

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
144 NEWTON STREET
South Hadley, Ma 01075

Minutes February 21, 2023

Location: Fire District Headquarters, 144 Newton Street

Call to Order 4:30 pm Bruce Perron.
The meeting was recorded.

Minutes

Minutes approved for the following meetings

September 14, 2022 Motion by John second by Ken, unanimous.

October 26, 2022 Motion by John second by Ken, unanimous.

November 28, 2022 Motion by John second by Ken, unanimous.

January 24, 2023 Motion by John second by Ken, unanimous.

Chiefs Report

January 2023

Fire: 38

EMS: 196

As of February 21, 2023

Fire: 78

EMS: 328

Inspections January 2023

Business: 13

Smoke / CO: 3

Lock Boxes: 1

Oil Burners: 10

As of February 20, 2023

Business: 5

Smoke / CO: 6

Lock Boxes: 2

Oil Burners: 3

Incidents:

February 4 – Responded to smoke from a house, boiler fire.

February 5 – Responded to smoke in the house, sofa fire.

February 9 – Responded (Car 1 Tower 3), to 126 East St in District 2 for a working fire

February 14 – Responded to 100 Abby Street assisted South Hadley PD and
Massachusetts State Police

February 15 – Responded to the High School (District 2 also responded) for an active threat, deemed a swatting incident

A training tabletop exercise was held with District 1, District 2, South Hadley PD and Mt Holyoke College Public Safety for an active threat scenario, facilitated by FF/Medic Eric Stratton.

Ambulance Report

January 2023 collected \$68,230.11.

14 intercepts with District 2, 1 with Granby

Clerk / Treasurer's Report

Breshnan Insurance believes there will be a discount on insurance

All Nominations have been submitted to Town Clerk for signature verification

Working on budget and other administrative work

Chiefs Position

Strong Chief / Weak Chief

Amhurst Fire Chief feels strong chief is best and has spoken with Chair on this.

Tabled

Cell Tower Information

Marshall Foote

Sites are being reviewed

Satellite service for cell towers

Proposal of \$2,100.00 will go to \$1,800.00

The water tower is a very favorable site

Question – because of 5G are more towers required

Backpack sites / small cell, phone towers (10 foot towers) are coming into more use

Jeff Cyr information

- Possible upgrade this spring

- Industrial Drive site has been updated

- Reduction of \$8,000 per month, there is a 60 day window for approval of decrease or to stay

- End of March/April for final decision

- Marshall works with Verizon

Mass Law – 5 – 5 year contracts

January 1, 2024 \$3,200 increase

5:40 pm went into Executive Session for contract discussion.

6:12 pm out of Executive Session

Budget Discussion

Began review of budget.

Motion to extend the meeting past 7:00 pm

By John second by Ken, Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth F. Beliveau, Clerk