



Operations Chief Report

Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

May 21st, 2020

April 15th: I had organized a meeting with BC Gould and Captain Bloski along with the 3 hazmat leaders from each shift...Lieutenants Kaliher, Foss and Tumolo. The purpose of this meeting was to set in motion a Hazmat Leadership team or group that would focus on all hazmat related issues or concerns of the team. Such as equipment needs, communication flow, need for team rules or policies and help create a stronger ownership feel for the members of the team. We plan to meet monthly and I will tag along for the first few months then I will bring in the other two BC's and separate myself unless called upon by the team leaders. The meeting was well received and had a positive impact on the members.

April 29th: I set up a meeting with the departments Chiefs, excluding Chief Gorski, to start the preliminary build of the FY21 budget request and project managers associated cost requirements. At the meeting, all requests for new items and ongoing project needs were gathered and discussed amongst the Chiefs to streamline what the essentials are for next year's budget and what we could live without. All budget request forms were reviewed, and we ended the meeting with a pretty good idea of direction to take with the request. Additionally, having all the Chiefs in one room made the decision-making process easier and probably more effective in the long run.

May 4th: I held our monthly Command Staff meeting for our department. The meeting was relatively short, but we did cover topics from personnel status to new safety equipment. This meeting only consists of Chiefs and Captains and is one of the few meetings held at Admin during our limited access plan of outside individuals entering Admin.

May 11th: Captain Bloski addressed DC Bounds and me with the most recent draft of the SAFER-6 grant proposal. Mike has been doing an excellent job of writing these grants and we appreciate meeting as a team to review, give input and address the language used in the grant's request.

May 12th -19th: During these days, several telecommunication meetings took place regarding topics of the new CAD server, closest unit response and Hexagon software for CAD.

Of course, COVID-19 is still keeping us busy and, on our toes, daily, but our personnel are still the safest and best-informed firefighters out there.