

HAZARDVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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A Special Workshop of the Consolidation Committee was held on Wednesday February 1, 2023 at the Hazardville fire station.

Those present were Chairperson Richard Tkacz, President Peter G. Burk, Vice President Guy Beck, Clerk Margaret Goyette, Facilities Mark Zarcaro, Commissioner Peter Burk, Fire Chief Jack Flanagan, Deputy Chief Jamie Hurley, and Deputy Chief Ed Prajzner. Also present was members of the Hazardville department and the Shaker Pines department.

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was to discuss the proposed Organization Chart and get input from the members of both departments. We currently have two Charts and the Committee was looking for a consensus from the departments on their thoughts.

The Hazardville station works 24-hour days, for a 56-hour work week.

Shaker Pines station works 12-hour days, for a 60-hour work week. The proposal would be for Hazardville to have 12 members working 42 hours per week and Shaker Pines having 6 members working 42 hours per week.

Members would be available to work at either station. Hazardville is currently offering a fourth position on the truck to part-timers. Each shift will have a Captain and Lieutenant.

The discussion was opened up to questions from the members. The first question was the status of Volunteers, would they be eliminated in the future.

The Commissioners stated that they appreciate the Volunteers, but they must participate in the training, follow any rules set up by the new district and assist in getting more Volunteers.

The On-Call vs Part Time Positions – If a call comes in, then the Volunteers should respond even if they are not scheduled to work that part time shift.

Weekend Shifts are not on the Organization Chart – The were not on this Chart because we are not able to fill the positions currently. Can we have more than four members on a shift? The answer is yes.

If a Volunteer can not do a 24 hour shift at Hazardville, we may be able to break that into 4 hour shifts for part timers.

In the Consolidation groups is a Volunteer group that we are looking for volunteers to join, and assist in getting new volunteers and retaining the ones we have. Suggestions were to allocate a budget for this and maybe do some recruiting at the schools. There are plans to continue the Cadets program at both stations.

The Committee stressed that the purpose of the Consolidation is for an increase in the level of service.

Cross training would allow members to work at either station. The current training together has been working well.

A final Organization Chart has to be approved by the Committee in order to move forward with the other items on the plan.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2023 at the Hazardville station.

The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Guyette
Clerk