

Apparatus Committee Meeting
June 20, 2017
Station 1

7:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Tobin, Miller, Byrnes, and Murphy; Chief Patrick Champagne, 1AC Ken Graves, Lt. Rich Craver, SO Franz LaVigne, FF Chuck Fannucci, Judy Bayer and Bill Adams.

The meeting was presided by Commissioner Tobin at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Tobin commented that there will be a new format to apparatus committee meetings which will have a combined group to include Commissioners and Chief selected members with emphasis on what we need, cost and how it will be financed. Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Commissioner Tobin further commented that we need to decide the following regarding replacing R373: any wasted space, reduce size and go through the cabinets to get an idea of what we need to carry. Chief passed out a sheet outlining what the committee should be considering when looking at replacement options. Commissioner Tobin commented that the committee needs to be watchful of needs vs. wants and decide on what serves our purposes and criteria, and not get carried away; because in the end, we will be buying what we need.

Comments from the Apparatus Committee:

- We don't need set ups for 8 patients as we presently have.
- Packing and storage should be considered
- Consider specialty rescue
- EMS items can always be sent to the scene later
- Consider switching from hydraulic to battery powered equipment to create space
- Consider new designs since the R-373 was built in 1991
- Add water storage option to the rescue truck
- All suggestions will be considered

Apparatus Committee members exited the room and moved to the bay to check out the compartments and cab on R-373 at 7:46 p.m.

Review of Compartments: needs and suggestions

Compartment 10:

- 2 back boards
- 1 stoke
- 2 fans but smaller and more efficient (similar to what is in the ETAs)
- Delete air reel/compressor and replace with a system that can run our air bags would be more efficient.
- Consider roof compressors as an option to save space
- Akron edge roller necessary?

Compartment 9:

- Keep cribbing, rams, and compartment drawers A-H
- Keep most of the tools
- Eliminate hydraulic lines

Compartment 8:

- 4 rip bags
- Keep a total of 35 O2 bottles (no necessarily in this compartment)
- Consolidate FAST team items to one compartment

Compartment 7:

- 3-4 air bottles
- Organize the items in this compartment
- Consider slide trays since the compartments will be deeper.

Compartment 6:

- Keep shovels and brooms

Interior Walk In Area:

- Eliminate walk-in option
- Move poles and tarps to another compartment
- Have a super long cabinet in the middle to store ladders

Compartment 5:

- Keep shovels, pails, and other tools
- Consider slide out trays
- Consolidate tools with other tools in other compartments

Compartment 4:

- Keep everything
- Have visuals to show where items go back on the shelves and in what position
- Eliminate cases to gain space

Compartment 3:

- Have 35 air bottles total – not just in this compartment

Compartment 2:

- Keep small pump, JAWS
- Consider having one side “old school” and the other side “new school”

Compartment 1:

- Eliminate some of the air and electrical lines

Non-Compartment discussion items:

- CAB – 8 man, relocate tools (irons and fire extinguishers) to outside cabinets.
- Tower – yes but if not, consider manual lifts for LED lights
- Height – not as tall as current R373, probably at least 15’ or same height as the Engines.
- Color – white over red or gray over red
- Body - Have LED markers instead of halogen bulb lighting.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

- Going to all LED Truck will allow a buffer zone to add more equipment
- Need a big alternator and research size of generator needed to run new equipment
- Currently have a big electrical draw because of a lot of lighting is halogen based but switching to LED will draw less power.
- Get list of equipment that needs power and their amp draw.
- Ask local fire departments with newer rescue trucks for their blue prints.
- Meet with local fire departments to pick their brains for recommendations or to avoid any mistakes.
- Schedule a field trip to check out local fire departments newer rescue trucks.
- Relocate winch to back or side of truck and possible get another smaller size.
- Keep plywood drawer.
- Chassis – prefer Spartan but is open to others

Meeting ended at 8:43 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, July 18th 7:30 pm Station 1

Respectfully submitted,

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