

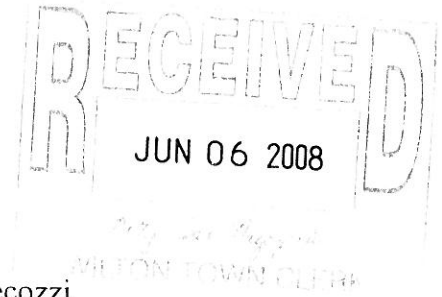


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

May 6, 2008



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

Others: Deputy Chief Amatrudo, Captains Jim Gies, Karl Dolnier and Kevin Czarnecki and Firefighters Glen Johnson, Pat Garber and Dave Chaloux.

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1834 hours.

1. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular monthly meeting held on April 1, 2008, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Chief's Report – There was no Chief's Report for the reason that Chief Milositz was at the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland assisting in the review of fire act grants.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated April 1, 2008. The Report noted that there were a total of 104 calls for the month of April (Fire and Alarm – 35; EMS Calls – 50 and All Other Calls – 19), bringing the call total for the year to 476 (Fire and Alarm – 150; EMS Calls – 239 and All Other Calls – 87). There were two (2) significant incidents during the month: (i) a mutual aid house fire in Weston and (ii) a large brush fire at 32 Raymond Lane. Minor structural fires occurred during the month at 44 Old Kings Highway, White Birch Road, 11 Crowne Pond and 18 Brandon Circle. Deputy Chief Amatrudo advised the Commission that the Department's Health and Safety Committee was developing a Risk Management Plan for the Department. He also reported that he would hold a meeting on May 21, 2008 at Station 1 with those individuals who had filled out the survey regarding a volunteer department and any other members of the public who are interested in becoming volunteers. The Commission reviewed the Monthly Apparatus Supervisor's Report dated April 2008, which report noted that there was one significant repair made during the month: the replacement of the alternator on Truck 5. Apparatus Supervisor is restricted to light duty while continuing to recover from a torn rotator cuff. While restricted to light duty, he attends to minor repairs only and installation of equipment on the Department's new engines.

3. Fire Marshal's Report (Fire Marshal Kohn did not attend the meeting for the reason that he was assisting with the set up of voting machines for the annual Town meeting) – The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Monthly Report for April 2008. There were two fire investigations during the month; both of which were found to be accidental. The first was a brush fire caused by discarded ashes from a furnace. The second was a siding fire ignited by the muffler of a gas powered pressure washer. The report also noted that the Wilton Fire Department again participated in the Annual Home Show event at Wilton High School. Department personnel demonstrated house fire sprinklers using the American Fire Sprinkler Association's trailer and manned an information table.

C. Old Business

1. Dispatch Software – After much discussion regarding the continued shortcoming of the EmergiTech record managements system, it was the consensus of the Commission that alternative software systems should be investigated.

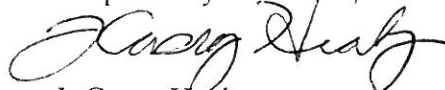
D. New Business

1. Education Reimbursement – **A MOTION** was made by Mecozzi to approve the request by Fire Inspector Rocco Grosso to be reimbursed \$1,447.50 for seventy-five (75%) percent of the fee he paid the University of New Haven for a Professional Responsibility Course entitled Issues in Public Safety Systems Application, which reimbursement request was conditioned upon Fire Inspector Grosso satisfactorily completing the course prior to the June 30 close of the Town's fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Healy and unanimously approved.
2. 2 In and 2 Out Policy – Firefighter Chaloux advised the Commission that the members of the Local 2233 of the International Association of Firefighters are concerned with a proposed change to the Department's standard operating procedures regarding exceptions to the 2 in and 2 out policy to require that it be a "known rescue." Deputy Chief Amatrudo recommended to Firefighter Chaloux that the members continue to pursue their concerns through the chain of command. Chairman McCarty thanked Firefighter Chaloux for advising the Commission of the concern and he echoed the Deputy Chief's recommendation to pursue the issue through the chain of command.

- E. Adjournment:** At approximately 1910 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on June 3, 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