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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

BOROUGH CHIEF JOSEPH SPERANZA CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM, WITH A SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A RECITAL OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WERE, ENGINE COMPANY 1, CAPTAIN JOHN TRIPICCHIO ON BEHALF OF ASST. CHIEF CHRISTOPHER DI BELLA, TOWER COMPANY 2 ASST. CHIEF ANTHONY DIVINCENT, ENGINE COMPANY 3, ASST. CHIEF JOSEPH LONGO, ENGINE COMPANY 4, ASST. CHIEF PETER VAN DER VELDE, AND RESCUE COMPANY 5, CAPTAIN JOSEPH PAGNOZZI ON BEHALF OF ASST. CHIEF BRIAN WARNER

**MINUTES**

THE DEPARTMENTS BILLS WERE READ AS FOLLOWS:

**BILLS:**

NO BILLS TO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- LETTER FROM FF KENNETH SILVESTRI REQUESTING A 2-MONTH PERSONAL LOA EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1 TO APRIL 1, 2017.
- LETTER FROM FF NICK MAYBEN NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2017.
- LETTER FROM FF DAVID MORGAN NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2017.
- DOCTORS NOTE FROM VALLEY HOSPITAL MEDICAL GROUP NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT THAT EX-ASST. CHIEF JOHN ARTURI WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL JANUARY 25 - 30 2017 AND CAN RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017.

MOTIONS WERE MADE BY, ASST. CHIEF LONGO AND A SECOND FROM ASST. CHIEF VAN DER VELDE, TO ACCEPT ALL THE ABOVE COMMUNICATIONS.

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### COMPANY REPORTS:

#### ENGINE COMPANY #1

CAPTAIN TRIPICCHIO ON BEHALF OF ASST. CHIEF DIBELLA REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017, COMPANY #1 RESPONDED TO: 21 BOX ALARMS, 3 STILL ALARM(S), 1 RADIO ALARM(S), 0 STANDBY(S), AND HELD ONE 1 DRILL(S), FOR A TOTAL OF 26 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 1 TRAINING(S).

ENGINE 1 IS IN COMMUNICATION WITH CUMMINS AND FIRE SAFETY WITH REGARD TO THE ANTIFREEZE ISSUE. SUBMITTING A BILL FROM TANIS FOR NEW SLEDGE HAMMER.

RECEIVED LETTERS OF RESIGNATION FROM NICK MAYBEN AND DAVID MORGAN. ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF COMPANY 1, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK NICK AND DAVID FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AND WISH THEM WELL. THIS OFFICER IS ALSO SUBMITTING A COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON BEHALF OF AVIAN DORTA. CONGRATULATIONS AVIAN AND WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT. FF'S MALANDRINO AND KENNEDY REMAIN OUT ON MEDIAL LOA.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

#### TOWER COMPANY #2

ASST. CHIEF DIVINCENT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017, COMPANY #2 RESPONDED TO: 20 BOX ALARMS, 0 STILL ALARM(S), 1 MUTUAL AID RESPONSE(S), 0 CHIEF'S CALL(S), 0 RADIO ALARMS, 0 STANDBY(S), AND HELD 4 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 25 ALARMS IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S).

THE FRONT HUB SEALS ON BOTH FRONT WHEELS WERE REPAIRED BY FAIR LAWN DPW. THE MECHANIC ALSO NOTICED THE REAR DIFFERENTIAL OIL FILTER HAD A HOLE IN IT AND WAS REPAIRED AS WELL.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

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### ENGINE COMPANY #3

ASST. CHIEF JOSEPH LONGO REPORTED THAT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017, COMPANY #3 RESPONDED TO: 20 BOX ALARMS, 0 RADIO ALARM(S), 1 STILL ALARM(S), (0) MUTUAL AID RESPONSE(S), 0 STANDBYS, AND 2 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 23 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S).

FF KENNETH SILVESTRI HAS SUBMITTED HIS LETTER FOR A TWO MONTH LOA FROM FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 1, 2017. FF BRICE WALDER HAS STARTED FF1 AT THE PCFA.

ENGINE 3 IS WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM EES (SEAGRAVE) TO BE SCHEDULED FOR SERVICE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. SEAGRAVE SAID IT MAY TAKE A WEEK OR MORE TO FIX THE PROBLEM.

ENGINE CO. 3 WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHIEF JENNINGS OF THE GLEN ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR DONATING EXHAUST FANS TO THE HAWTHORNE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THANK ASST. CHIEF VAN DER VELDE OF ENGINE CO. 4 FOR GIVING ONE OF THE FANS TO ENGINE CO. 3, WHICH HAS BEEN PUT IN SERVICE.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

### ENGINE COMPANY #4

ASST. CHIEF PETER VAN DER VELDE, REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017, COMPANY #4 RESPONDED TO: 20 BOX ALARMS, 0 STILL ALARM(S), 4 MUTUAL AID RESPONSE(S), 1 RADIO ALARM(S), 1 DRILL(S), 0 STANDBY(S), FOR A TOTAL OF 26 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S).

ENGINE 4 HAS A BAD ON-BOARD CHARGER WHICH HAS BEEN ORDERED BY FAIR LAWN DPW. ALSO, WE HAD SIX BATTERIES REPLACED THAT WERE OVERCHARGED DUE TO THE ON-BOARD CHARGER BEING BAD. WE RECEIVED TWO ELECTRIC FANS FROM GLEN ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT; ONE WAS GIVEN TO ENGINE 4 AND THE OTHER FAN WAS GIVEN TO ENGINE 3. BOTH FANS ARE IN GREAT SHAPE AND ON THE ENGINES SINCE THREE WEEKS AGO. ALL BATTERIES WERE PURCHASED FROM TANIS HARDWARE AND THE YEARLY SCBA BATTERIES WERE CHANGED IN ALL PACKS AND VOICE AMPLIFIERS. ENGINE 4 DID TWO STANDBYS' LAST MONTH, ONE FOR GLEN ROCK'S INSTALLATION DINNER AND FOR FAIR LAWN'S INSTALLATION DINNER.

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I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY CONFUSION FOR THE TRAINING CENTER CLEAN-UP LAST SUNDAY, I ASSUMED THE E-DISPATCH WENT OUT TO ALL THE MEMBERS. IT WAS AN OVERSIGHT ON MY PART TO NOTIFY MY MEMBERS, THIS IS WHY CO. 4 HAD A POOR SHOWING.

ENGINE 4 WILL BE DOING THEIR OWN MASK FIT-TESTING THIS MONTH AT OUR COMPANY MEETING. RESULTS WILL BE COPIED AND FORWARDED TO THE CHIEF FOR RECORDS AND HARD COPIES WILL REMAIN ON FILE AT ENGINE 4 QUARTERS.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

### RESCUE COMPANY #5

CAPTAIN PAGNOZZI ON BEHALF OF ASST. CHIEF WARNER REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017 COMPANY #5 RESPONDED TO: 26 BOX ALARM(S), 0 STILL ALARM(S), 0 RADIO ALARM(S), 0 STANDBY(S), 2 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 28 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S).

RESCUE AND THE BOAT ARE IN PROPER WORKING ORDER. REQUESTING THAT FOUR MEMBERS GO TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ICE RESCUE CLASS AT THE COST OF \$100.00 PER PERSON.

PLEASE REMOVE FRANK STRUNK FROM THE STATE RELIEF ROLES.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

### BOROUGH CHIEF SPERANZA'S REPORT:

THE DEPARTMENTS SPONSORED SNOW TUBING EVENT WAS HELD LAST EVENING WITH 57 ATTENDEES WHO ALL HAD A GOOD TIME FROM WHAT I COULD SEE. I WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE THIS OUTING AGAIN IN 2018 AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO CAME THIS YEAR.

WITH THE 2017 INSTALLATION DINNER COMPLETED, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOROUGH, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN MAKING THIS YEAR A LITTLE MORE SPECIAL THAN OUR PREVIOUS YEARS BY GIVING US SOME EXTRA FUNDS TO WORK WITH.

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IN THE EFFORT TO CONTROL EXPENSES FOR THE 2018 DINNER, WE WILL BE SENDING OUT INVITATIONS TO OUR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS WITH RESPONSE CARDS. THIS WILL ASSIST US IN CONTROLLING THE HEADCOUNTS AND ANTICIPATING EXPENSES. MEMBERS IN PAST HAVE CONFIRMED FOR ONE AND SHOWED UP WITH TWO, OTHERS HAVE CONFIRMED AND NOT SHOWED UP, OR MEMBERS HAVE DECLINED AND SHOWED UP.

AFTER RECEIVING A CONCERN ON THE HAWTHORNE DAY LIVE BURN, REGARDING MEMBERS WITHOUT GEAR, I HAVE REVIEWED THE VIDEO FOOTAGE NUMEROUS TIME AND HAVE FOUND NO ISSUE FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN. ALL MEMBERS ACTED WITH SAFELY AND WITH PROPER PPE AND EQUIPMENT.

WEATHER PERMITTING, A DEPARTMENT DRILL WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH TIME TBD. POSSIBLY LOOKING AT A RESCUE DRILL.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 DEPARTMENT DRILL, TIMING AND DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED ONCE FINALIZED.

### COMMITTEES:

### COMMUNICATION DIVISION:

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION REPORTED THAT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION RESPONDED TO: 0 ALARMS, 22 RADIO ALARM(S), 0 STILL ALARM(S), 0 STANDBYS, AND 3 DRILL(S) FOR A TOTAL OF 25 ALARMS. IN ADDITION, HELD 0 TRAINING(S) AND 4 MEETINGS.

THERE IS ONE BAD RADIO ON UNIT 57.

WITH THE ABOVE NOTED EXCEPTIONS, ALL EQUIPMENT AND MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

### FIRE PREVENTION:

CHIEF SPERANZA: RECENTLY THE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO THE MCBRIDE PROPERTY FOR A FIRE WHICH WAS FOUND SUSPICIOUS. I ADVISE ALL TO BE CAREFUL AND USE CAUTION WHEN WORKING AT THIS PROPERTY.

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### LADIES AUXILIARY:

ELLA SNYDER: FEBRUARY 19TH, WILL THE LADIES AUXILIARY BE A PART OF THIS DRILL?

CHIEF SPERANZA: YES, WE WOULD LIKE THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO ATTEND AS WELL.

ELLA SNYDER: OUR ANNUAL FISH AND CHIPS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 WHICH WILL BE HOSTED AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. TICKETS WILL BE DISPERSED TO THE ASST. CHIEF'S AT THE NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING INSTEAD OF US GOING TO EACH INDIVIDUAL FIRE HOUSE. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DO YOU BEST TO HELP SELL AS MANY TICKETS AS POSSIBLE.

CHIEF SPERANZA: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS AND HELP IN ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT ON OUR RECENT CALLS. THE DEPARTMENT TRULY VALUES ALL THAT YOU DO.

### JUNIOR FF'S (EXPLORER PROGRAM):

ASST. CHIEF LONGO: MANY HAVE APPROACHED ME ABOUT WHEN WE WILL BE RE-LAUNCHING THE JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTERS PROGRAM; CURRENTLY WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM THE BOROUGH ON OUR PAPERWORK SO THAT WE ARE OFFICIAL. ONCE THE DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN VERIFIED WE WILL REACH OUT TO OUR ASST. CHIEF'S, CAPTAINS AND INSTRUCTORS, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM. FROM THERE WE WILL DECIDE FOR A MEETING AND SCHEDULE THE PROGRAM FROM THERE. UNTIL THIS TIME, ALL JUNIORS ARE EXPECTED TO REPORT TO THEIR FIRE HOUSES, OBSERVE AND FOLLOW THE RULES. IF ANYONE IS UNCLEAR OF THE RULES YOU CAN ASK MYSELF OR THE CHIEF'S AND CAPTAINS AT YOUR RESPECTIVE HOUSE.

IN SCHOOL PROGRAM: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

HAWTHORNE DAY: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

### ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

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### TRAINING CENTER:

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND HELPED ON SUNDAY. IT REALLY MADE A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE.

OUR BAILOUT SYSTEM HAS BEEN APPROVED AND WE WILL BE MOVING FORWARD WITH GETTING THAT SETUP. I WILL BE MEETING WITH AAA TO SEE WHAT OUR NEXT STEPS TO GET THE PROCESS GOING ARE.

CURRENTLY THE 3RD FLOOR IS LOCKED DUE TO ONGOING REPAIRS.

IN FUTURE, WE WILL BE TALKING WITH YANKEE PROPANE TO DISCUSS HOW WE WILL BE SETTING UP OUR LIVE BURN AREA(S).

I'M IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO GET A SCHOOL BUS DONATED TO US FOR USE AT THE SITE. WE INVITE THE HAWTHORNE AMBULANCE CORP. TO BE A PART OF THIS SIMULATED DRILL SCENE.

WE JUST PICKED UP ANOTHER NEW CAR IN WHICH WE WILL EXCHANGE OUT FOR THE CURRENT ONE THAT IS BURNED OUT.

AS I MOVE FORWARD IN PROGRESS, I WILL UPDATE YOU WITH LISTS OF WHAT IS NEEDED AND WHAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

CHIEF SPERANZA: IF NEEDED, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF IN FUTURE WE NEED TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER WORK DETAIL.

SAFETY OFFICERS: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

EXEMPT/ RELIEF:

WEBSITE: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

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### OLD BUSINESS:

#### COMPANY 1:

CAPTAIN TRIPICCHIO: THE SAFETY OFFICERS, WE CURRENT ONLY HAVE TWO, WILL WE BE APPOINTING MORE?

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE WILL BE 'RE-INVENTING' SAFETY OFFICERS PROGRAM IN THE COMING MONTHS AND AS MEMBERS STEP FORWARD WITH INTEREST. ONCE WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR FINANCE STANDINGS WE WILL BEGIN WORKING ON THIS PROGRAM AGAIN.

COMPANY 2: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 3: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 4: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 5: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

CHIEF'S REPORT: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### OATH OF OFFICE:

AVIAN DORTA WAS SWORN IN TO SERVICE BY CHIEF JOSEPH SPERANZA.

CHIEF SPERANZA: WELCOME TO THE HAWTHORNE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU ABOARD.

COMPANY 1: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

#### COMPANY 2:

ASST. CHIEF DIVINCENT: IN EARLY APRIL, MOST LIKELY THE FIRST WEEK, WE WILL BE ATTENDING THE PIERCE FACTORY TOUR. THE TRUCK COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE OFFICERS AND EX-ASST. CHIEF'S.

COMPANY 3: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 4: NO REPORT THIS TIME.

COMPANY 5: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

#### CHIEF'S REPORT:

IF WE DO NOT HEAR A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE BOROUGH BY MARCH, WE WILL BE BRINGING IT TO THE COUNCIL TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW APPARATUS'. OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS OUR APPARATUS' HAVE INCURRED NUMEROUS EXPENSES IN REPAIRS AND IT IS NOW NECESSARY AND COST EFFECTIVE TO BEGIN REPLACING AS NEEDED.



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### GOOD & WELFARE:

COMPANY 1: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

COMPANY 2: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

COMPANY 3: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

COMPANY 4: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

COMPANY 5: ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE GOOD AND IN WORKING ORDER.

### CHIEF'S REPORT:

AN EMAIL WAS RECEIVED TODAY FROM MR. FOX NOTIFYING US THAT OUR FUND DRIVE INCOME HAS DECREASED SLIGHTLY FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. WE WILL BE LOOKING INTO CAMPAIGNING TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT WE ARE STILL HERE.

**CHIEF SPERANZA TEMPORARILY CLOSED THE FIRE BOARD SESSION AND OPENED THE MEETING TO PUBLIC.**

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: THIS PAST INSTALLATION'S FOOD IS THE BEST IT HAS BEEN. ON ANOTHER NOTE, THE PROGRAM FOR THE DINNER, I WAS A LITTLE UPSET THAT EVERYONE'S NAME WAS NOT IN THE BOOKLET. ALSO, THE PERCENTAGES AND NAMES BEING DISPLAYED WERE UNFAIR DUE TO MEMBERS ON LOA, ETC. THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE CREDIT(S) THEREFORE IT BEING AN UNFAIR REPRESENTATION. THE COMMITTEE DINNER FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY, IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE. THIS BEING BECAUSE WE HAVE NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AND YOU CANNOT DO FOR ONE AND NOT FOR OTHERS.

CHIEF SPERANZA: I WILL UPDATE CLERK FLOWERS ON THE PROGRAM AND PAST PROCEDURES.

EX-ASST. CHIEF DEGROOT: EVERYONE IN THE COMMITTEE WAS NOTIFIED AND ACCEPTED THE INVITATION, FOR THE EXCEPTION OF YOU. THE WHOLE COMMITTEE APPRECIATES WHAT THE BOROUGH DID FOR US. IT WAS A 4.5-YEAR COMMITTEE AND THE GESTURE WAS MUCH APPRECIATED.

CHIEF SPERANZA: IT WAS SOMETHING THE BOARD AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR HARD WORK. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BE DOING ALL THE TIME. POSSIBLY AGAIN AT OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY, HOWEVER, I DO UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS.

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EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: THE CONCERN FOR HAWTHORNE DAY LIVE BURN, IT WASN'T THE LIVE BURN THAT WAS THE ISSUE, IT WAS THE FIREWORKS AFTER THAT WERE OF CONCERN.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: ALSO, I HAVE AN ISSUE WITH SOMEONE WHO IS ON THE BOARD WHO HAS SAID DEROGATORY THINGS ABOUT MEMBERS, MYSELF INCLUDED, REGARDING QUESTIONS BROUGHT UP AT FIRE BOARD.

CHIEF SPERANZA: I ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO ASK QUESTIONS AT FIRE BOARD. WHO IS THIS INDIVIDUAL?

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: I AM NOT GOING TO NAME THEM. AS A 23-YEAR MEMBER AND PAST ASST. CHIEF, I BELIEVE I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO COME HERE AND ASK QUESTIONS AND EXPRESS CONCERNS WHEN FELT NECESSARY. I FIND IT VERY DISRESPECTFUL.

CHIEF SPERANZA: IF YOU CAN CONFIRM WITH ME WHO IT IS THAN I CAN DEAL WITH IT HEAD ON.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: DECLINED TO NAME THE INDIVIDUAL.

CHIEF SPERANZA: I WILL BRING UP AND DISCUSS WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: REGARDING GEORGES COMMENT, HE IS CORRECT, HE DID CONTACT ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO JOIN THE DINNER. I ADVISED HIM THAT I WOULD BE A HYPOCRITE IF I WENT AND WOULD RECEIVE CROSSFIRE.

EX-CHIEF TAMBURRO: ALSO, IF WE WOULD SCHEDULE AN AUDIT FOR THE 3RD OR 4TH MONDAY IN FEBRUARY.

CHIEF SPERANZA: I WILL HAVE CLERK FLOWERS REACH OUT TO YOU AND MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: I UNDERSTAND WE DID NOT HAVE SAFETY OFFICERS IN 2016, HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SAFETY OFFICERS PROGRAM SOON. I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT FINANCES BEING AN ISSUE?

CHIEF SPERANZA: FINANCES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SAFETY OFFICERS PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT FINANCES ARE A PRIORITY AT THE MOMENT AND THEN WE WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH REVITALIZING THE PROGRAM.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING MEMBERS WHO MISS THEIR FIRE TRUCKS AND TAKE 58 TO SCENE.

CHIEF SPERANZA: IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET THE VEHICLE OUT AND IN USE, FOR THE RIGHT OCCASIONS. THE VEHICLE SITTING AT HEADQUARTERS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT USE IS NOT GOOD.

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EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: LIGHTS AND SIRENS AFTER THE FACT AND DURING UNNECESSARY CALLS IS AN ISSUE AS WELL.

CHIEF SPERANZA: WE WILL ENSURE THAT THE VEHICLE IS USED WHEN IT IS ESSENTIAL.

CHIEF SPERANZA: AS FOR THE SAFETY OFFICERS, THAT IS INCORRECT, THERE WERE TWO OFFICERS IN 2016. THE SAFETY COMMITTEE IS IMPORTANT AND WE WILL BE GETTING BACK TO IT. WE CURRENTLY HAVE APPROXIMATELY 20 OFFICERS WHO ARE TRAINED IN SAFETY.

EX-ASST. CHIEF ARTURI: THERE SHOULD BE A LINE DRAWN ON HOW SAFETY OFFICERS PERFORM ON SCENE. I, IN PAST, HAD EXPRESSED MY INTEREST IN BEING A SAFETY OFFICER AND WAS TOLD I HAD TO WAIT UNTIL THE INTERVIEWING PROCESS?

CHIEF SPERANZA: THAT IS CORRECT. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT WE APPOINT THE RIGHT INDIVIDUALS FOR THE JOB WHO WILL STAY COMMITTED AND HELP THE PROGRAM PROGRESS IN A POSITIVE AND SAFE MANNER.

**CHIEF SPERANZA CLOSED THE FIRE BOARD SESSION TO THE PUBLIC AND REOPENED TO BOARD.**

**CHIEF SPERANZA CLOSED THE FIRE BOARD SESSION TO THE PUBLIC.**

A MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT WAS MADE CAPTAIN TRIPICCHIO AND SECONDED BY ASST. CHIEF LONGO.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
**LINDSAY FLOWERS**  
BOARD SECRETARY