

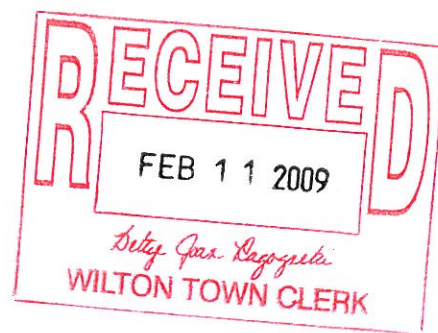


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

Minutes of Special Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

January 14, 2009



Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty and Gary Mecozzi

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo

- A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1830 hours. A **MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting held on December 9, 2008 which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and approved 2-0.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Chief's Report – The Chief advised that he will be going to Mississippi during the week of February 13, 2009 through February 20, 2009 to help rebuild homes damaged by hurricane Katrina.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated January 5, 2009. The Report noted that there were a total of 145 calls for the month of December (Fire and Alarm – 41; EMS Calls – 75 and All Other Calls – 29), bringing the call total for the year to 1,624 (Fire and Alarm – 497; EMS Calls – 786 and All Other Calls – 341). There were three significant incidents during the month of December: (i) December 3rd – mutual aid to Weston for a structure fire; (ii) December 18th – Electrical fire at 10 Westport Road and (iii) December 23rd – mutual aid to New Canaan for a structure fire.

Emergency vehicle operations training provided by the Connecticut Fire Academy continued on shift during the month. Company level training for the month focused on orientation and training for Firefighter Kevin Plank who graduated from the CT Fire Academy recruit training program on December 18th. Deputy Chief Amatrudo noted that Firefighter Plank was recognized during the graduation ceremonies for his efforts as the Class Platoon Leader and he was given a plaque by his fellow students in appreciation of those efforts.

The Commission reviewed the Apparatus Supervisor's monthly report for December 2008 was reviewed, which report noted that Engine 4 was out of service for 17 days during the month for repairs resulting from the accident with Truck 5.

3. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Monthly Report; no unusual activity reported. Discussion focused on the volume of inspections completed during the year and the fact that a new invoicing module in Mobile Eyes will streamline reporting of inspections.

C. Old Business – No old business.

D. New Business:

1. Fire Hydrants – The Commission discussed the maintenance and testing of the hydrants located in Town. Chief Milositz has sent a letter to the Aquarion Water Company requesting information regarding flow tests. The Chief also spoke with South Norwalk Electric and Water Company and requested the same information regarding the hydrants located within their district.
2. Budget for fiscal year 2009 – The Department is estimating being below budget by approximately \$60,000 in response to Town Hall request to find reduction in 2009 budget; the reduction coming primarily from: (i) savings in training; (ii) reduced utility costs; (iii) lower salary expenses offsetting shift coverage for replacement of former Firefighter Justin McCarthy and (iv) general cost reductions.
3. Budget for fiscal year 2010 – The Commission is scheduled to present its budget for fiscal year 2010 to the Board of Selectmen on January 27, 2009. The budget will propose a 1.9% increase over the current budget for fiscal year 2009.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on February 3, 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