

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County
New Jersey**

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
WORK MEETING OF April 10, 2020**

The conference call meeting (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) was called to order at 5:04 p.m. on 1-646-307-1479, pass 950181 by Chairman Wickman, followed by the salute to the flag and reading of the Sunshine Law Statement. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing a notice to the Home News Tribune and the Courier News and by filing a notice with the Clerk of Franklin Township and by posting a notice in the Municipal Building, DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ, all of which contain information concerning hours and places of these meetings.

Commissioners Wickman, Goldberg, Janho, Hibbard and Shimalla were present.

Old Business:

- Initial COVID-19 evaluations by Kaladas sent to Dominic by Jay – sent to board – should be good to go – to be reviewed by Jim and Rich
- Clothing allowance Dec 1 to May 8, 2020 – same. Starting May 9, 2020 - \$12.00 per call.

New Business:

- District Continuity Planning - Progress
- Jason reported nothing has changed as far as purchasing – procedure must be followed
- SOG update – COVID-19 – transmission, signs and symptoms discussed. If a member has signs and symptoms they must self-quarantine. Response addendum –
 - member must use I am responding.
 - N95 or surgical masks will be reused – store in paper bags – not plastic to allow to dry out. They were given out to each department by Chris Ryan.
 - Todd Brown created email groups for 56 and 26. 44 and 28 already had member groups – so the district can email blast all members.
 - Updates will be sent to the commissioners
- Generic cards to be ordered for use by board members
- Countywide coverage (mutual aid, standbys, etc. – will be worked out through SOG committee and Somerset County Chiefs.
- County Hazmat team- seeking volunteers to work the testing site – letter from Bill Cullen asking for volunteers to help out- 26 is an adjunct arm of the Somerset County Hazmat Team – anything we do will be funded by County—they have their own resources
- Discussion on allowing our members to go out of district – all dispatching is in county's hands. Any equipment we use will be replaced. Concern if we pull our members out of district and have an issue in town – one company in district is not making any decisions on what to do – an interagency agreement was signed.
- Commissioner Janho reported that we received a letter from Absolute - it was sent to Dominic to be handled during Executive session after attorney review.
- SOG update can be mailed out to commissioners and membership.
- Commissioner Shimalla asked about no contact thermometers go to chiefs and the SOG committee.

No Executive session tonight

Commissioner Wickman made a motion to open the meeting to the public second by Commissioner Shimalla. All in favor.

No comments by public.

Commissioner Goldberg made a motion to close the meeting to the public, second by Commissioner Wickman. All in favor.

Commissioner Shimalla made a motion to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Wickman. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho
Clerk