



**City of Biddeford**  
**Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee**

December 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM  
Central Fire Station

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Fire Alarm Reports
6. Chief's Informational
7. New Business
8. Old Business
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn



# Biddeford Fire Department

*Emergency Services*

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Present: Kenneth Pendleton, Rick Laverriere, Chief Best, Assistant Chief Dexter and Office Manager Kathy Boyden.

Excused: Deputy Chief Thorpe

Absent: Stephanie Walsh

1. Called to Order on September 12, 2024 at 10:00 am.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes of June 13, 2024 meeting
5. Fire Alarm Reports for June, July & August 2024, placed on file.
6. Chief's Informational – The Chief started out by stating that Mr. Drapeau resigned from the committee as of 8/30/24 and that Kyle Scully will be appointed at the next Council meeting the evening of 9/17/24.

At the October 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, it has been requested that 1 member of the Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee appear monthly to give the Council an update of what is happening with our Committee.

As of 8/31/24, the Fire Department has responded to 3644 calls.

We had 3 new recruits start with the City on 9/10/24, which currently leaves 6 vacancies within the department. Captain Peter Anton retired in July and a promotional process was held prior to his leaving. In July, we had several employees that were promoted. Andrew Stevenson was promoted from Lt. to Captain, Benjamin Brown and Breeanna Ross were promoted to Lt's and Robert Cousins and Christopher Aberle were promoted to Acting Lt's.

We recently also had 6 of our Firefighters graduate from the United Paramedic Program and 1 just started the Paramedic Program. We had 3 Basic EMT's become AEMT's and 2 more finishing up this fall. The 3 newest hires will go through the AEMT Program within their first year here.

The CIP that has been approved for the FY25 budget will cover the following: Defibs for the Ambulances as well as City buildings that need new ones, Tech Rescue Equipment, TIC's, HVAC Cleaning for Central Station and the replacement of Service 4.

We do have an ambulance and Engine on order from the beginning of the year. The estimated time to expect delivery from when it was ordered is 3 years for an ambulance and 40 – 42 months for an Engine.

Other things that we continue to focus on are:

- The policy committee continues to review & update policies
- The Chief continues to meet with Saco and go over joint policies
- Eastern Fire Station talks are still in process. The Committee is looking into 16 Old Pool Rd and hoping to be able to have a couple of acres from that.
- We are doing joint trainings with Saco
- We will be doing our regional live fire training at Yarmouth Burn Building with various departments. We are holding our ACLS Classes right now and some may be attending different Instructor Training Classes and Fire Officer Classes.
- We have received an EMS grant which will be used as sustainability for EMS
- The Dodge Durango will be used as a rapid response vehicle.
- Deputy Thorpe's vehicle, a Chevy Tahoe is now being used.
- Federal OSHA changes are coming up; updates haven't been made since the 80's.
- The next Committee meeting will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business – Mr. Laverriere asked about an open house. There was a discussion regarding that in hopes of holding one next year.

Asst. Chief Dexter thanked the Committee members for supporting us.

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kathy S. Boyden