



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Stamford Fire Commission held October 9, 2018

Call to order: 5:10 pm

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence: Vice Chairman Holmes asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in gratitude to all Uniformed personnel who have served and who serve our Nation and our Communities, and in remembrance for those who have lost their lives in said service.

Attendees: Commissioners Holmes, Hubbard & Lodato; Chief Roach, AC Robles, AC Morris;

Public Comment: N/A

Personnel Issues: Recruitment has started for the upcoming Firefighter exam. The Chief presented the Commission with postcards that are being distributed throughout Stamford by the Department. There is also recruitment efforts via social media blitz through Facebook & Twitter. Discussion took place. The Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal exams have completed and the Chief is expecting results in about two weeks. The Chief announced the retirement of Assistant Fire Marshal Antonio Forte as well as the anticipated retirement of Fire Marshal Charles Spaulding in December 2018. Discussion took place.

Chief Report: There have been 957 total incidents, of which 11 were fire Incidents, 5 were structure fires and there were 506 EMS incidents. The Operating budget quarterly reports are in progress and the Department appears to be in line with budget, outside of the apparatus/vehicle maintenance account. There are many repairs to apparatus happening. The Capital budget process has started. The department is looking to replace Truck 3 in this year's Capital budget. The Regional School has been fully funded this year by the State of Connecticut. The Chief noted that Firefighter Edward Cohen is the Firefighter of the Year and is being recognized by the Exchange Club at their annual event. Discussion took place. The Chief reported Pump testing is complete, Ladder testing and hose testing are taking place. In Training the big emphasis is on drafting from water sources such as lakes & ponds. Discussion took place. Active shooting training took place over the summer in coordination with the Police and SEMS. Discussion took place.

Budget Review: Discussed in Chief's Report.

New Business: N/A

Update on consolidation: Commissioner Holmes inquired as to how the Officer training was progressing in regards to the mandates. A/C Morris reported that Fire Officer 3 is ongoing, with all departments participating except Springdale. The Chief stated that the Stamford Department is probably the most certified Combination department in Connecticut. Discussion took place. Commissioner Holmes asked if the departments will be in compliance, more or less, with the directives issued. AC Morris and Chief Roach stated that some will be and some will not be. Commissioner Holmes asked if there were any departments that they should be aware of now that will not be in compliance. Chief Roach & AC Morris stated that Springdale will not be in compliance by the deadline. Discussion took place. Commissioner Hubbard asked if the City provide the "Sexual Harassment training" to the Volunteer departments and the Chief stated that they had. AC Morris stated that there will be a combined drill with Westchester county

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mutual aid and that Springdale & Pound Ridge will bring units and Long Ridge & Turn of River will bring tankers. This training will help in efforts to handle water supply issues in North Stamford.

Commissioner Holmes inquired about the new CAD system and the ability to see location of all apparatus. The Chief stated it is working well. Commissioner Hubbard inquired as to how the Department did in the recent storms. The Chief talked about some of the incidents with flooding that was problematic for the Department. Discussion took place about the possibility of Hurricane Michael and its possible effect on Stamford.

The Chief stated that minutes were distributed. Discussion took place. Commissioner Holmes and Commissioner Hubbard submitted corrections which shall be incorporated and the minutes will be resubmitted to Commission for review and, if applicable, approval.

AC Morris stated that Long Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its open house this weekend and Belltown Volunteer Department will hold one next weekend.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the Commission moved to adjourn at 5:47 pm.