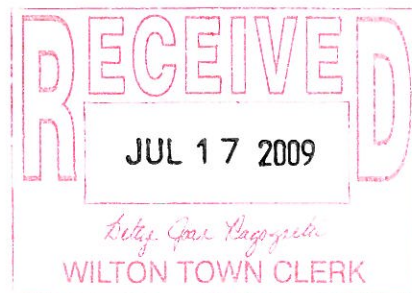




Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897



Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

June 2, 2009

Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty and Gary Mecozzi

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captain Karl Dolnier and Firefighters Brad Carlson, Pat Garber and Glenn Johnson.

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: The meeting was called to order at approximately 1835 hours. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular meeting held on April 7, 2009 which motion, was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Chief's Report – Chief Milositz reported to the Commission that the Department's first awards ceremony was well received by all. He noted that the Ridgefield Fire Department wishes to develop the same or a similar awards program. Chief Milositz and Captain Dolnier were invited to attend the Rotary meeting on June 12th as a follow up to the awards ceremony. On June 4th, Captains Dolnier and Carter will be recognized for 35 years of service provided to the Town. The ceremony will begin at 4:30pm in the Annex Building.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated May 6, 2009. The Report noted that there were a total of 148 calls for the month of April (Fire and Alarm – 37; EMS Calls – 83 and All Other Calls – 28) bringing the call total for the year to 551 (Fire and Alarm – 140; EMS Calls – 300 and All Other Calls – 111). There were three significant incidents during the month: (i) April 5th – electrical fire at 16 Robin Lane; (ii) April 11th – dryer fire at 50 Danbury Road and (iii) April 28th – covered Ridgefield Fire Headquarters while that Department dealt with a train versus car accident.

The Commission also reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated June 1, 2009. The Report noted that there were a total of 154 calls for the month of May (Fire and Alarm – 31; EMS Calls – 86 and All Other Calls – 37) bringing the call total for the year to 705 (Fire and Alarm – 164; EMS Calls – 386 and All Other Calls – 155). There were no significant incidents during the month.

Incident volume for the calendar year through May 31, 2009 is 12% higher than for the same period in 2008, which increase is attributable to a substantially higher volume of EMS calls.

The Deputy Chief advised the Commission that the Firehouse records management software and server should arrive at the Department sometime during the week of June 8th. He also advised that the Department appears to be on target to achieve the 1½% spending reduction requested by the Board of Selectmen for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

The Commission reviewed without comment the Apparatus Supervisor's monthly reports for April and May 2009.

3. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Monthly Report. Chairman McCarty noted the increase in inspections and follow-ups. Chief Milositz reiterated the value of the tablet computers for use by Fire Marshal's Office in completing more inspections.

C. Old Business

1. Draft Report on Communications and Dispatch. The Chief reported that he had received comments from Chairman McCarty. Chairman McCarty noted that he is awaiting comments from Commissioner Healy before taking any action on the report or filing the report as is.

D. New Business –

1. Educational Reimbursement. **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Mecozzi to approve Fire Inspector Grosso's request to be reimbursed for an Investigation Course, which motion was seconded by Chairman McCarty and approved. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve Fire Fighter Carlson's request to be reimbursed for a course on building construction and water supply, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and approved.
2. Vacation Request. Firefighter Plank requested a vacation carryover. Chief Milositz recommended approval provided that the carryover must be used prior to August 31, 2009. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve vacation carryover request of Firefighter Plank, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and approved.
3. Town Fourth of July Celebration. Chief Milositz reported that planning is on schedule. It is anticipated that the turnout may be larger than in prior years for the reason that the fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 4th.

E. Adjournment: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on July 7, 2009 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission