

Cumberland Fire Committee

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AGENDA

CUMBERLAND TOWN HALL
EVERETT "MOE" BONNER, JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
45 BROAD STREET, CUMBERLAND, RHODE ISLAND 02864

TUESDAY, July 27, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of Minutes from 6.22.2021 Meeting
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve – Chief's Report – May 2021
7. PUBLIC INPUT
8. ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: July 22, 2021
RI SOS Website
Cumberland Town Hall (45 Broad St)
Cumberland Fire Department HG (3502 Mendon Road)

*Robert
Archambault
District 1*

*Timothy E. Hogan
District 2*

*Cynthia M.
Ouellette
District 3*

*Philip C.
Koutsogiane
District 4*

*Vincent M. Picone
District 5*

*Dana L Jones
At-Large*

*Paul W. Santoro
At-Large*

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cumberland Fire District is to provide exceptional public safety services in a safe, compassionate, cost effective and professional manner.

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**PROPOSED MINUTES
OF THE MEETING
OF THE
CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT**

June 22, 2021

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Cumberland Fire District is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Cumberland Fire District Monthly meeting

Time: Jun 22, 2021, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Join Zoom Meeting with a computer or laptop by clicking on the link below

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Go to the below website and follow the instructions.

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Meeting ID: 829 5439 3338

Passcode: 401302

OR

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Ouellette.

Present were Commissioners Archambault, Hogan, Koutsogiane, Picone, and Jones. Commissioner Santoro would join the Meeting a few minutes later.

Also present were Chief Nicholas Anderson, Finance Director Steven Greenhalgh and Solicitor Sinapi.

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2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

47 **3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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49 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

50 A. Approval of Minutes from the May 25, 2021 Meeting.

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52 Motion to accept the Minutes from the May 25, 2021 Meeting was made
53 by Commissioner Hogan; seconded by Commissioner Archambault. No
54 discussion. Vote was taken; passes 6-0.

55 B. Approval of Minutes from the June 1, 2021 Meeting.

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57 Motion to accept the Minutes from the June 1, 2021 Meeting was made
58 by Commissioner Picone; seconded by Commissioner Archambault. No
59 discussion. Vote was taken; passes 6-0

60 C. Approval of Minutes from the June 4, 2021 Meeting.

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62 Motion to accept the Minutes from the June 4, 2021 Meeting was made
63 by Commissioner Hogan; seconded by Commissioner Koutsogiane. Not
64 discussion. Vote was taken; passes 6-0.
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66 **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

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68 No communications.

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70 **6. NEW BUSINESS**

71 A. Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve - Chief's
72 Report – May 2021.

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74 Chief Nicholas Anderson presents his Report to the Meeting.

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76 Motion to approve the Chief's Report for May 2021 was made by
77 Commissioner Jones; seconded by Commissioner Hogan. No further
78 discussion. Vote was taken; passes 6-0. Commissioner Santoro joins
79 the Meeting.

80 B. Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve- Finance
81 Director's Report – May 2021.

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83 Finance Director Greenhalgh presents his report to the meeting. He
mentioned that taxes were approximately 99% collected at the end of

84 May. Discussion ensues regarding collection to date and whether a
85 surplus is expected. Further discussion ensues regarding the surplus.

86 Motion to accept the May 2021 Finance Director's Report was made by
87 Commissioner Koutsogiane; seconded by Commissioner Santoro. No
88 further discussion. Vote was taken; passes 7-0.

89 C. Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve - FC-R-2021-
90 06 to authorize Chairperson Cynthia Ouellette to enter into a contract
91 with a qualified certified public accountant or certified public accounting
92 firm to perform the annual audit for the Cumberland Fire District for
93 Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, with two additional options for
94 Fiscal Years June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

95 Chairperson Ouellette reads the Resolution.

96 Motion to accept FC-R-2021-06 was made by Commissioner
97 Archambault; seconded by Commissioner Santoro. Commissioner
98 Hogan asks a question regarding the bidding process. Finance
99 Director Greenhalgh responded. Discussion ensues.

100 Vote was taken; approval of FC-R-2021-06 passes 7-0.

101 D. Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve – FC-R-2021-
102 07 to authorize Chief Nicholas Anderson to enter into a Purchase and
103 Sales Agreement for a new vehicle for the Fire Prevention Inspector.

104 Chairperson Ouellette reads the Resolution. Finance Director
105 Greenhalgh mentioned that there is a typo in the Resolution that
106 should be corrected to “a Chevy Equinox 2022”.

107 Motion to amend FC-R-2021-07 is made by Commissioner Santoro to
108 correct the typo to read “a Chevy Equinox 2022”; seconded by
109 Commissioner Jones. No further discussion. Vote was taken;
110 passes 7-0.

111 Motion to accept amended FC-R-2021-07 is made by Commissioner
112 Santoro; seconded by Commissioner Hogan. Commissioner
113 Koutsogiane asks a question regarding a damaged vehicle. Chief
114 Anderson responded. Discussion ensues. Vote was taken; passes
115 7-0.

116 E. Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to approve - FC-R-2021-
117 08 authorizing Chief Nicholas Anderson to retire Engine 1; a 2004
118 Pierce Enforcer, and to proceed with the best options for disposal.

119 Chairperson Ouellette reads the Resolution.

120 Motion to accept FC-R-2021-08 was made by Commissioner Picone;
121 seconded by Commissioner Archambault. Discussion ensues
122 regarding possible retention of items from the vehicle. Further
123 discussion ensues. Vote was taken; passes 7-0.

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125 F. Discussion, consideration, and possible vote to move the Cumberland
126 Fire Committee Meetings to in person.

127 Motion is made for discussion by Commissioner Santoro; seconded by
128 Commissioner Hogan. Discussion ensues. Motion to amend was
129 made by Commissioner Koutsogiane for discussion, consideration, and
130 possible vote to move the Cumberland Fire District Committee
131 Meetings to in person subject to further investigation and information
132 provided by the Solicitor as to whether we have the authority pursuant
133 to the State of Rhode Island and Department of Health to move to in
134 person; seconded by Commissioner Archambault. Vote was taken to
135 amend; passes 7-0. Motion was made by Commissioner Archambault;
136 seconded by Commissioner Santoro to vote on amended Motion. No
137 further discussion. Vote was taken; passes 7-0.

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139 **7. PUBLIC INPUT**

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141 Michael Stetkiewicz who lives at #4 Abbott Run Valley Road thanked
142 Commissioner Koutsogiane for thinking of people who may not be able to attend
143 meetings in person.

144 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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146 Motion to adjourn the Meeting is made by Commissioner Santoro;
147 seconded by Commissioner Hogan. No discussion.
148 Vote was taken; passes 7-0.
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Chief's Report for July 2021

Board of Commissioners
Cumberland Fire District
July 27, 2021

Commissioners,

The Cumberland Fire Department responded to 466 calls for service for month of June. This is up 72 calls from the month of May. Included in this incident count, was a four-alarm fire at 33 Gould St on June 30th. Upon arrival, firefighters had an unoccupied heavily involved building fire. A second-alarm was struck immediately and a third-alarm was requested upon arrival of the Platoon Captain. Soon into the incident, a 4th alarm was struck by Deputy Chief Feather due to weather conditions. Firefighters were forced out of the building due to heavy fire throughout the structure. Temperatures that day were a high of 92 degrees. 100% humidity, and a feel like temperatures well over a 100 degrees. Firefighters were ordered to only use one air bottle and report to rehab to be monitored by Cumberland EMS. One firefighter was transported to the hospital after the fire for heat exhaustion. All personnel on scene should be commended for working under such conditions. Thank you, Cumberland EMS and Police, mutual-aid partners and the local neighbors for assisting us during this incident.

Capt. Anderson recently attended his second residency for his Bachelor of Science in Fire, Arson, and Explosion Investigation at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky for nine days. The residency consisted of electrical systems and appliance failure analysis and burning appliances with live electrical loads to learn how to distinguish mechanical, electrical, or fire damage on wiring. Procedures in laboratory evidence examination, use of portable x-ray devices, processing a live fire scene, interviewing witnesses, collecting and preservation of physical evidence, documentation of a post-explosion scene, and procedures for making entry into a contaminated environments for investigations was also performed. The program ended with a vehicle fire which resulted in a mock criminal investigation. As part of the requirements for program completion, a graded mock deposition and subsequent expert testimony in a real courtroom was held. Captain Anderson had to testify as an expert scientific witness on the stand with actual attorneys and presided by the district court judge at the Madison County Courthouse. He was graded an A for his testimony by both the judge and his professors.

On July 23rd at approximately 2:45 pm, we received a call for a possible hazardous materials leak in the area of 1700 Highland Corporate Drive. An initial assessment was made by CFD finding approximately 2000 gallons of hydrogen peroxide was lost due to a crack in the container. A hazardous materials response was requested bringing in the Woonsocket Regional Hazmat Team, the North Providence Decon Unit, and the RI DEM. Once the teams were assembled, the incident was mitigated within twenty minutes. Clean Harbors and RI DEM remained on scene with private contractors. Thank you to the Providence Canteen and Cumberland EMS for incident support.

These are just some of the many activities and incidents have been involved since we have last met. If you would further information, please contact me and I will be happy to explain further.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Anderson

Cumberland Fire Dept.

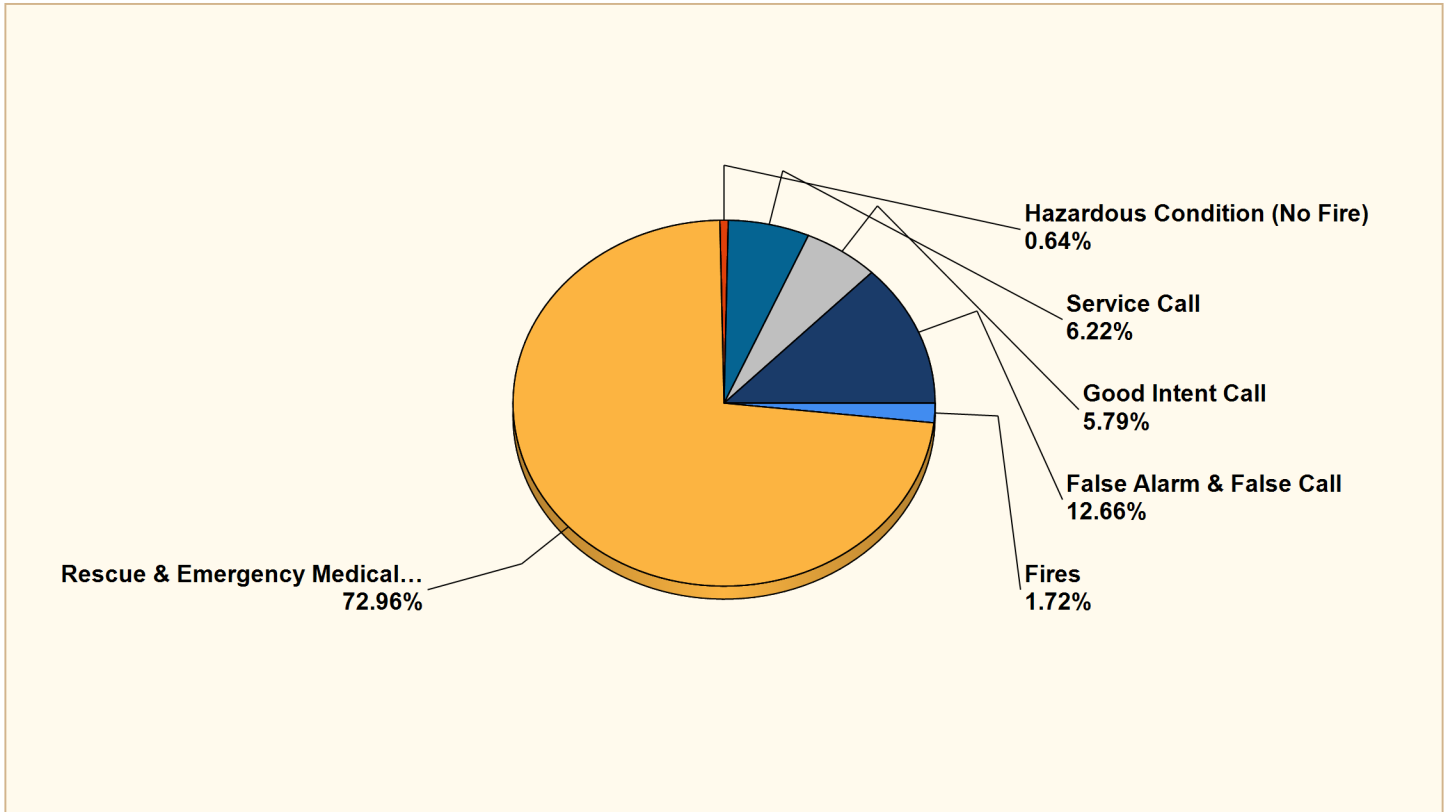
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 06/01/2021 | End Date: 06/30/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	8	1.72%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	340	72.96%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3	0.64%
Service Call	29	6.22%
Good Intent Call	27	5.79%
False Alarm & False Call	59	12.66%
TOTAL	466	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	5	1.07%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.21%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.21%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.21%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	10	2.15%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	0.21%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	307	65.88%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	12	2.58%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	5	1.07%
341 - Search for person on land	1	0.21%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.21%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.21%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	2	0.43%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.21%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	0.43%
500 - Service Call, other	1	0.21%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.21%
550 - Public service assistance, other	3	0.64%
552 - Police matter	2	0.43%
553 - Public service	9	1.93%
554 - Assist invalid	10	2.15%
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.21%
561 - Unauthorized burning	2	0.43%
600 - Good intent call, other	4	0.86%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	19	4.08%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	0.21%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.43%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.21%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1	0.21%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	2	0.43%
730 - System malfunction, other	3	0.64%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.21%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	7	1.5%
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.43%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	10	2.15%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	5	1.07%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	9	1.93%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	9	1.93%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4	0.86%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6	1.29%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	466	100%

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