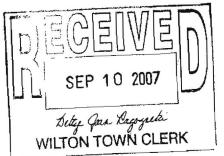


# **Fire Commission**



236 DANBURY ROAD WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

## August 7, 2007

Present:

Commissioners Rich McCarty, J. Casey Healy and Gary Mecozzi

Others:

Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captains Karl Dolnier, Jim Gies and Kevin Czarnecki, Firefighters Tom Coon, John Krozer, Brad Carlson, Joe Bisenius, Mike Pryor, Glenn Johnson and Bill Wilson, Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Administrative Services Sarah Taffel, Wilton Bulletin reporter Justin Reynolds and Wilton Villager reporter Frank MacEchern.

- A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1833 hours.
  - 1. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's special meetings held on July 5, 2007 and July 24, 2007, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

### B. Review of Monthly Reports

- 1. Fire Marshal's Report The Commission reviewed without comment the Wilton Fire Marshal's Office Monthly Reports dated June 2007 and July 2007.
- 2. Deputy Chief's Report The Commission reviewed the report entitled "Monthly Deputy Chief's Report July 2007." The Report noted that there were a total of 947 calls for the year: Fire and Alarm 231; EMS Calls 424 and All Other Calls 292. Deputy Chief Amatrudo noted that significant incidents for the month included a propane leak at the Town Green in Wilton Center that resulted in the evacuation of six commercial occupancies for approximately 2 ½ hours. He also reported that significant effort has been devoted to developing an Annual Training Plan for fiscal year 2007 2008. The Deputy Chief also noted that the Department is in the process of reestablishing a departmental Health & Safety Committee, which Committee will be charged with identifying significant health and safety issues facing the Department so that remedial actions can be initiated.

## C. Old Business

1. Replacement Engines – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the replacement engines are at Pierce in Rocky Hill, CT and they are being outfitted with equipment. The

replacement engines should arrive in Wilton by the end of August and after a few weeks of training, the engines should go into service in September. The consensus of the Commission was that the dedication of the engines can take place at emergency services day scheduled for September 23, 2007.

- 2. Wellness Grant Chief Milositz reported that the contract for the health and fitness program with Ahlbin Center has been signed and daily workout sessions are taking place.
- 3. Purchase of Jack System In response to Commissioner Healy's inquiry, Deputy Chief Amatrudo advised that the new Jack System had been ordered and the tentative delivery date is sometime in September 2007.

#### D. New Business

- 1. Presentation of Holmatro Rescue Tool "Gold Pin" Awards and Certificates of Achievement -With reference to a Press Release from the Department dated August 7, 2007, Chief Milositz reported that Captains Karl Dolnier and Kevin Czarnecki, Lt. Tom Cassin and Firefighters Brad Carlson, Mike Pryor, Bill Sampson and Bill Wilson had been awarded Certificates of Achievement and Gold Pin Awards from Holmatro Rescue Tool Company in recognition of their distinguished lifesaving efforts in extracting a driver from a motor vehicle after the driver's vehicle overturned on Vista Road on June 17, 2007, trapping him inside. The Commission presented Captains Dolnier and Czarnecki, and Firefighters Carlson and Wilson with their Certificates and Gold Pins (Lt. Tom Cassin and Firefighter Bill Sampson were not present). Thereafter, reporters Reynolds and MacEchern took pictures of the men in front of Truck 5 with some of the Holmatro tools used during the extraction on display. After the photo opportunity, Captain Dolnier reported to the Commission that the rescue was ably supported by responding members of the Wilton Police Department and the Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He also noted that Lt. Cassin and Firefighter Sampson, as the first engine on scene from Station 2, deserve much credit for assessing the situation and reporting same to all other responding units.
- E. Adjournment: At approximately 1908 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on September 4, 2007 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

Secretary - Fire Commission