PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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**Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** Feb 4, 2025

**Time of Meeting:**  3:00 PM

**Location:** Turners Falls Fire Department

226 Millers Falls Road

Turners Falls, MA 01376

**Present at meeting:**

Leon Ambo, Prudential Committee Chair

David Zamojski, Prudential Committee

Eric Meals, Prudential Committee

Todd Brunelle, Fire Chief

Eduard Bublik, District Accountant

**Prudential Committee Meeting:**

Jan Minutes meeting minutes have been accepted

**Accountants Report**

**Budget Balance as of Jan 31, 2025**

**General Gov’t** - $293,769 or 29% Remaining

**Fire Dept**. - $760,084 or 50% Remaining

**Ambulance** - $92,949 or 33.6% Remaining

**Jan Coastal Billings Collections**$27.5K

**Fire Chiefs Report January 2025**

1. **Total Runs** =165

Fire = 68

EMS = 97

Transports TFFD = 39

Other EMS agency = 35

Refusal of transport =19

Other = 4

1. **Fire prevention**

Fees collected $1048.89

7– Inspections / enforcement/ compliance interactions.

1. **EMS** - QCI/QCA of approximately 97 Patient Care Report with 39 of those being TFFD transports that in turn were submitted to Coastal Medical for appropriate billing.

In process of working with Unipay and Coastal Medical Billing on establishing an online payment system for the Fire District to create another avenue for bill collection.

Working with Community 911 on upcoming training and also QCI/QCA training.

4. **Child Passenger Safety Seat program:**

* A total of 10 car seat installations and inspections occurred throughout **January** with an additional 2 communications explaining Massachusetts laws regarding child passenger safety seats.
* Held a Car Seat Check Event on 01/10/25 in coordination with Montague Police and Baystate Health. With 8 total families arriving for the event a totals of 12 car seats were checked and also registered for required continuing education for recertification. The event was well received by those who attended and requested more in the future.
* **5. Public Information –** Interacted with now over 4,202 Facebook Page followers as well as 800 Instagram followers with multiple posts and shares of happenings within Turners Falls Fire. Our social media has reached an estimated 52.8K people over the month of January. The top post reached 7.4K people.
* 30 new followers joined over the month of January.

**7.** **IT**- Utilizing our current TFFD webpage and networking a webhook, the new Open Burning permitting page for online permitting for residents was activated.

* Added a new time-based script on webhook that only allows residents to apply for permits during appropriate times, therefore aiming to eliminate some possibilities for residents to end up with after-hours burning.

**8**. **Training –** Members completed CPR/AED training and State ethics CBT (computer based training)

**9.** **Safety-** 1 New MSA 5 gas meter put into service.

New IOD documentation/investigation procedure has been put in practice.

This was a very mentally stressful month for our department as a whole. There have been multiple high acuity and mentally stressful incidents. I want to make sure all members find positive stress outlets and seek any additional resources available that they feel they may need. Capt. Currie will speak to each Captain individually and have them check in on their firefighters to make sure everyone is doing well.

**Other discussion**

**Articles For FY2026**

**Staffing Expansion** – The Chief has proposed adding four additional personnel, enhancing our ability to respond to more ambulance calls. This increase in staffing will not only boost revenue but also reduce the need for callbacks on both ambulance and fire operations.

**Chief’s Vehicle** – A new truck is proposed to ensure the Chief has vehicle with secure storage for contaminated gear, keeping hazardous materials separate.

**Oxygen Refill Station Upgrade** – The current oxygen refill station is aging and in need of replacement. The Chief is currently looking into grants for this purchase.

**Electrical Dropdowns for Vehicle Batteries** – Installing electrical dropdowns to provide power to vehicle batteries when not in use.

**New Fire Engine Acquisition** –Our current fire engines are aging, investing in a new fire engine is essential to maintaining reliable emergency response and decrease maintenance costs.

Next meeting will be scheduled for March 6th, 2025 3PM.

**Agenda for next meeting**

**1) Call to Order**

**2) Approval of last District meeting minutes**

**3) Old Business**

**4) Department report – Fire/Accounting**

**5) New Business**

**6) Adjournment**

**F. Meeting Adjourned at: 3:48 PM**

**G. Meeting Minutes submitted by:** Eduard Bublik, District Accountant