March 23, 2020 Update #1, Coldenham Fire District & COVID-19

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Coldenham Fire Station and grounds are closed to the public indefinitely.

All public events scheduled to have taken place inside the firehouse or on fire district grounds are postponed indefinitely.

All organized and unorganized gatherings inside the firehouse or on fire district grounds are postponed indefinitely.

Fire company meetings and drills are postponed indefinitely.

District employees and approved contractors are permitted in their performance of their duties and will take necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and hygiene precautions regarding the COVID-19.

First responders are restricted from entering the building except during an actual emergency, or for duties associated with pre or post emergency response, to tend to apparatus repair issues, PPE issues, essential firefighting equipment issues, preparing fire reports, or other essential emergency requirements as may be required and authorized by the Fire Chief.

First responders who are feeling sick, have a fever, a cough, or suffer shortness of breath are not to report to emergency calls or enter the firehouse, and should contact their health care provider.

First responders who may have low immune systems are not to report to emergency calls or enter the firehouse.

All personnel who are permitted to enter the firehouse are to follow prescribed guidelines of social distancing, use of PPE and hygiene as determined by the Center for Disease Control, NYS Department of Health, and other qualified health organizations.

First responders will also take necessary precautions and follow current SOPs regarding response and PPE as directed by the Fire Chief.

Fire district meetings will be conducted in consideration of the temporary changes of the NY State Open Meeting Law rule via teleconferencing and live streaming.

These restrictions may be changed as necessary.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS COLDENHAM FIRE DISTRICT

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Joseph D. Keenan, Chairman BOFC, CFD