

## **Special Meeting – Truck Development September 6, 2014**

Chairman Raymond Equils called the meeting to order at 09:00 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Equils then read the Opening Statement, noting this meeting was advertised on Sunday, August 24, 2014 in the Asbury Park Press, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, commonly referred to as “The Sunshine Law.”

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Equils, Kelly, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. It was noted that there was zero (0) officers, one (1) firefighter (J. Thompson), and zero (0) members of the public present.

Also present was Mr. Pat Grubb of ESI Equipment, who brought an assortment of Holmatro Brand Extrication Equipment for the board to review and discuss.

Chairman Equils noted as per the public advertisement; the sole purpose of this meeting is to review equipment for the new apparatus under purchase contract.

Between 09:30 and 09:43 Chief Bailey and Capt. Pallitto arrived for the review.

Commissioner Eadicicco arrived for the review at 09:50 hrs.

Chief Kortenhaus of District #1 and other 19-4 members arrived between 10:15 and 10:28 hours.

During the time of the review, Mr. Grubb went over a large selection of Holmatro Brand Hydraulic pumps, both single and dual port deliveries, and both gasoline and battery powered. He noted the battery powered units are powered with lithium power cells, not the older nickel-cadmium cells.

He also presented and discussed a variety of cutters, spreaders, and rams; along with several types and options for stabilizing and lifting equipment; including newer technologies for chocking and cribbing.

He also presented options for “bulkhead” mounting of hydraulic connection ports, utilizing stationary outlets with swiveling port connectors or couplers,.

This method is in lieu of the somewhat standardized system of using reels for hydraulic line storage and deployment; talking about the benefits and liabilities of them.

Mr. Grubb noted there is an average lead time of eight (8) weeks for product delivery, except during holiday period, where it may be a little longer. He will provide a written quote for the district if provided with a “wish list” of items. He confirmed that Holmatro and ESI Equip. are approved vendors on the New Jersey State Approved List of Vendors (#A-80967) so seeking public bids would not be required prior to purchase. Their current approval runs through at least the mid 2015 year.

Mr. Grubb then reviewed terms of warranty and ESI’s repair and loaner equipment programs, including time limits, etc.

At the end of his presentations, Mr. Grubb provided business cards and product catalogs for future review.

**NEXT MEETING:** No future meetings were scheduled today.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT .....** There were five (5) firefighters present. There were zero (0) members of the public present. No public comments were offered.

**ADJOURNMENT .....** This concluded the business for the board, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Kelly and Stalling, and passed unanimously by the board on a four (4) "YES to (0) "NAY" vote, as Commissioner Eadicicco was absent for the vote.

The meeting closed at 10:58 hours.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly  
Clerk of the Board

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