



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Minutes –Regular Meeting of the Stamford Fire Commission held December 8, 2020 (via Zoom)

Call to order: 6:05pm

Attendees: Commissioners Melzer, Holmes, Hubbard, Alswanger; Chief Roach, AC Robles, AC Morris; Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs

Moment of Silence

Public Comment: N/a

Chief's Report:

Chief Roach did a briefing on the incidents showing a year to year comparison noting that calls have been down this year. Chief Roach noted that the new Engine 1 was in service, that the previous Engine 1 is now Engine 6 and that the combo unit that was used as Engine 6 is now out of service.

Questions & discussion took place as to:

- what constitutes a false alarm
- has the nature of calls have been changing since Covid
- what happens when a Covid call comes in
- has the department seen a rise in Opioid calls.
- Covid-19 vaccine process

The Chief stated that false alarms are not fire and are usually a system malfunction. The City of Stamford has an ordinance related to False alarms.

The Chief stated that construction calls are up, that Opioid calls have lessened and there has been a rise in mental illness & suicide calls. There has been questions added to dispatch to be used when calls come in that may be Covid related.

The department was polled and approximately 705 were interested in receiving the vaccine. The vaccine is open to all firefighters.

Update on pending Litigation: By motion duly made the Commission moved to go into Executive Session at 6:22pm. By motion duly made the Commission moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:19pm. No action was taken in Executive Session.

New Business: Roles & Responsibilities of the Fire Commission. The Commission went over the roles & responsibilities as outlined in the Charter.

Motion: By motion duly made the 2021 meeting schedule was approved with the amendment of January 12, 2021 to be noted as Tuesday.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the Commission moved to adjourn at 7:19pm.