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Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Roll Call: Chairman Freccia called the meeting to order at 5:40pm. Those in attendance were: Commissioners Freccia, Melzer, Mirkin and Tungaturthy; Dir/AFC Jankowski; DC's Roach & Conroy; Chief Teitelbaum, Chief Velez; Absent: Commissioners Perry

Public Comment: None

Fire Commission Committees: None

Minutes: By motion duly made the minutes of the September 3, 2013 were approved as amended. Minutes of the May 6, 2013 & March 26, 2013 were tabled.

Chief's Report:

- Incidents: the Chief gave a briefing on the following incidents:
 - I#13-0007533 09/17/13 explosion/fire
 - Commission Mirkin asked about the existence of the smell that is put into gas to facilitate detection of its presence. Chief Jankowski explained that process.
 - Commissioner Mirkin stated that maybe the City should look into sending information to residents about gas detectors as was done with the smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.
 - I#13-0007944 10/03/13 HazMat response - connection with Washington DC episode.
 - Commissioner Mirkin asked if Westhill High School's alarm system is up and running. Chief Jankowski stated that the panel is being worked on and that a Fire Watch was established using the firefighters from the Turn of River department as well as the school custodian.
- Personnel:
 - One Lieutenant retired and was back filled by the existing provisional Lieutenant permanently.
 - Assistant Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal exams were requested from Human Resources. The Assistant Fire Marshal (AFM) position vacated when the person holding that position was promoted to Fire Marshal. Holding exams for both positions will create eligibility lists.
 - Master Mechanic –Fire Equipment UE70-21 Salary \$60026 - \$72718 job was posted for 1 week, two applicants responded. One applicant was not qualified; the job will be re-posted for 2 weeks in an effort to garner more qualified candidates.
 - The position(s) of Assistant Fire Chief – Career: The candidates for this position will be interviewed tonight.
 - The department is looking to fill Firefighter positions off of the existing list. When the interview process begins will be dependent on the results of the application to the SAFER grant. Hopefully, by mid to late October.
 - Long term sick-Deputy Chief Officers contacted individuals on long term sick leave
 - Contract negotiations are on-going.
 - Phase I of the Department physicals has been conducted and completed. Phase II has started.
 - Probationary firefighters have completed their probationary period and have been permanently assigned to groups. An extension of probationary period will be granted for three firefighters to enable them to complete all required objectives/training.

- Apparatus:
 - The department is in the process of purchasing three new pumpers by KME. One piece of apparatus should be online by mid-October 2013 and two should be online by mid-March 2014.
 - Apparatus are all in service except E2. TOR #62 is in as E2.
 - E14 has a rotted frame
 - The department is utilizing a loaned engine from New Canaan
 - E12 did not pass pump test
 - Operation Road Base System was discussed as its ability to schedule maintenance
- Budget:
 - Capital Budget has been compiled and will be reviewed Thursday
 - Overtime increased in the first three weeks of September due to the Jewish Holidays and closing of schools, employees required to use vacation banks, explosion call backs, mechanical division increase due to apparatus issues, long term sick.
- Training-Chief Jankowski stated that the Commission did a great job in its selection in the last hiring process.
 - Leadership training is scheduled for the week of October 5, 2013
 - Ladder Testing will occur the week of 9/23/13

Good & Welfare:

- Commissioner Melzer gave a briefing on the Anti-Blight committee.
- Chairman Freccia asked for committee updates. Dir/AFC Jankowski gave a brief overview on the Modified Response committee, the Accountability committee.
- Chairman Freccia gave a brief update on the Volunteer law suit stating that the presentation of evidence has concluded and that both sides will be presenting briefs and stated that discussions to settle the issue continue.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the Alarm Ordinance, verification of alarms, and false alarms.
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Status of Promotions & New Hires/Interview New Hires and or Promotions:

- Interviews for the position of Assistant Fire Chief –Career:
 - Two candidates interviewed for the position, DC Conroy & DC Roach.
 - Chairman Freccia asked Deputy Chief Timothy Conroy if he wanted the interview to be in executive session or open session. Deputy Chief Conroy chose executive session.
 - By motion duly made, the Commission went into executive session for the purpose of interviewing DC Conroy at 6:30pm. By motion duly made, the Commission exited executive session at 7:25pm. No action was taken in executive session.
 - Chairman Freccia asked Deputy Chief Trevor Roach if he wanted the interview to be in executive session or open session. Deputy Chief Roach chose executive session.
 - By motion duly made, the Commission went into executive session for the purpose of interviewing DC Roach at 7:27pm. By motion duly made, the Commission exited executive session at 8:30pm. No action was taken in executive session.
 - The Commission made their recommendation for the potential appointment of Assistant Fire Chief to Director/Acting Fire Chief Jankowski who will make a decision, hopefully next week.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm