

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION**

January 12, 2012

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset on January 12, 2012 from 7:30pm to 8:45 pm. Director of Fire Prevention John Hauss called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

**ATTENDANCE**

<u>   </u> Rozalyn Sherman	<u>   </u> Brian Levin	Township Council
<u>   </u> Donna Vieiro		Twp. Manager
<u>   </u> Brian Farrar	<u>   </u> Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u>  X</u> John Hauss	<u>  X</u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u>   </u> Jim Wickman	<u>  X</u> Don Bell	Fire District No. 1
<u>  X</u> William Kleiber	<u>  X</u> Henry Lasch	Fire District No. 2
<u>  X</u> Tom Canales	<u>   </u> John Ritterson	Fire District No. 3
<u>  X</u> Patti Shennard	<u>  X</u> Dennis Shennard	Fire District No. 4
<u>  X</u> Vince Inzano	<u>  X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

**MINUTES** – November and December meetings were canceled due to a lack of quorum.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Letter from Fire District # 2 attorney, Richard Braslow regarding preemptive devices for traffic signals. John reported that the Township does try to require preemptive devices for new traffic signals, but prefers the siren activated model because then all emergency providers will have access to the device. With the Opticom system only vehicles equipped with the device will have the advantage of the preemptive signal.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT** – The October, November and December 2011 activity and FAAR reports were reviewed.

John reported the Department had inspected all the 2011 Life Hazard Uses as required by the State Fire Code and is compiling the data for the Annual State Report.

John reported that he is working on the 2012 budget. All Departments have been asked to reduce their budget by 10 percent from last year. John also reported that he will be requesting the replacement of three vehicles due to the age and condition of the current vehicles.

John reported on a proposal to require fire sprinklers in 1 & 2 family dwellings. The bill has passed Assembly and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

**TRUST FUND** – \$10,602.59

Andrew Berardo requested the Board consider purchasing an additional thermal imaging camera. Everyone felt this was a good idea and requested Andrew get prices for next meeting. The Board also discussed the need for carbon monoxide detectors for the inspectors.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS –***

County Communications – December 13, 2011 from Franklin Park Fire Company for a mis-dispatch on a mutual aid call into North Brunswick – County acknowledged an error was made.

December 13, 2011 from Millstone Valley Fire Company – correction to dispatching for overturned motor vehicles and extrication calls – CAD system was updated to reflect change in dispatching.

***NEW BUSINESS –***

The 2012 Board calendar was proposed and adopted.

Discussion on attendance at meetings. A number of Board members indicated that they had had some issues the last few months and will make a better attempt and making the meetings.

***ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –*** None.

***PUBLIC SESSION*** - In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act the meeting was open for comments from the public. No comments.

***NEXT MEETING:*** Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM  
Main Conference Room  
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director, Fire Prevention Department