

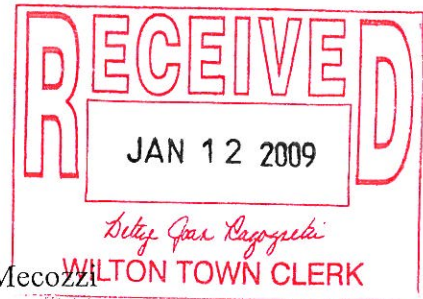


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

November 6, 2008



Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty, J. Casey Healy and Gary Mecozzi

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Captains Jim Gies and Kevin Czarnecki, Lieutenant Greg Kitik and Firefighters Dave Chaloux, Glen Johnson and Pat Garber.

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular monthly meeting held on October 7, 2008, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Chief's Report – See Chief Milositz's report on Staffing under heading of Old Business.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated October 30, 2008. Due to the fact that the report was prepared prior to the end of the month, comparative call volume analysis was not provided. Departmental Training days have been scheduled at the Stamford Regional Fire School on November 24th and 25th for truck operations, live fire training, SCBA maze and a flashover simulator. The mobile data terminals in the apparatus and staff cars remain in the testing mode; significant connectivity problems continue to be addressed by the Wilton IT Department, Net Motion and Verizon Wireless. The apparatus floor leveling project has been completed and the floor pitch is within the jack manufacturer's specifications. The jacks will be ordered. The Deputy Chief advised that research appears to indicate that the establishment of a volunteer component would best be done under the auspices of the Fire Corps, a program somewhat similar to CERT that is funded by the Department of Homeland Security. A memorandum regarding the program was distributed for consideration and discussion. The Deputy Chief noted that overtime spending remains a concern given that there was no budgetary expectation of an open firefighter position. Most of the overtime expense has been absorbed by under spending in vacation and other expense areas, areas which are expected to reach budgeted levels as the fiscal year progresses. The Commission reviewed the Apparatus Supervisor's monthly report. The final modifications work on Engines 1 & 2 has been

completed. The deck gun was mounted on Engine 1 and a deck gun will be mounted on Engine 2 during the week of November 10th.

3. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Monthly Report dated October 2008. Inspector Grosso and firefighters conducted fire safety education at Miller Driscoll Schools. More visits are planned for other schools in the coming months. Proposals were received from several fire service records software vendors. Evaluations of the proposals are nearly complete and a report with a recommendation will be issued later in the month.

C. Old Business

1. Staffing & Revisit MMA Consulting Group - May 2001 Report – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Department Staffing is below recommended staffing per NFPA 1710 -NFPA Chapter 5. Under NFPA standards, 14 firefighters are required to respond to a working structure fire; Wilton can respond with only 6. Even with mutual aid responders from abutting municipalities, the standard is not met at all or is not met timely.
2. Update Garage Fire Protection System Ordinance – The Commission reviewed an e-mail from Town Counsel Patricia C. Sullivan regarding the creation of such an ordinance. In her opinion the Town does not have the authority to adopt such an ordinance.


D. New Business:

1. Discussion of Accident Response and Service Fee- Service Fee generally is based on hourly rates for both personnel and equipment. Fairfield and New London do impose a fee; the Commission noting that both municipalities service I-95.

- E. Adjournment:** At approximately 1906 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on December 2, 2008 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission