

**Public Safety Commission**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**April 16, 2012**  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.**  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robert Santangelo called the meeting to order at **7:02 p.m.**

**a) Items added to "Other Matters"**

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Robert Santangelo  
Commissioner Hope Kasper  
Commissioner Thomas Serra  
Commissioner Debbie Kleckowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Phil Pessina

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Deputy Chief Robert Kronenberger  
Bill Oliver

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chairman Santangelo moved to approve March 19, 2012 minutes. All voted in favor.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE – none**

**6. MONTHLY REPORT**

- 346 total calls for the month. 4 Fire calls. Up 1% from the same month previous year.
- 35 service calls to Wesleyan University
- Alarms –31 service calls to Wesleyan
- FMO- 3 Wesleyan Inspections
- Total calls down 10% from last year (last year the January and February storms drove up the call volume)
- The two new firefighters in the academy are in week 8. They are past the half way mark. The Fire Department received results on their performance at the half way point and both are doing great. One recruit was even named Platoon Leader for his entire recruit class.
- All marine units are now in the water and we are equipped to respond if anything should happen on the water. We have started covering MHS crew team on the water.
- South Fire District no longer has an engine at CVS. MFD responded 26 times to South District calls in 2011, 17 responses in total in 2010. MFD was previously concerned about availability for mutual aid. MFD feels mutual aid will no longer be an issue because SFD no longer has an engine at CVH.

Councilman Serra was concerned about call backs for firefighters not living in Middletown area. Call back radius (miles) is in policy. Councilman Serra was very concerned about hiring outside of the radius in the future. At this time the radius is 15 miles. The call back radius comes into play when the Fire Department needs additional personnel. If there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm Fire, however, the call back radius does not come into play. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm would require that all personnel return to work.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Computer issues at MFD – The issues MFD has with computers are very minor at this time. Three of the MDTs have been installed and three more MDTs will be installed shortly. The web mapping was very helpful when going out of district. IT and Police Department installed the MDTs. Ricky Batts (IT for Police Dept.) has been extremely helpful. Chairman Santangelo was very pleased to hear that MPD helped out.
- b) Telephone upgrades – Bill Oliver stated that there was a meeting scheduled with Mayor and finance personnel the following day to work out the language for bond council. The intention would then be to move forward with the proposal for next Council Meeting. The entire project will be placed out for an RFP. The estimated dollar amount is expected to be \$600K for the city wide phone system upgrade.
- c) Headquarters Generator - MFD is still working with Honeywell. We believe the issue will be resolved shortly. The price has significantly decreased. Honeywell may even absorb the cost of correcting the make-up air problem.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**9. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee**

April 2, 2012 Telecommunications meeting was cancelled. No quorum.

**10. OTHER MATTERS –**

**11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Santangelo moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kasper moved the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jody Krupa  
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON May 21, 2012 & June 18, 2012**