BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Monthly Meeting

Commissioner's Present: Tim Reynolds, John Cotter Absent: Craig Mansfield
Guests Present: Todd Gelston, Brian Auld

1. **Called to order** at 5:02 pm by Tim Reynolds and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**:
   a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting on 09/01/26 as presented, made by John Cotter, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bill Approvals:
   a. Bills to be paid were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the invoices as presented and discussed by John Cotter, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget Recap:
   a. John Cotter provided a budget recap, noting the department's to-date spending. To date for the 2026-27 budget year started with $754,185and to date we have spent $177,574.38, leaving us a remaining amount of $576,610.62. This is 23.5% of the total budget.

5. Old Business:
   a. Overtime Report – We have spent about 50% of budget. Most of the overtime comes from end of day EMS calls. Commissioners will continue to monitor. Need to coordinate with EMS at shift change.

6. Selectman's Report:
   b. Road paving 7 roads now and hope to be done by end of the month.
   c. Police continue to do enforcement, and the eight electronic speed signs are up.
   d. Firehouse committee met and will be coming back to Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.
   e. Revaluation process to run for next year with onsite visits.

7. Visitors Participation:
   a. None

8. Reports:
   a. Medical Division Report: Covered under Chief's report
   b. Career Staff Report: No report
   c. Marine Division Report: No report.
   d. Fire Marshal's Report: No report

e. Fire Police Division Report: No report.
f. Junior Division Report: No report
g. Recruitment Division Report: No report
h. Public Relations Report: No report
i. Special Events Report: No report
j. Fire Chief's Report: See below

9. Building & Equipment Reports:
a. Building Report: See Chief's Report
b. Fire Equipment and Maintenance Report: See Chief's Report
c. Radio Equipment Report: None

10. Correspondence:
a. None

11. New Business:
a. None

12. Adjournment:
a. Motion to adjourn at 5:21 pm made by John Cotter, second by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Craig Mansfield
Secretary
10//29/2026

REPORTS

Medical Division Report: No report submitted
- Covered under Chief's report.

Career Staff Report: No report submitted
- Busy during the day.

Marine Division Report: No report submitted
- No Report

Fire Marshal Report: No report submitted.
- No Report

Fire Police Division Report: No report submitted.
- Continue to grow that division.

Junior Division Report: No Report Submitted

- Continuing to grow and allow growth of the department as they grow within the department.

Recruitment Division Report: No report submitted
- Three new members interviewed.

Public Relations Report: No report submitted
- Ongoing articles in the local paper

Special Events Report: No report submitted.
- Covered under Chief's report

Chiefs Report: Submitted by Brian Auld.

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOFC OCTOBER 6, 2026

CALLS FOR THE MONTH

ONE	CARBON MONOXIDE EMERGENCY
TWO	SMOKE INVESTIGATIONS
THREE	GOOD INTENT SERVICE CALLS
THREE	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
THIRTEEN	FIRE ALARMS
EIGHTEEN	POWER LINE EMERGENCIES
THIRTY-ONE	R-1 MEDICAL

71 TOTAL CALLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026
VERSUS – 55 CALLS IN SEPTEMBER 2025 – UP 16 CALLS TO LAST YEAR

3RD QUARTER POINTS HAVE BEEN POSTED

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

LT Michelle Walker with	127 calls
Engineer Rob Kolek with	130 calls
Captain Botting with	165 calls
And tied with 210 calls,	Engineer Laddy-Locks and Engineer Solovei

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PERSONNEL –

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**
  - Engineer Laddy-Locks and Probationary Firefighter McQuarrie in passing their written test for EMT

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION –

- **THREE CANDIDATES ARE IN THE PROCESS**
  - 1 Junior and 2 Fire Police

TRAINING

- **NEXT DRILL IS THE WALK THRU OF THE LADY KATHERINE AT EAGLE LANDING IN HADDAM**
  - Tuesday, October 13th
  - Meet at Co # 1 at 18:30

EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

- **FIRE PREVENTION**
  - Friday, October 9th at 9:30am at the elementary school, in uniform shirt and pants

- **PROJECT SAFE HALLOWEEN**
  - October 31st at the MOC

- **KIDS NIGHT ON THE GREEN**
  - Friday, December 4th 5:30pm – 8:00pm

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

- **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**
  - All complete

- **BRUSH TRUCK UPDATE**
  - is still in progress

- **SQUAD COMMITTEE**
  - In the works with change orders in progress

- **NEW RANGER TRAILER**
  - Is still in progress

BUILDING

- **NEW CO # 2**
  - The committee has had to regroup as the proposal failed by the Board of Finance
  - I met with Todd and Craig – I stated we will not accept cutting anything from the original plan or changing the location

- **COMPANY # 3 PARKING LOT**
  - Is at a stand still according to Newt

MEDICAL DIVISION

- **UNIVERSAL R-1 INTAKE FORM**
  - are complete and in all apparatus

FROM Me:

- **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RESPONDED**
  - to the 23 calls that were dispatched over the weekend of the Nor'easter
  - Nice turnout with 20 volunteer personnel who walked through the doors at different times throughout the weekend.
  - Thank you to Capt. Kolek for donating the sandwiches on Saturday night

- **FLAGS**
  - Will be retired from placement around town on November 14th
  - Christmas wreaths will then be installed

- **KEY FOBS FOR COLCHESTER**
  - In progress with Craig and Cpt Kyle Mosig