

### **Fire Commission**

# 236 DANBURY ROAD WILTON, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of Special Meeting Town Hall, Meeting Room B

January 14, 2014

Present:

Fire Commission

Commissioners Gary Mecozzi - Chairman

Commissioner Troy Ellen Dixon Commissioner Richard G. McCarty



Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo; Captain Jim Gies; Captain Kevin Czarnecki ;Firefighter Tom Coon; Firefighter Brian Elliott, Apparatus Supervisor Ralph Nathanson, Firefighter Joe Bisenius, Firefighter Gary Fucco; Firefighter Bill Wilson; Firefighter Dave Chaloux; Firefighter Mike Pryor; Fire Inspector Rocco Grosso

Others None

### A. Call to Order

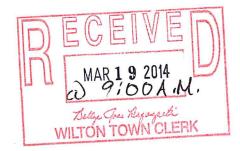
Commissioner Mecozzi called the meeting to order at 0800 hours.

### B. Approval of Minutes

On **MOTION** duly made and seconded the Minutes of Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2013 were unanimously approved as submitted.

### C. Monthly Reports

Report of the Chief: Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo delivered his report dated January 10, 2014 (copy attached). He noted that the Apparatus Supervisor's report was attached to his report as he highlighted issues with Engine 2 and Engine 3. He noted that the issue anticipated cost of repairs to Engine 2. As for Engine 3, there continue to be issues with the motor and it may have to be rebuilt before the delivery of a new Engine 3 is budgeted; it is currently expected to be delivered in July 2016 and there is some uncertainty around the approval of the item in the capital budget.



Turning to communications he noted that the planned meeting with the Police Department regarding dispatch will be conducted when the new Fire Chief is appointed and on board. The Police Department is open and willing to have the meeting. Captain Jim Gies commented that to this point the Dispatch Issue Report process has identified 47 items and received 15 responses, some going back to September and October. Commissioner Mecozzi commented that the intention of the meeting is to address the backlog and the outstanding items. The focus is intended to be on solutions. Commissioner McCarty asked that the Commission receive a copy of the monthly reports and open items from prior reports at the monthly meetings of the Commission.

### D. Old Business

The discussion then moved to the status of the various repairs at Station 2 as well as the status of the water remediation plan. The decisions need to consider any decisions on remodeling or rebuilding Station 2, and that depends ultimately on the availability of capital funds. The highest priority projects are moving along to completion and the target for completion is January 31, 2014. A document entitled Station 2 Well Water - Options and Recommendations dated January 10, 2014 (the "Report") (copy attached) was received and discussed. Wilton Health Director Barry Bogle continues to review the situation and the options contained in the Report. The immediate recommendation is to purchase water tanks for potable water storage, remove the tanker from the bay, as this will address the immediate water quality issues and has the lowest overall annualized cost. Long term options continue to be explored including the potential use of property located at 688 Ridgefield Road. Commissioner J. Casev Healy is assisting with the project and discussions with the Wilton Land Trust. The piping may be complicated by the proximity to the State road and the need to traverse the road. Commissioner Dixon inquired about the ability of Wilton DPW to do the piping and Deputy Chief Amatrudo indicated that while they certainly could do the job, the question is timing and scheduling.

Questions were received from Firefighter Dave Chaloux as to the models of the proposed water tanks and NSF ratings. Deputy Chief Amatrudo responded that such standards are being verified for any tanks to be purchased and employed and the tanks would be certified for potable water.

Commissioner Mecozzi inquired as to the cost of the tanks and the water to fill them. After thorough discussion the Fire Commission indicated its approval to proceed with moving towards the tank installation option as an initial step.

Discussion also took place about the impact of the water issues, tanker and tank options on the workability of Station 2. The importance of the 2 bay station for emergency response, particularly during storms, was discussed. It was observed that this is an incremental process and the need to keep all issues and all impacts in mind will be required as we move forward. Commissioner Dixon questioned the presence of funding for the options in the budget. Deputy Chief Amatrudo indicated that the estimated \$32,000 is not in next year's budget at this point but there is current year budget for tanks, water and pumps, essentially all but any trenching.

The Apparatus Supervisor's Report and the Dive Team Report were received. The Fire Marshal's Report was received and Commissioner McCarty noted that some detail needed to be extended on the form. Deputy Chief Amatrudo was to take the request back to the Fire Marshal.

As to the FY2015 operating and capital budgets, all information was submitted on a timely basis to Finance and the First Selectman where minor modifications were made before going to the full Board of Selectman. The significant modification was the elimination of a \$62,500 item for the evaluation of the Wilton Emergency Dispatch operations. The response was this item should be in the Police Department budget. A thorough discussion ensued where it was again observed that if we are to have any impact on the town's dispatch function we need to have a level of authority over management and budget of dispatch.

### E. Executive Session

On **MOTION** duly made and seconded the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the search to fill the Chief of Department position at 0837 hours.

The Commission emerged from Executive Session at 0857 hours with no action taken.

#### F. Public Comment

Firefighter Tom Coon announced that he was retiring from the Wilton Fire Department. The Fire Commission thanked him and his family for his long career with the Department and the many contributions that he made over those many years.

Firefighter Dave Chaloux commented on the difficulty experienced in preparing

for Firefighter Coon's retirement in getting the necessary information form the human resources department. To get all necessary information upon which to make an informed decision took six months.

## G. Adjournment

Upon MOTION duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 0905 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilton Fire Commission

Richard G. McCarty

Commissioner and Secretary

attachments



# Wilton Fire Department Memorandum

Date:

January 10, 2014

To:

Commissioner Gary Mecozzi, Commissioner Troy Ellen Dixon,

Commissioner Rich McCarty, First Selectman Bill Brennan

From:

Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo

Subject:

Monthly Report - December 2013

In addition to the information that I regularly include in my monthly report, my report encompasses matters which would be reported by the Chief. A few of the most significant items for the month were:

- 1. **Pending Projects and Priorities** Progress continued on the prioritized list generated back in August. Additional items have also continually been added.
- Station 2 Well Water Remediation Plan Under the direction of Health Director Barry Bogle, the options available to address the Station 2 well water contamination were evaluated and recommendations generated. A separate report was prepared and distributed for discussion and action at the upcoming Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.
- 3. Station 2 Repairs & Maintenance List The items on the list have been prioritized and assigned to various individuals to investigate, resolve, and/or obtain quotes to complete. The target date for completion of most of the highest priority items is either January 20 or 31, 2014.
- 4. FY 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets
  - a. All required budget information has been assembled and submitted. The entire package was reviewed by the Finance Department and First Selectman.
  - b. There were a number of minor reductions taken to our proposed operating budget.
  - c. The only significant change was that the \$62,500 included for the evaluation of the Wilton Emergency Dispatch operations and development of either recommendations and an implementation plan for improvements or some level of regionalization was removed. Should the Board of Fire

- Commissioners wish to have that item reinstated, a request will have to be made to the Board of Selectmen when we present our budget to them on January 23, 2014.
- d. As our operating budget currently exists, the overall increase is a 3.2% increase over the current year Approved Budget.
  - i. The main component is a 4.4% increase in Salaries. The prior year Approved Budget did not include an increase in Salaries, so this is effectively a two year increase.
  - ii. Shift Coverage & Overtime is budgeted to experience an increase of approximately \$51,000 due to expected retirements which will result in open positions. The net impact is a decrease to Salaries and benefits, offset by an increase in Shift Coverage and Overtime.
  - iii. When Salaries and Shift Coverage/Overtime are excluded from the calculation, our increase from the current year Approved Budget is \$1,700, or .1%
- e. The Fire Department budget presentation to the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for 7:30 PM on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 5. **EOC Assistance/Social Media** The assistance of CERT personnel allowed our social media sites to be updated on a timely basis with useful information during the recent storms
- 6. **Thermal Imagers** We have ordered and are currently awaiting delivery of the initial equipment purchase, followed by the balance of the equipment being purchased in July 2014.
- 7. **PPE Washer & Dryer** The new protective clothing washer and dryer units are now in service. The cost savings to date has been approximately \$1,500.
- 1. Emergency Management
  - a. CERT Vehicle Continued to assist in the definition of their vehicle requirements/specifications and the possibility of acquiring a vehicle under the Connecticut State Bid Program.
  - b. Combined Regional Incident Management Team (IMT) I attended
     Advanced Incident Management Team training at the National Training
     Center (Texas A&M campus) from December 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. **ISO Rating** Almost all of the required follow-up information was provided to ISO during December and the balance will be provided sometime in January. We are cautiously optimistic about the possibility of improving our fire protection rating.

### Incidents & Response Related

	Dec.	2013	Dec.	2012	YTD	2013	YTD	2012
	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	#	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	#	<u>%</u>
Fires & Alarms	25	20%	25	20%	335	22%	337	23%
EMS	63	50%	46	38%	739	47%	601	42%
All Other	<u>37</u>	<u>30%</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>31%</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>35%</u>
Totals	125	100%	123	100%	1,556	100%	1,439	100%

- Total incidents for the month of December 2013 were 125, which is approximately equal to the same month of the prior year. Compared to the same month in the prior year, there is a significant increase in EMS incidents which was more than offset by a decrease in All Other incidents. Storm related incidents appear to have accounted for the decrease in All Other incidents from last year.
- We ended the year 8% above the prior year call volume. The increase is substantially all in EMS calls category.
- Significant Incidents during the month included:
  - December 14<sup>th</sup> Pickup truck fire at 31 Wicks End Lane
  - December 15<sup>th</sup> Structure fire at 38 Old Redding Road in Weston
  - December 15<sup>th</sup> Dryer fire at 96 Danbury Road
  - December 17<sup>th</sup> Electrical fire at 59 Danbury Road
  - December 17<sup>th</sup> Chimney Fire at 55 Ledgewood Drive
  - December 22<sup>nd</sup> Truck fire at Ridgefield Road at intersection of Deforest
  - December 25<sup>th</sup> Small fire caused by construction items at 1 Tito Lane
  - December 25<sup>th</sup> Chimney Fire at 79 Borglum Road
  - Numerous carbon monoxide incidents were responded to during the month

## Officers Meeting

Our December officers' meeting was cancelled.

## Training

- A total of 199 hours of training took place during the month which is significantly below our monthly goal of 315 hours. Training included:
  - 31 Hours of EMS training
  - 9 Hours of mayday/emergency button activation/evacuation tone training
  - 8 Hours of Haz-Mat training
  - 30 Hours of Dive Team and water rescue training
  - 14 Hours of PPE inspection
  - 106 Hours of regular on-duty training

 In addition to the holidays (when training is not required to be conducted), there were 5 days when either training was not conducted or it was not documented.
 Those will be follow-up on.

### Special Teams

- o The Dive Team report has not yet been received.
- The Haz-Mat Team report has not yet been received.

### Apparatus & Equipment

- Monthly Report The Apparatus Supervisor's monthly report has been received.
  - Engine 2 is out of service. One of the rear leaf springs is broken and the parts are expected to be received within a few days.
  - While Engine 2 is out of being repaired, the rear suspension and body mounts will be fully evaluated and any critical items repaired immediately. In the mean time, the worst case repair cost estimates (\$38,000 each) have been included in the budget.
  - Engine 3 Ralph continues to monitor the condition of the motor in Engine 3. In our budget package, we noted that it might need to be rebuilt before the arrival of a new Engine 3 (currently expected to be delivered in July 2016). We are also not sure that the Engine 3 replacement in the capital budget will be approved.

#### New Engine-Tanker –

- Progress continues on the engineering finalization of the vehicle body, while the cab and chassis are reportedly in production.
- Completion of the vehicle is still expected to be May/June 2014.

## Communications, IT & Apparatus Mobile Computers

- Dispatch Issue Reporting The Dispatch Issue Report process continues. We have arranged for a meeting between the Fire and Police chiefs and Commission Chairmen to discuss dispatching issues.
- NexGen CAD We continue to monitor incidents and incident information not transferring automatically from NexGen to Firehouse through the CAD Monitor software. Our company officers have been asked to report any instances of this problem immediately and only 4 or 5 were reported during December.
- Apparatus Mobile Computers We will soon begin using the MDT buttons to record en route, arrival and other times.
- Run Card meeting(s) It is still not clear to what extent some of the dispatching difficulties we are experiencing are the result of the conversion of the EmergiTech

- run cards over to the NexGen CAD system, vs. those which result from of changes made on the Police Department side of the system that impact our dispatching. This issue will, however, be revisited upon the arrival of the new Fire Chief.
- iPad MDT Application The iPad MDT application has been received and is in the process of being implemented for Car 2. We expect the installation and programming to be completed by the end of this week and will report next month on our initial usage observations.

### Facilities

### Station 2

- Repairs & Maintenance List A complete list of repairs and maintenance items needed projects was developed, prioritized and assigned to various individuals for completion. The high priority items are scheduled to be completed by either January 20<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Remodeling Project Nothing was done during the month with respect to the remodeling of Station 2 (in the FY 2015 Capital Budget). Significant work will not be performed on this project until such time as all high priority items on the Station 2 repairs and maintenance item list have been addressed.

### Other Items

- Sick/Injury The firefighter out on injury leave (shoulder) returned to work without restrictions in early January.
- Emergency Management
  - Attended and participated in various CT-DEMHS meetings
  - Delivered a presentation to the Board of Selectmen on winter storm preparations
  - Completed Incident Management Team/Unified Command training with members if the Region 1, 2 and 5 Combined IMT
  - Attended a meeting with utilities/CL&P
  - Monitored and reported on storm conditions and maintained Town web site and social media sites with the assistance of the CERT Team.

# Wilton Fire Department Monthly Apparatus Supervisor's Report December 2013

### 1) Preventative Maintenance Performed

C-5 Serviced, brake inspection

E-3/4 Chassis check

### 2) Repairs Performed (Inside & Out)

C-6 Fuel pump replaced (Wilton Chevrolet)

T-5 Tracking light repaired

WERV Pump Replace pull cord

### 3) Apparatus Out of Service

E-2 Broken rear leaf spring (1/7)

### 4) Other Apparatus Issues and Items of Interest

Eng 1,2,3,4 Pumps tested

### 5) Pending Items

E-1/2 Foam level gauges

E-2 Oil pressure sender/rear tires/service

E-3 Re-upholster seats

E-1/2 Warranty (body and paint)

T-5 Ladder monitor /elevation motor



# Wilton Fire Department Memorandum

Date:

January 10, 2014

To:

Fire Commission Chairman Gary Mecozzi, Commissioner Troy Ellen

Dixon, Commissioner Richard McCarty

From:

Mark Amatrudo

Subject:

Station 2 Well Water - Options & Recommendations

CC:

Health Director Barry Rogle

As you know, we have been exploring and evaluating various alternative solutions to address the elevated levels of bacteria, radon, sodium and chlorides in the well water at Station 2. The current situation and available options are as follows:

- Current Situation Since August, we have been renting a 3,600 gallon tanker truck that is located in the apparatus bay. It is refilled, on average every 2 to 3 weeks. Well water is not being used for any purpose.
- 2. **Option 1** Purchase two 3,000 plastic water tanks, place them in the apparatus bay and have them refilled once a month. We would continue to not use the well water for any purpose.
- 3. Option 2 Reconnect to the well and have additional water treatment equipment installed to remediate the bacteria and radon contamination. This option will not address the sodium and chloride levels, which appear to be causing corrosion on our apparatus and throughout the building. It will also require adding an additional dry well for the water softener discharge.
- 4. Option 3 Obtain approval from the Wilton Land Trust to drill a well on their property at 688 Ridgefield Road, install a well pump there and then install underground piping to transfer the water back to Station 2 (707 Ridgefield Road). Although the Wilton Health Department is fairly certain that the water will be potable (no bacteria or radon), there is no guarantee that will be the case, or that the sodium or chloride levels will be acceptable. Also, the time

frame to completely implement this option is probably a number of months and the cost is over \$80,000.

Attached is a spreadsheet that provides a more detailed description, the initial/startup costs, recurring/annual costs, lead time and the pros and cons of each option. I have not attached all of the detail, however, there are various analyses and detail schedules that support the information and calculations on the spreadsheet.

### Recommendations

The research and evaluation of the various alternatives was completed under the direction of Barry Bogle, Wilton Health Director. His recommendations are included below:

Immediate Recommendation – Implement Option 1 (purchase our own water tanks) at this time. This solution addresses all of our water quality issues and has the lowest overall cost with a substantial annualized cost savings over the Current Situation. In addition, it eliminates the health code violation (water softener discharge) without having to spend \$4,300 for a dedicated new dry well. Finally, the tanks are reusable and could later be used for emergency water supply or transferred to another location, if necessary.

Long Term Recommendation – Option 3 (pursue a well on the 688 Ridgefield Road property) is being recommended as a longer term solution because of the significant cost and expected time frame to complete the project. Based on the direction provided at our December Board of Fire Commissioners meeting, I have contacted attorney and former Fire Commissioner Casey Healy, who will contact the Land Trust to begin conversations about our possible use of the property and the extent of any authorized use.

### **Proposed Action Plan**

Assuming the recommendations listed above are approved, our action plan would include:

Purchase two 3,000 gallon tanks from National Tank Outlet and have them
installed within the next 30 days, removing the rented tanker truck at the same
time. Once completed, the tanks would be refilled about once a month and
the well would remain unused for the foreseeable future.

- 2. As previously discussed, work with Attorney and former Fire Commissioner Casey Healy to develop and execute a plan to obtain Wilton Land Trust approval to drill a test well on the 688 Ridgefield Road property and also install a pump and piping on the property if the test results confirm that the test well water is potable.
- 3. Determine if the Wilton DPW Department can dig the trench and place the connecting water pipe from the well to Ridgefield Road, north along the road to 707 Ridgefield, across the road and into Station 2. If so, determine if their price would be less than the \$51,000 quoted by Findorak Well Drilling.
- 4. Discuss the possibility of building a new Station 2 on the 688 Ridgefield Road property with the Wilton Land Trust and what they would expect in return for permission to do so (i.e., create access area to the adjacent Wilton Land Trust property).
- 5. Obtain a firm cost comparison of building a new Station 2 on the 688 Ridgefield Road site vs. remodeling (including repair/update to the well water, septic system, etc.).

Wilton Fire Department - Station 2 Contaminated Well Water Options

	Description	Initial Costs	Annual/Recurring Costs	Lead Time	Pros	Cons
	Water obtained from a rented 3,600 gallon tanker in apparatus bay (No connection to the contaminated well)	0.9	\$10,474	Currently in place, no lead time to complete	A) Was an easy and quick solution at the time when we had limited options  B) Eliminates the health code violation (water softener back wash) at no cost C) Eliminates high levels of the sodium and chlorides which we believe are contributing to the corrosion of the vehicles and infrastructure on-site	A) Not the most effective use of the space - takes up one whole apparatus bay B) Need to monitor water levels and schedule refills
**************************************	Purchase two water tanks to store 6,000 gallons of water in the apparatus bay (No connection to the contaminated well)	\$4,480	\$2,674	Tanks are in stock in Oswego, NY so the lead time to complete this option should be less than one month	A) This will eliminate the health code violation (water softener back wash) at no cost  Tanks are in stock in Oswego, NY so the lead time (C) Tanks are reusable, transferable, and to complete this option should be less than one month  Diffininates high levels of the sodium and chlorides which we believe are contributing to the corrosion of the vehicles and infrastructure on-site	A) Still have to monitor water levels and schedule tank refills B) Will take up most of one of the apparatus bays
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	Purchase and install additional treatment equipment and return to using the well water	\$15,540	\$1,300	Vendor (Professional Water Systems) reported that they can obtain the equipment and install it in 3 to 4 weeks	A) Provides a series of systems which will equire monthly maintenance an effectively treat the bacteria, radon and e related costs to assure that the treatme coil contamination equipment is working properly and wath remains potable.  B) Correction of health code violation/back B) Does not address the high levels of wash problem would be accomplished by sodium and chlorides which we believe creating a new dry well dedicated to that are contributing to the corrosion of the vehicles and infrastructure on-site C) Allows use of apparatus bay, no tanker, no need to monitor water levels if a new station is constructed and call to schedule refills	A) Will require monthly maintenance and related costs to assure that the treatment equipment is working properly and water remains potable  B) Does not address the high levels of sodium and chlorides which we believe are contributing to the corrosion of the vehicles and infrastructure on-site  C) Equipment is not reusable/transferable if a new station is constructed
	Option 3 - Drill Well at 688 Ridgefield Road Property and Pipe Water Back to Station 2 (707 Ridgefield Road)	\$80,995	\$600	Lead time will probably be a number of months because Wilton Land Trust approval would have to be obtained, drill the well and have arrangements made to dig along side of and across Ridgefield Road during the winter months	A) Will provide long term savings if station 2 is built at 688 Ridgefield Road.  3 initial cost >\$80,000 that was not built be obtain and chorine with the trench to achieve an radon), there is no guarantee that the social at 68 ridgefield Road.  3 initial cost >\$80,000 that was not built be obtain and chorine levels are found sodium and chloride levels are found and refill the trench to achieve an radon), there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon), there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, there is no guarantee that the social and refill the trench to achieve an radon, the radon and refill the radon and refil	A) Most expensive approach - with an initial cost >\$80,000 that was not budgeted  B) The immediate issue will be obtaining Wilton Land Trust approval, which is not guaranteed and could easily take a few months to obtain  C) May require remediation if elevated sodium and chloride levels are found  D) Although we are fairly certain that the water will be potable (no bacteria or radon), there is no guarantee that the sodium or chloride levels will be

Option 1 is being recommended at this time. It addresses all of our water quality issues and has the lowest overall cost with a substantial annual cost savings over the Current Situation. It eliminates the health code violation (water softener discharge) violation without having to spend \$4,300 for a dedicated new dry well. In addition, the tanks are reusable and could be used for emergency water supply or transferred to another location, if necessary.



# Submitted January 2014 <u>Dive Team Report</u>

### For Month December 2013

### **Training**

12/16/13 Began annual watermanship skills at Wilton Y

• 12/23/13 Watermanship skills at Witon Y

 11/18/13 Nine members performed practical session of Padi Rescue Diver Training delivered by Lt. Stephen Brennan, Wilton PD. They are awaiting their PADI Rescue Diver certifications, then move on to the Master Diver Certification.

### Incidents-

### **Future**

- January 2014, Finish annual required skills.
- Schedule annual Ice Dive, February 18, 2014?

### **Other**

- Assist Norwalk Members with developing SOP's / Operations during water related emergencies
- Place various dive equipment, weight belts, etc. in service.
- Follow up on AFG grant for new dive truck.
- Received numerous letters from ALL surrounding Towns (Norwalk, Westport, Weston, New Canaan, Ridgefield, etc.) supporting our submission for the 2014 AFG Grant

Acting Chief Mark Amatrudo Wilton Fire Department Wilton Ct.

Chief Amatrudo,

Please accept this letter of endorsement and support for your AFG application to purchase a dive rescue vehicle. As a coastal community, Norwalk does not have dive team and we rely on Wilton FD for mutual aid support. In fact Wilton FD has serves as our automatic aid partner for these types of events. During the Superstorm Sandy emergency Wilton FD relocated to Norwalk and operated for the duration of rescue operations to assist Norwalk Fire. As you know Wilton conducted a full and independent water rescue from a submerged vehicle.

Your application for AFG funding will insure that not only Wilton FD will receive the benefit you enhanced Dive Rescue service but he entire region will receive improved protection from your grant award.

I look forward to our continued collaboration and mutual support of emergency operations

Fraternally
Chief Denis McCarthy
Norwalk Fire Department.

## Town of New Canaan FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Chief Jahr. Hennessey Office: 233-594-3152

Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo Wilton Fire Department 236 Danbury Road Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Chief Amatrudo,

The New Canaan Emergency Services fully supports your intent to obtain a new response vehicle for the Wilton combined fire and police dive team. In the event we have a water rescue emergency in New Canaan, the Wilton Dive Team will be requested for assistance. There is no dive team available in New Canaac and we rely on regional assets to perform any water rescue that may be required

I wish you luck with your 2013 AFG request.

Sincerely,

John Hennessey

Fire Chief



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Andrew J. Kingsbury Chief of Department

November 20, 2013

Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo Wilton Fire Department 515 Post Road East Westport, CT 06880

RE: AFG Support Letter Town of Wilton

Dear Deputy Chief Amatrudo:

On behalf of the Westport Fire Department and the citizens of Westport, we fully support your efforts in applying for the 2013 Assistance to Firefighter Grant to obtain a new response vehicle.

Through the years your department has provide Mutual Aid assistance on numerous occasions to the Town of Westport for water related calls and emergencies.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wilton Fire Department for providing coverage within the Town of Westport and as always, performed in a professional and cooperative manner.

Be assured that we will be available to reciprocate whenever and wherever requested.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Kingsbury Chief of Department

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