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**The Board of Fire Commissioners
Portsmouth Fire Department**

Fire Station 2
George Pierce Training Room
July 12, 2022

Portsmouth, NH
1800 hours

I. Call to Order:

Chairwoman Matthes called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.

II. Pledge of Allegiance with Attendance:

Chairwoman Matthes led the pledge of allegiance.

Present were Commissioners: Jennifer Matthes and Richard Gamester; Fire Chief Todd Germain, Assistant Fire Chief William McQuillen, Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Howe and Administrative Manager Tracy Freeman.

Commissioner Hughes not available due to work obligation.

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion, to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022, was made by Commissioner Gamester. Motion was seconded by Chairwoman Matthes and passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment Session: None.

V. Recognition of Groups or Individuals: None.

VI. Reports:

A. Fire Chief's Reports:

Commissioner Gamester motioned to discuss Chief's reports 22-052 through 22-055. Motion was seconded by Chairwoman Matthes.

Chief Germain reviewed reports with the Commission.

Report (052), 2022 Response Report for June 2022. The report shows the department responding to a total of 441 calls for the month: 144 Fire Calls and 303 Ambulance Calls. Total year to date shows the department responding to 2343 calls: 656 fire and related service calls and 1687 ambulance service calls. Chief Germain reported on some incidents of interest that occurred during the month along with the safety message regarding swimming and pool safety. Report (053), Fire and EMS Call Summary Report, shows the department responded to 144 fire calls for the month of June. EMS activity was 303 with the top three responses being for syncope/fainting, weakness and psychiatric/behavioral problems. There were 5 calls for drug overdose/abuse and 74 non-transports. Continue to see an uptick in mental health related calls. Report (054), FY22 Budget, Chief Germain reviewed the budget which is wrapping up with a few outstanding June expenses. Budget shows an estimated surplus of \$25K at this time. Report (055), Overtime Analysis, provided a

breakdown of how overtime was used in the month of June along with a summary of what was charged to OT-Recall for the month.

Motion, to accept Chief's Reports 22-052 through 22-055, was made by Commissioner Gamester. Motion was seconded by Chairwoman Matthes and passed unanimously.

B. Staff Reports:

Assistant Chief reported on training and operations happening within the department. Driver Operator training for pump and aerial are now complete with 9 firefighters participating. Meetings with facilities continue and some projects are now on the schedule to be done. With the indoor/outdoor pools, it takes up a lot of their time during this time of year. Hiring process is on-going. Three conditional offers made last month. One accepted and has completed the hiring process and is expected to start the 18th of July. The other two offers were declined for reasons of pay and another found a job elsewhere. Two additional offers made this past week and are going through the background and physical process so we are hopeful to have them on board next month. Shift training on EMS continues with focus on bleeding control and active shooter response. Working with PPD with our current active shooter plans to include equipment and communication capabilities.

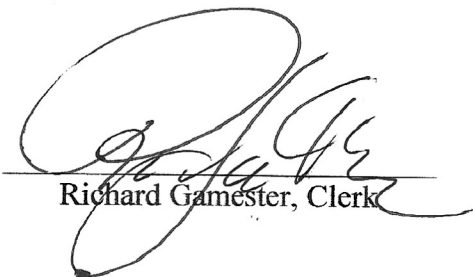
Deputy Chief Howe reported on Prevention and the many construction projects happening within the City. Some noted were: 212 Woodbury Ave, Lonza expansion and 140 West Road the 2-story, 35,000 sq. ft. members only facility which will include golf simulators, indoor putting green, car racing simulators, flying simulators, axe throwing, game/arcade room, restaurant and bar needing approval by planning board still. Rooming house inspections are being completed as well this month.

VII. Old Business: None.

IX. New Business: None.

X. Adjournment:

Motion, to adjourn at 1830 hours, was made by Commissioner Gamester. Motion was seconded by Chairwoman Matthes and passed unanimously.


Richard Gamester, Clerk