

**A Regular Meeting of the Fairfield Fire Commission was held on
Thursday January 11th 2018 @ 7 pm Fairfield Regional Fire School,
205 Richard White Way Fairfield CT 06824**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Joseph Olzacki@ 7:00pm

Members Present: Commissioners: Bill Fitzpatrick, Craig VanSteenbergen, Bill Fitzpatrick and Barbara Rifkin.

Also Present: Chief McCarthy: D.C. Dunn

Absent: Commissioner Brennan

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Moment of Reflection: Line of Duty Death since 12/14/2017

3. Approval of 12/14/2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rifkin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Olzacki to approve the 12/14/2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with 2 abstentions Commissioner VanSteenbergen and Bill Fitzpatrick.

4. Chief's Monthly Report- Budget update

Chief reported the budget process has started. They met with the First Selectman, CFO Robert Mayer and Budget director. Chief noted they are continuing to refine the budget request. Chief notified the commission of the upcoming budget meeting hearings.

Next Wednesday budget hearing will be on 2 items in the non-recurring capital budget the command car and the mechanics apparatus' floor jacks.

State funding of \$70,000 is gone which is a bit hit. They have a \$58,950 budget for the Fairfield Town Regional School training center.

- a) Administration-** Chief thanked Frank Cieplinski for his years of service and commitment to the commission. Chief went over the day to day issues: the kitchen renovation at Station 5: the need for continuing investment in the buildings which was discussed also with First Selectman Michael Tetreau. Station 2 is need of a lot of work. Property next to station might be a possibility to purchase as resident

did contact Deputy Chief of Staff Tom Dubrosky. Chief said can't act upon Army Reserve property as it would have to start as a recreational purpose but looking at options. Chief is having conversations with Westport to merge communication centers together, and move the combined dispatch center to the Sacred Heart Location.

The RFP came back on the process: will treat resources as one community managed by one Dispatch center. Process can take up to 2 yrs. Need approval for funding for the study. State will give money

b) Maintenance-Apparatus Update. No update

c) Donations- \$20,000 Colony Pizza

- Chief presented Colony Pizza with 2 Fire Fighter Helmets and thanked them for their generosity at the Fire Dept. Christmas party in December.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick motioned, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin to approve the \$20,000 donation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Regional Fire School operation Costs and Income

Chief provided commission with the Profit and Loss detail report from July through Dec 2017.

. **5. Deputy Chief's Operations Reports-** D.C. reported on numerous structure fires over the Christmas and into the New Year. In addition numerous broken water pipes. D.C. got the questionnaires returned from FF candidates, now over to PD investigators. The turnout gear contract is up in February. They had 3 vendors today present to gear committee. Bid request will be going out soon. EMT refresher is ongoing.

6. Southport VFD Update- No report

7. Stratfield VFD Update- President Mike Farkas reported crew came from Stratford to help out with the Dec 26th fire in Fairfield. In addition has one new member going to Fire Fighter 1 course.

8. Local 1426 Update - No report

9. CERT (community Emergency Response Team) Update- D. C. Dunn reported CERT are gearing up for their new Recruit Training class scheduled for 5 Saturdays starting Feb 24th 2018. Stop the Bleed class (until help arrives) starts Thursday Jan 18th 2018 at the FRFS. 15 members were available as a task force during storm Grayson.

10. Old Business –

Chief continued discussion with Consultant regarding the state wide testing. 20 departments interested but no commitment yet. Chief is also looking for seed money from the State to run the state wide testing. Chairperson Joe mentioned AFG grants. Chief will follow up with David Parr.

11. New Business - 2018 Meeting Dates - Chairperson Joe did mention there are 2 vacancies on the commission to date.

12. Adjournment: Being no further business Commissioner Olzacki motioned to adjourn at 7:40pm, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary