

Fire Commission

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Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

October 2, 2007

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WILTON TOWN CLERK

Present:

Commissioners Rich McCarty, J. Casey Healy and Gary Mecozz

Others:

Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Captain Kevin Czarnecki, Lt. Mike Michelsen, Firefighters Tom Coon, Gary Fuoco and Mike Pryor, Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Administrative Services Sarah Taffel, and Wilton Bulletin reporter Robin Walluck.

- A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1835 hours.
 - A MOTION was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular meeting held on September 4, 2007, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

- 1. Fire Marshal's Report The Commission reviewed the Wilton Fire Marshal's Office Monthly Report dated September 2007. Fire Marshall noted that Emergency Services Day had been a great success with steady day long attendance. He thanked Fire Inspector Rocco Grosso and Police Lt. John Lynch for planning the event.
- 2. Deputy Chief's Report The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated October 1, 2007. The Report noted that there were a total of 140 calls for the month of September (Fire and Alarm 31; EMS Calls 83 and All Other Calls 26); raising the call volume for the year to 1,224 (Fire and Alarm 304; EMS Calls 582 and All Other Calls 338). There were no significant events to report for the month. Deputy Chief Amatrudo advised the Commission that a software patch was received from EmergiTech System and installed at Wilton Dispatch on October 3rd; which software patch should correct the problems that were encountered with the upgrade of the EmergiTech System. The Deputy Chief reported that the new head sets in Engines 1 and 2 have proved problematic and that Northeast Communications is attending to their repair.

C. Old Business

1. Dispatch Committee – Chief Milositz reported that the Dispatch Committee met recently. The Chief advised the Commission that the Town had received a reverse 9-1-1 system funded by Homeland Security. The system is being installed. The Chief also advised that training is being conducted on a new Emergency Medical Dispatch ("EMD") system, which EMD System has not been installed.

D. New Business

- 1. Dive Team Captain Czarnecki reported that the Dive Team made a presentation to the Ridgefield Fire Department demonstrating what the Dive Team can and can not do. The presentation will be made to the New Canaan Fire Department in the near future and Captain Czarnecki expects that both Departments will formalize agreements with the Dive Team to be primary responders in their respective Towns for dive incidents. Captain Czarnecki also reported that members of the Dive Team took part in a joint exercise sponsored by Fairfield regarding the use and deployment of a helicopter in dive incidents.
- 2. Name the Engines Contest Chief Milositz reported that Board of Education Member Troy Ellen Dixon had prepared materials for the Name the Engines Contest. The materials will be revised to make it clear that the contest is open to all Wilton schools both public and private. Ms. Dixon will attend to the distribution of the materials to the Wilton public schools and Fire Inspector Grosso will coordinate distribution to the private schools.
- 3. Communications Lt. Michelsen inquired whether the Dispatch Committee had considered alternatives to the EmergiTech System. Chief Milositz advised that the Police Department had looked at systems used by other municipalities in the area and had not found a single one that was fool proof. The Chief also advised that in the event the EmergiTech issues can not be resolved, a further investigation of alternative systems will be conducted.
- E. Adjournment: At approximately 1901 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on November 6, 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