

# Northville Plymouth Fire Advisory Board (NPFAB)

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2024 4:00 p.m.

### City Hall

---

- 1) Roll Call – All members present – Turnbull, Filipczak, Lahanas, Rachwal, Sincok
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2024 – Motion to approve by Filipczak and seconded by Sincok. Motion carried.
- 3) Discussion on Assistant Fire Chief Position – Chief Samhat presented a revised draft job description for the full time Assistant Fire Chief position. The Board members had several questions related to the position including salary range, how many hours, is it an exempt position. City Manager Lahanas indicated that the salary range would be made a part of the posting. A question was asked if this needed to go before the Northville City Council, Lahanas indicated that the position is in the budget and so it is already approved. The Chief indicated that they would be moving to post the position as soon as possible and hire someone as soon as possible. Mayor Turnbull stated that he would like to have someone on board by the end of the first quarter of 2025. There was a motion to approve the position as presented made by Lahanas and seconded by Rachwal. Motion carried.
- 4) The Fire Chief presented a number of statistical reports for the Board to review. Fire Inspection Report – Showed that the Department has begun some Company Level Inspections and a total of eight were completed in the third quarter.

The Training Report showed that 701 hours of training were completed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. This includes 295 hours of Thursday night training.

The Staffing Report showed a total of 46 members in the Department. This is down from 55 in 2021, but up from 43 in 2023. Station 1 has 23 people assigned to that station and Station 2 has 22 people assigned there.

Run Volume Report continues to show that the Department is handling mainly medical runs with a total of 366 medical runs and 175 fire or other runs in the 3rdquarter.

Response times shows that the Department is on average well within the limits of the national standard for response times. Chief Rachwal stated that he was amazed at the excellent response times. Chief Samhat did indicate that station staffing has helped keep the average response times at lower numbers. The Northville emergent response time was listed at 5:33, while the Plymouth emergent response time was 5:29.

The Responder Percentages report showed that a number of members of the Department have response rates of less than 10% response rates. There was a discussion on the response of these members. Chief Samhat also indicated that there were six new prospective members in the interview process at this time.

- 5) Other Information – Chief Rachwal indicated that we should be aware of a potential battery storage issue that is coming from the State that will allow DTE to have large battery storage facilities at their sub-stations. He also talked about having blocking screens for fatal traffic accidents and the need for vehicle fire blankets for electric cars involved in an accident.
- 6) Next Meeting Date – January 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall.