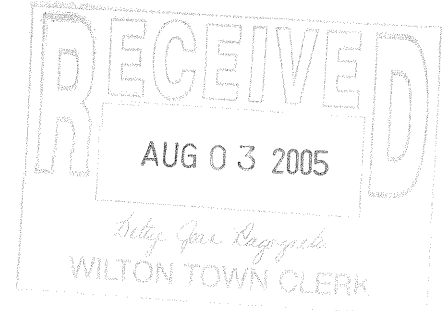


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

**Wilton Fire Commission
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Fire Department Headquarters**

July 5, 2005



Present: Commissioners Richard McCarty and J. Casey Healy

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Fire Inspector Bill Meehan; Captain Karl Dolnier, Lt. Mike Michelsen, Lt. Kevin Czarnecki; Firefighters John Dwyer, Brad Carlson, Tom Coon, Tom Cassin and Bill Sampson; Special Advisor Troy Ellen Dixon and Rich Brown and Lynn Marie Weiland of Charter Revision Committee of the Town of Ridgefield

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1831 hours.

1. Chairman McCarty extended the Commission's thoughts and prayers to Fire Marshal David Kohn for the loss of his father and to Firefighter Rocco Grosso for the loss of his grandparent.
2. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's monthly meeting held on June 7, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Healy and approved 2 to 0.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's report dated July 5, 2005 (Volunteer Participation Report was not received from Volunteer Lt. Cliff Juleson). Chief Milositz advised the Commission that there were 144 responses by the Department during the month. Approximately 22 responses were made on June 29th during a series of severe thunder storms, including mutual aid calls for residential structure fires on Thunder Lake Road in the Georgetown Fire District and on Chestnut Hill Road just over the Wilton town line in Norwalk. Chief Milositz advised that Captain Dolnier and Firefighter Chaloux were the first engine in at the Norwalk fire, extinguishing the fire prior to the arrival of the Norwalk Fire Department. Chief Milositz reported that the Department participated in a national safety stand down day during which each shift reviewed safety procedures. Chief Milositz also reported that air testing at Station 1 and at Station 2 had been completed. Mold was found above the apparatus bay at Station 2; no mold was found at Station 1. The Chief is reviewing remediation alternatives. Lastly, Chief Milositz reported that the low band radio that transmits the volunteer department pages failed on June 30th. Repairs are in progress;

the focus being on locating replacement parts for a 20 year old radio system that is no longer being manufactured.

2. Fire Marshal's Report – In Fire Marshal David Kohn's absence due to his father's passing, Fire Inspector Meehan reported that fire inspections are continuing with two large projects seeking temporary certificates of occupancy, to wit: The Wilton Library and 195 Danbury Road.

C. New Business

1. July 4th Fireworks Show – Chief Milositz reported that members of the Department including Fire Inspector Meehan had worked from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Town's annual fireworks show. The Chief advised that the Department worked closely with the Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department and that there were no major incidents. The Chief also noted that the inter-department radio channel used by the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps during the event had worked well.
2. Replacement of Car 1 – Chief Milositz reported that the 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe had arrived to replace the Chief's 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe known as Car 1. The installation of radios, lighting and markings is in progress. The 1999 Tahoe will become Deputy Chief Peter's Car 2 and the Deputy Chief's 1998 Tahoe will be used by the Life Safety Division. The Department's Black Chevrolet Caprice will be retired.
3. Ridgefield Charter Revision Commission – Mr. Brown and Ms. Weiland advised the Commission that the Ridgefield Charter Revision Commission is considering whether to appoint a fire commission. Discussion focused on the pros and cons of establishing a fire commission.
4. Chief Milositz and Lt. Czarnecki reported that Firefighter Wilson will be sworn in at the Town Hall on Friday July 8th at 10:00 a.m.

D. Adjournment: At approximately 1932 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on August 2, 2005 at Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission