

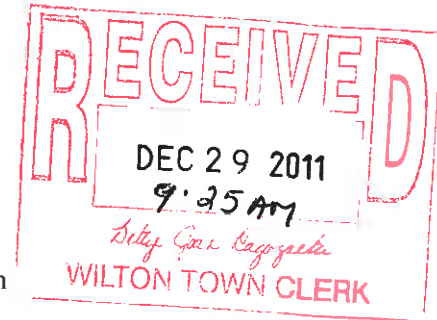


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of Special Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

October 19, 2011



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

Fire Department Personnel

Chief Paul Milositz; Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo
FF Dave Chaloux

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1830 hours.
- B. **Approval of Minutes:** No Minutes were submitted for approval.
- C. **Monthly Reports**

1. **Report of the Chief:** Reported on upcoming development of budgets, noting a kickoff meeting with First Selectman, CFO and Department Heads scheduled for October 20. Advised that imposition of tight budget constraints is anticipated.
2. **Report of the Deputy Chief:** The Commission reviewed the Monthly Deputy Chief's Report dated October 3, 2011. The full report is attached, including Apparatus and Dive Team reports.

The report noted YTD total of 1,349 incidents – 358 Fire & Alarms, 542 EMS and 449 All Other. Increase in incidents primarily the result of storm responses. Current YTD total exceeds total incidents for the same period of the prior year by approximately 12%.

Significant incidents included activation of Wilton EOC through September 4; September 9 smoke report at Hurlbutt Street residence; September 9 propane leak from large underground tank at Avalon on River Road; September 10 car fire in Stop & Shop parking lot; September 12 high levels of carbon monoxide at 142 Old Ridgefield Road; September 24 car fire on Gilly Lane; September 26 gas leak/propane at 142 Old Ridgefield Road.

Other highlights include:

- A total of 312 training hours were reported during the month, including 256 hours of regular on-duty fire, rescue and EMS training and 56 hours of Hax-Mat Team training. Two days of training were lost due to TS Irene.
- Utility 6 was out-of-service for an additional five days for completion of repairs. \$8,000 repair cost has yet to be paid due to dispute with manufacturer regarding the amount of warranty credit that should be provided.

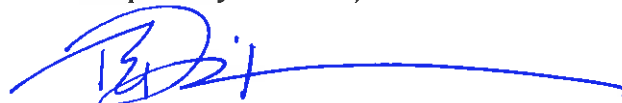
- Replacement fuel tanks for Engines 1 and 2 have been delivered and will be installed.
- To date, apparatus repairs have cost more than \$14,000 against a full-year vehicle repair budget of \$13,350. It has been noted that any additional significant repairs and/or catastrophic breakdowns within the next nine months will result in a budget overage for this line item.
- Installation of the sprinkler system at WFD Headquarters is approx 60% complete.
- Training room is complete except for installation of additional computer monitors and finished flooring.
- Long-term/administrative sick leave of Lt. Michelsen has resulted in a significant budget overage in FY2012 Overtime and Shift Coverage costs. All overages, including overtime expense as a result of TS Irene, are being monitored closely.
- Reimbursements forthcoming from HOCON for Avalon/River Road gas leak and from FEMA (at 75%,) for TS Irene. For the latter, it was noted that disbursement is anticipated on or following July 1, 2012, which is after the end of the current fiscal year.
- Firefighters' union has requested a meeting to review/discuss concerns about new SCBA equipment.
- Committee has been formed – consisting of three firefighters, one officer, the Apparatus Supervisor and the Deputy Chief – to coordinate/oversee planned purchase of replacement apparatus for Engine 4 (budgeted at \$695,000).

3. Report of the Fire Marshall: None

D. Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1904 hours.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 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