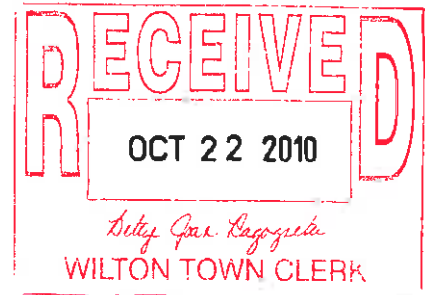




**Fire Commission**  
**236 DANBURY ROAD**  
**WILTON, CONNECTICUT**



**Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Fire Department Headquarters**

**September 1, 2010**

**Present:** Commissioners Richard McCarty and Gary Mecozzi

**Others:** Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captain Jim Gies, Lieutenant Greg Kitik, Firefighters Jim Blanchfield, Dave Chaloux, Pat Garber, Glenn Johnson and Information Systems Director John Savarese.

**A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1830 hours. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Mecozzi to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting held on April 7, 2010 which motion was seconded by Chairman McCarty and unanimously approved.

**B. Review of Monthly Reports**

1. Chief's Report – The Chief reviewed the status of the hiring of firefighter candidate Kenneth Benedict for the open firefighter position; substantially all of the pre-employment testing has been completed and Mr. Benedict is scheduled to be sworn in at 1000 hours on September 3, 2010. On the morning of September 7, 2010 he will begin his fourteen week recruit training at the Connecticut Fire Academy. Chief Milositz also informed the Commission that he would be taking vacation time from Tuesday, September 7 through Friday, September 10, 2010.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated September 1, 2010. The Report noted that there were a total of 132 calls for the month of August (Fire and Alarm – 35; EMS Calls – 64 and All Other Calls – 33) bringing the call total for the year to 1,071 (Fire and Alarm – 261; EMS Calls – 464 and All Other Calls – 346). The increase in the calls for the month compared to the same month of the prior year was 4%. The significant incidents during the month were: (i) August 13<sup>th</sup> – Mutual aid to Norwalk and station coverage for a large structure fire on Wall Street; (ii) August 21<sup>st</sup> – Mutual aid to New Canaan to stand by at their fire headquarters while they fought a barn fire; and (iii) August 29<sup>th</sup> – Annual United Ride where the Wilton and Westport ladder trucks flew a large American flag while approximately 2,000 motorcycles passed through Wilton on Danbury Road in front of Fire Headquarters.

Training – A total of 343 hours of training were input during the month, including: on-duty fire, EMS and rescue training and various EMT recertification sessions.

Firehouse Software – The CAD software that is needed from EmergiTech to interface with the Firehouse software was included in the budget for fiscal year 2011 but the purchase has been postponed based upon the ongoing dispute with EmergiTech regarding the mobile data software. Although the mobile data terminals (“MDTs”) often work correctly, the remaining dependability problems with the EmergiTech software continue to prevent the Department from going “live” with the MDTs.

Facilities – The cut-over of the tankless propane water heater has been implemented and the unit is working well. Painting and repairs at Station 2 are underway.

3. Apparatus Supervisor’s Report - The Commission reviewed the Apparatus Supervisor’s Monthly Report for August 2010, which Report noted that no apparatus were out of service for repairs during the month. The Report also noted that five and one-half hours were spent on repairs and maintenance of Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps vehicles.
4. Regional Dispatch – Analysis of the 2009 incident history for Wilton and five surrounding towns was completed and distributed to those towns. A meeting will take place on September 2, 2010 to discuss that analysis. Separately, a proposal was received on September 1, 2010 from Southwestern Connecticut C-MED to take over fire and EMS dispatching. It will be analyzed in the coming weeks and a report of said analysis will be presented to the Commission.
5. Lieutenant Promotion – A total of ten firefighters have expressed their interest in the upcoming promotional process. The Connecticut Fire Academy has been retained to generate the written examination. The list of examination study references will be posted on or before September 7th.

### **C. Old Business**

1. EmergiTech Software – Information Systems Director Savarese provided an update on the status of the discussions with EmergiTech. He reported that all communication with EmergiTech are now being channeled through Town Counsel G. Kenneth Bernhard’s office.

### **D. New Business**

1. Hurricane Earl – Chief Milositz provided an update and handouts on the position of the hurricane and its expected landfall; the hurricane currently is a category 4 storm. He stated that Wilton should begin to see the effects of the storm by the afternoon of September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chief also provided an overview of the preparations and precautions being taken by the Town.
2. Car 1 Replacement – Chief Milositz informed the Commission that bids for the replacement of his vehicle are being sought. The bids are for an all wheel drive Ford Taurus; similar to what the Wilton Police Chief drives.

3. Physicals – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Department now conducts its firefighter physicals with Soundview Medical. A short discussion followed regarding the net cost impact of using health insurance to cover most of the cost of the physicals. The Chief expects the cost for the physicals to be within budget again this year.
4. September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony – The annual September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony will take place at Fire Headquarters at 1000 hours.

**E. Public Comments**

None

- F. Adjournment:** At approximately 1855 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held on October 6, 2010 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.**

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy  
Secretary - Fire Commission