



# STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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## Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Tuesday, January 15, 2015

**Call to order:** Chief Brown called the meeting to order.

### Swearing in Ceremony:

The Honorable Mayor David R. Martin administered the Oath of Office to Franklin Melzer, Richard Lyons, Andrew Holmes, Robert Perry and Gregory Lodato who all swore to uphold.

**Roll Call:** Present: Commissioner's Melzer, Lyons, Perry, Holmes & Lodato present. Additional attendees: Honorable Mayor David R. Martin, Fire Chief Brown, AC Roach, Dir. Jankowski; Public: Paul Newman.

### Selection of Fire Commission Officers:

**Motion:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to elect Commissioner Melzer as Chairman of the Fire Commission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lodato and approved by all.

**Motion:** Commissioner Melzer made a motion to elect Commissioner Lyons as Vice Chairman of the Fire Commission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lodato and approved by all.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Newman introduced himself as Fire Captain, SFD & Legislative Representative of Local 786 and welcomed the Commission and wished all well.

### Chief's Report:

- Chief Brown gave a briefing on the recent incidents:
  - 12/26/13 Long Ridge Road- Structure Fire-2<sup>nd</sup> floor bedroom
  - 12/24/13 Montauk Road-2<sup>nd</sup> floor, kitchen area
  - 1/12/14 Noble Street-1<sup>st</sup> floor-off kitchen. In this particular incident two dogs were rescued.

Additionally, Chief Brown noted that there were many multiple water leaks incidents due to recent weather conditions.

- Chief Brown stated that there are currently 8 firefighter vacancies, and some officer vacancies. Commissioner Lyons asked that a letter go out to Human Resources requesting information on all tests that are due and/or list that are in force.
- Chief Brown gave a briefing on the long term sick and IOD of the department. Commissioner Lyons asked what the average sick time was and Assistant Chief Roach stated that the average sick per year per individual to be approximately 7 days per individual per year.
- Chief Brown stated that the City & the Union are in negotiations and Chief Brown believes that things are moving forward. It is his understanding that there were items agreed upon.
- Chief Brown gave a status update on the Charter revision combination of the fire departments into one department. Chief Brown stated that he has been meeting with Corporation Council, Kathy Emmett of the Legal department and the Director to get an understanding of the Judge's ruling and how it applies to all concerned. Chief Brown stated that he has also met with the various Volunteer Fire Chiefs, individually and collectively, in an effort to get everyone perspective and foster relationships and

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cooperation between all parties. Chief Brown stated that the merger of the departments is not a small task but is definitely a doable task and with the help from the Legal department and the Fire Commission and the efforts of all going forward that the consolidation to one Fire Department will happen. Discussion took place. In the discussion it was noted that the Commission would like to invite the Fire Chiefs to some of its meetings and to possibly hold its meetings at various fire stations. Commissioner Lodato inquired as to how the Chain of Command would be under the new Charter revision. Chief Brown stated that a formal chain of command is not yet determined. Discussion took place.

- Chief Brown stated that the Operating budget was submitted. Additionally, Chief Brown stated that the overtime was up. Discussion took place as to the filling of vacancies to reduce overtime. The Capital budget was discussed. Director Jankowski gave a briefing on the Capital Budget apparatus request.
- Chief Brown stated that the department has begun its EMT training and that the Q Endorsement will be starting.

**New Business:** Commissioner Lyons asked if there was a possibility of have the POW flag flown over the Training center as it used to be. Chief Brown stated that it would be taken care of.

**Motion:** The Commission moved to hold their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. A schedule will be filed with the Town Clerks office.

**Minutes:** By motion duly made the minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

**Adjournment:** By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm