

BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT - TRAINING DIVISION

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MONTHLY TRAINING REPORT

August 2020

Training for the month of August continued to be interrupted by the Covid-19 virus. With some of the isolation efforts lifted, some hands on training was able to be delivered during the month of August.

Preparation for the upcoming Fire Officer 1 class being held in September was completed and course dates confirmed by CFA. This national certification class will be starting on 9/9 with enrollment from New Britain, Willimantic, Suffield, Norwalk, Newtown, New Haven, Stamford and 8 members from Bristol Fire. This class is the second part of the assistance to firefighters grant that Bristol Fire was awarded. New recruit training was the main focus of the month due to the Connecticut Fire Academy decision to postpone the start of the recruit firefighter class 66. During the 2 weeks recruits J. Terrier and A. Bentivengo completed training on blood borne pathogens, Incident command system, radio procedures, water supply, SCBA drill, PPE donning and doffing, station maintenance and truck inspections. The recruits also has a mandatory fitness assessments per Connecticut Fire Academy that were completed with assistance from Lt. J. Dufour and Chief M. Flynn.

This month was also very busy with apparatus pump testing and ladder testing being conducted. Personnel were able to compete basic ground ladder training as the ladders finished their annual testing. Various ground ladder sizes, 24, 28, 35 foot and roof ladder carries and throws were practiced.

New personal protective gear came in during the month for members that were fitted 4 months ago. These new sets of PPE are continuing the gear replacement program started in 2015. All personnel now have two sets of complainant bunker gear for use. I completed two online training webinars during the month on the topics of Calling the Mayday and Ethanol Emergency response.

I responded to 5 incidents during the month as safety officer.

Please be safe, wash your hands and practice appropriate safety measures while we successfully deal with Covid-19.

Seminars/Meetings/Classes

- Webinar on Calling the mayday procedure, 8/4
- Assistance to firefighters grant meeting, town hall 8/7
- Webinar on Ethanol emergencies and response, 8/18
- CFA pre-attendance recruit overview webex seminar
- Munis and Firehouse software updates

Vehicle report

- 15.5 gallons fuel

Respectfully submitted,

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