

November 25, 2021 JOHSC Meeting Summary

Dashboard

- Corporate team is looking into the exposure limits to ethylene oxide that is a component of the rapid testing kits. CFD H&S is also looking into it.
- Discussion around the interoperability between AHS and CFD and delays in ERE information being received by CFD Crews.
 - The nature of call taking and caller interrogation often does not reveal the potential danger on scene until quite later into the call, which means it is often not added to the notes until CFD is on scene (or nearly).

Covid

- Recent Covid outbreak has been looked into.
- Department Members, like the general population, are suffering from Covid fatigue.
- ESM has changed cleaning policy for Covid exposures without communicating with Facility Management.
 - Cleaning policy amendments are currently underway by ESM
 - If corporate direction is to go to something that could be better done by crews, members might be engaged rather than using GDI personnel.

Terms of Reference

- Currently been working on by Jon, Local 255 Executive, and H&S.

Chainsaw Chain Breaking

- Chain saw chains are going to be replaced by a carbide chain as they are stronger, can cut through different materials, and far less likely to snap.
- Current chains are considered a consumable and therefore are not tracked in the M5 system. This may change with the new carbide chain, but is dependant on the cost.
- Training is currently updating Chain Saw Training Manual with new the new Carbide chain information.
- Safety Matters will be coming to remind members to check chain tension on chainsaws during daily/weekly checks. Ensuring chain tension is set properly prior

to running the saw will hopefully reduce the possibility of chain snapping while members are checking them.

Radio Assignments

- Secondary Apparatus Radio assignments are currently being worked out.
- Aquatic Rescue 6 will be getting an additional 3 portable radios November 25/26, 2021.
- ADC Cowan has approached the Battalion Chiefs about removing the 5th radio from Engines and redistributed to secondary apparatus.
- The information entered into the CAD system for radio/device assignments is currently not used anywhere other than the MDT.
- Dispatch uses the Motorola information from the radio and where it is assigned in Dispatch's system. That is why we need to contact dispatch with radio information when getting new portable radios.
- Radio information is currently being updated at dispatch for cross staffed apparatus. I.e: A8 radios will come up as Aerial/Bush Buggy 8 Lt. & Aerial/Bush Buggy 8 Driver.
- If EAB is activated, this will hopefully help to avoid confusion. Working towards portable radios assigned to each apparatus rather than sharing.

Boat Tracking (Ability for Dispatch and Officers to see where boats are at when on the water)

- Solution being implemented but will be left on the agenda as "Deferred" until the spring when the installation and training is completed.

Station #14 Reno/Living Conditions

- Department is no longer pursuing partial occupancy as it will delay completion considerably.
- Contractor is hoping to have renovation completed by the end of January.
- Near miss reported for flooring issues at temporary structure being looked into currently.

Anti-Fog for Safety Glasses

- Wipes have been tested in the 3 stations (2,6,12) Honeywell anti-fog wipes have performed best thus far.

- These results will be passed along to ADC Cowan.

Speaker System for driver in new Engines

- Going to look into why the backup alarm is being picked up by that speaker system and broadcast very loudly in cab.
- DB level will be tested by H&S
- Amandeep is going to ensure the system is performing as intended.

Headsets in Apparatus

Headset trial completed sometime ago.

Current budget has not allowed these to be purchased/installed on apparatus.

YYC Tank Farm

- Company is currently being engaged to ensure they have a proper emergency response plan in place.
 - Dialling 911 can not be a company's response plan. We will respond, but they need to have a response plan in place that helps direct crews as to where they need our help.
- Airport sits on Federal land that has been leased to YYC. Other than crash rescue **everything** else at the airport is under CFD Jurisdiction.
- Pre Plans that used to exist for the entire city were removed a number of years ago as it can prove negligence on the FD's behalf if they are not being used.
 - CoC saw some potential liability with CFD having/maintaining them, so they made the decision to stop making/maintaining them.
- Item being removed from agenda.

Apparatus Collisions

- #1 civilian statement during investigations is that people do not see us.
 - Chief Uzeloc is looking at getting a pin wheel light on the front of new apparatus and retrofitting lights onto current apparatus to improve visibility.
- Amandeep also mentioned a "Howler" to help improve public awareness of our apparatus.
 - A Howler is a speaker/siren that is essentially performs like a sub woofer shaking the ground/vehicles in proximity to it.

****As always, please take the time to enter safety concerns, including near misses, into the SDMS system on CFD Net under Health and Safety.****