



## Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD  
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

### Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

February 1, 2012

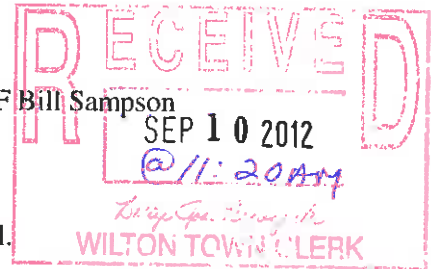
**Present:** Commissioners Casey Healy, Gary Mecozzi and Troy Ellen Dixon

#### Fire Department Personnel

Chief Paul Milositz; Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo  
CPT Karl Dolnier; CPT Jim Gies

FF David Chaloux; FF Dan Lewis; FF Mike Pryor; FF Bill Sampson

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1838 hours.
- B. **Approval of Minutes:** No Minutes were submitted for approval.



#### **Monthly Reports**

1. **Report of the Chief:** Presented letter of commendation to CPT Karl Dolnier and FF Jim Blanchfield for outstanding performance in assisting the Cromwell family with a home safety inspection that included recommendations to improve the safety of their home and the preparedness of the family.
2. **Report of the Deputy Chief:** The Commission reviewed the Monthly Deputy Chief's Report dated February 1, 2012. The full report is attached.

The report noted YTD total of 121 incidents – 24 Fire & Alarms, 61 EMS and 36 All Other. January 2012 incidents were down by 30 versus January 2011. Significant incidents included small basement fire on Liberty Street which was referred to the Fire Marshall's office (January 19), chimney fire on Silver Spring Road, mutual aid to New Canaan for working structure fire on Fawn Lane and chimney fire on Fawn Drive (January 17).

Other highlights include:

- Report on the next scheduled monthly officers meeting; training hours; apparatus and equipment; facilities; apparatus committee
- Chief officer training on NexGen mobile computer software has been done and final programming changes are in process; upon completion of programming, units will be installed and personnel will be trained
- Status update on regional dispatch initiative; notification that \$307,000 Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which would have been used to pay most start-up costs for New Canaan, Westport and Wilton regional dispatch, was not approved

- In the event that capital request for new tanker is not approved, alternative options for tanker replacement have been developed and include increase in operational budget to cover likely repair of existing tanker
- With severance of ties between WVAC and the Town being finalized, contracts are being negotiated for use of the apparatus bays at Fire HQ – at a cost of one dollar per year – with the stipulation that the Fire Commission will have authority to determine future use of the bays by WVAC and the Fire Chief will have ultimate authority over operational decisions related to WVAC use of the apparatus bays; the way in which future maintenance of WVAC apparatus will handled is still to be determined

**C. Old Business**

1. **SCBA Status Update:** Two departments having experience with the Scott EZ-Scape bailout system have been contacted (Lexington MA and Buffalo NY). One department has placed implementation on hold and the other is in the process of making an evaluation.

The Safety Committee review and report provided a thoughtful assessment of the bailout system and good recommendations. Based on their findings, the new packs will not be placed into service. As part of the ongoing evaluation, two sets of traditional SCBA waist-belts have been ordered to test the new SCBA units without the EZ-Scape bailout system.

2. **Budget Presentation Review:** Deputy Chief reviewed the FY2013 budget documents that will be presented to the Board of Selectmen on this date. Advised that the Boards of Selectmen and Finance will conduct annual capital project tour of the facilities on February 4.

**D. New Business: None**

- E. Public Comment:** FF Chaloux inquired about status of Certificate of Occupancy for Training Room; was advised that verbal authorization has been provided by the appropriate officials and formal C.O. will be forthcoming.

- F. Adjournment:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1920 hours.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.**

Respectfully submitted,



Troy Ellen Dixon, Secretary  
Wilton Fire Commission