



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Minutes –Regular Meeting of the Stamford Fire Commission held June 9, 2020 (via Zoom)

Call to order: 5:06pm

Attendees: Commissioners Melzer, Alswanger, Holmes, Lodato; Chief Roach, AC Robles, AC Morris;
Absent: Commissioner Hubbard

Public Comment: N/A

Chief's Report:

Chief Roach gave a briefing on Department business related to the pandemic Covid-19.

- 11 Career members & 3 Volunteer members infected; zero hospitalizations
- Testing for members for the Covid-19 virus is weekly
- Surgical masks are worn in all buildings
- Sick leave is down as is vacation and as a result the department expects a surplus.
- The department was supplied with enough equipment and the coordinated response of the City agencies was very good.
- Commissioner Lodato inquired as to the pending litigation and promotions. Chief Roach stated the last development in the ongoing legal case he believes was the City's motion related to monetary penalties, and stated the promotions are on hold.
- Commissioner Holmes inquired as to if incidents went down. Chief Roach stated it is starting to pick as people are being reintroduced to the outside. The Chief noted that the Fire Boat has seen an increase in incidents.
- Commissioner Alswanger inquired as to if new Firefighters were scheduled to be hired in the new fiscal year. The Chief explained that it will depend on the outcome of the negotiations with the City & union.

The Chief wanted to thank both AC Robles and AC Morris for their time running the department while he was working in the EOC during this emergency related to the pandemic.

Career A/Chief Report:

- AC Robles stated that it has been a very busy time but that the department has stayed ahead of it.
- AC Robles mirrored the Chiefs statements about the surplus in the Operating budget.
- Capital budget, the department will see two new apparatus one for Career & Volunteer departments.
- One Deputy Fire Marshal was terminated.
- There were a few retirements.

Volunteer A/Chief Report:

- AC Morris stated that Volunteer departments were limiting attendance in the stations to emergency response or necessary department business due to the pandemic.
- They shut down drills and are participating in on-line training.
- New apparatus shall be in place, one purchased by Turn of River FD station and one shared purchase by Belltown FD and the City of Stamford. At this time AC Morris is looking into a used apparatus for Glenbrook FD.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the Commission moved to adjourn at 5:19pm.