



City of Biddeford
Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee

March 18, 2025 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
 - 4.a December 12, 2024 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, Kevin Locke, Kyle Scully, Chief Best, Deputy Chief Thorpe and Office Manager Boyden.

Excused: Assistant Chief Dexter

Absent: Stephanie Walsh

1. Called to Order on December 12, 2024 at 10:00 am.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes of June 13 & September 12, 2024 meeting motion to approve made by Mr. Pendleton, seconded by DC Thorpe.
5. Fire Alarm Reports for September, October & November 2024, placed on file.
6. Chief's Informational – The Chief spoke about strategic planning that he, Asst. Chief Dexter and Deputy Chief Thorpe have been meeting regularly regarding the department for the upcoming year.
 - Personnel – The department has hired 10 in the past year. There are currently 2 conditional offers that we are waiting on.
 - Call Force – Chief Michael Gobeil retired on 12/11/24 after 35 years of service. There are currently 14 of 25 positions filled.
 - Budget & current CIP
 - Under CIP – we have replaced outdated defibrillators throughout the city
 - The HVAC system at the FD has been cleaned
 - Tech Rescue Equipment is in process of being updated
 - We are looking at TIC's and hope to go out to bid shortly
 - We ordered an ambulance in January of 2024. It is currently about a 26 month turn around before we receive it.
 - A fire engine pumper is on order, that is currently a 36 – 40 month turn around.
 - We are looking to do a replacement for Service 4.
 - FY26 CIP Budget
 - Replacement of tower truck – if ordered it is estimated to cost about \$2.3 million with an approximate delivery date of 4 years.
 - Removal of trees on the side of the station.
 - Purchase approximately 15 tactical vests.
 - Standpipe Hose Packs.
 - Replacement of 1964 Marine Unit 202
 - Replacement of windows for central station, done in 3 phases over 3 years.
 - Eastern Fire Substation.

- Purchase of another ambulance.
- Conex boxes for use as props and a training facility.
- Renovation of first floor bathrooms.
- Rescue Air Bag replacement.

Mr. Laverriere asked about purchasing a boat with Saco, but it never seems to happen. A discussion took place.

Mr. Locke asked about the substation going out to vote and what the likelihood would be. A discussion regarding this subject took place.

Mr. Scully asked what firegrounds are used for fire training. It was stated that Hollis and Yarmouth are used and that there is new regional fire training monthly in Yarmouth. The new Alfred Training Facility will offer live fire training.

- The chief stated that SOP's continue to be reviewed with BFD & SFD.
- We continue to be active in the community, people seem to be very appreciative of this.
- Training – We have been doing joint training with Saco and have a lot of various in house trainings.
- Equipment and vehicles
 - Medic 16 was purchased with grant money to help support EMS Calls.
 - We are working on specs for updating fire gear.
 - We are looking to establish a joint tech rescue team with Saco & Kennebunk.
 - Support 206 is out of service. BSOOB is currently looking for a replacement.
- Deputy Chief Thorpe thanked the members for being on this Committee.
- 7. Old Business – None
- 8. New Business – None
- 9. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 11:22 by Mr. Laverriere, seconded by Mr. Pendleton

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kathy S. Boyden