooms at the end of the meeting.

He stated that Covid is weaning but we are still very careful and continue to wear PPE for our protection.

5. Old Business – None
6. New Business – None
7. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Laverriere and seconded by Mr. Drapeau at 11:23 am. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted by:
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