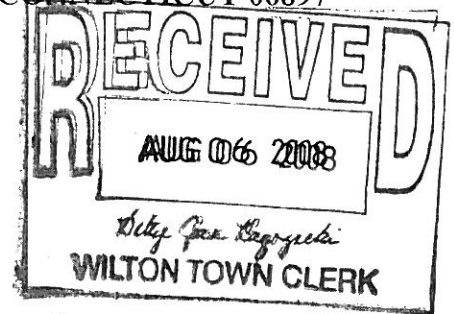




Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897



Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

July 1, 2008

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

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Captains Karl Dolnier and Kevin Czarnecki, Lt. Greg Kitik, Firefighters Glen Johnson, Pat Garber, Dave Chaloux and Jim Blanchfeld and Town of Ridgefield resident Joe Cwalinski.

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. There were no minutes to approve.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Chief's Report – Chief Milositz provided an update on the Department's 2 In and 2 Out Policy; clarifying that the wording in the new guideline does not mirror the language in the Department's 1997 Standard Operating Procedure ("SOP") #7. The Chief has sent a letter to the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Organization requesting advice on this issue and the SOP will be updated after he meets with the Department's officers. Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Department responded earlier in the day to a fatal motor vehicle accident on Danbury Road; he credited the shift for the respectful removal of the deceased from the vehicle.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated June 30, 2008. The Report noted that there were a total of 155 calls for the month of June (Fire and Alarm – 50; EMS Calls – 76 and All Other Calls – 29), bringing the call total for the year to 785 (Fire and Alarm – 247; EMS Calls – 386 and All Other Calls – 152). The Department responded to an off-road accident that occurred on June 13 which took the life of a Wilton teenager; critical incident stress debriefing was offered to responders. Deputy Chief Amatrudo advised the Commission that in lieu of the Department's regular meeting of officers, Fire Marshal Kohn, Lt. Cassin and the Deputy Chief attended the New England Fire Chiefs show and met with a number of fire service software vendors. The Deputy Chief reported that the Department conducted 302 man hours of training during the month, including: 168 of rapid intervention and 68 hours of communications unit training. The Commission reviewed the Monthly Apparatus Supervisor's Report dated June 2008, which report noted that Truck 5 will be out of service for approximately 5 days for repair. Deputy

Administration

Chief Amatrudo advised the Commission that the Department's mutual aid partners will be advised that the Department will not have its ladder truck for that period of time. Apparatus Supervisor Nathanson underwent additional surgery to repair his torn rotator cuff. The Deputy Chief advised the Commission that the structural engineer retained by the Department to study the apparatus bay floor completed his evaluation and made recommendations to level the bay floor in order to accommodate a jack system. The plans are being circulated to vendors for quotes.

3. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Monthly Report dated (in error) March 2008. There were two investigations during the month. The first a minor stove fire at a restaurant; existing system in hood held the fire in check. The second was a carbon monoxide alarm set off by two pool heaters located inside a residence.

C. Old Business

1. Hire Replacement for Firefighter McCarthy – The job opening has been posted. Chief Milositz advised that a list will be set after testing, which list will be held open for one year.

D. New Business

1. Station 2 District – Having heard a dispatch of Engine 1 to an EMS call on Wild Duck Road, Chairman McCarty inquired whether Wild Duck is in Station 2's District. Chief Milositz confirmed that it was and that Engine 1 had been dispatched in error.
2. Town Plan of Conservation and Development (the "Town Plan") – Chief Milositz reported that he attended a meeting of the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission at which meeting he advised the Commission that development can have a direct impact on the provision of emergency services. The Chief was asked by members of the Commission whether the redevelopment of the former Gilbert Bennett Wire Mill in Georgetown will impact the Department. He advised the Commission that the Gilbert Bennett site in the Georgetown Fire District which is served by the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department. The Chief noted that Wilton would respond to the site in the event that mutual aid was requested by Georgetown.

- E. Adjournment:** At approximately 1920 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on August 5, 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