

A Regular Meeting of the Fairfield Fire Commission was held on

**Thursday April 12th 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: Dorothea Brennan, John Brannelly and Bill Fitzpatrick.

Also Present: Chief McCarthy: D.C. Dunn

Absent: Commissioners Craig Van Steenberg and Barbara Rifkin

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of 03/08/2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Brennan motioned, seconded by Commissioner Brannelly to approve the 03/08/2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with 1 abstention Commissioner Fitzpatrick.

3. Chief's Monthly Report-Hiring, Promotions and Volunteers

The Hiring Application process has gone live with IOS solutions: 11 communities involved. The test date is late June. Chief feels process is going well with all applications going directly to IOS solutions with no cost to the town.

Chief will update commission when application period closes in May. There have been no promotions, but since Lt. Shiller is still out FF. David Cox will fill in as Acting Lt. until Lt. Shiller returns. The 3 FFs that are at the CFA are doing very well.

Commissioner Olzacki asked if FF David Cox was next on the list and it was confirmed by the Chief he was.

a) Administration- Budget Process is complete. Nothing significant. Board of Finance decreased the Command Car by \$7500.00 from the original \$106,000 budget proposal.

b) Maintenance- Ladder Truck at the repair facility.

c) Donations- \$50 Anna Kolesik, \$250 Darcy Stacom, \$5,000 Bronson Meadows

Commissioner Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brennan to approve the donations as presented. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

d) Regional Fire School Operation Costs and Income-

Chief mentioned since it is a stand-alone budget line it got a lot of attention at the Board of Finance meeting. The operating budget of \$58,900 was created for the Fire School alone: \$33,955 was put into Contingency by the Board of Finance so we will have to go back to the BOF for this money. In addition, Chief is still lobbying at the State level for the appropriation of the \$70,000.

4. Deputy Chief's Operations Reports- D.C. Dunn explained how the SSU-1 (Special Service Unit One) was in place for service for Storm Riley and went over in great detail the functionality of SSU-1.

In addition, he went over how they use these storms as serious practices for the more critical events. Chief noted problems with coordination with U.I: lack of communication and the inability to give a global restoration time regarding opening the EOC.

Commissioner Brennan advised it may be best not to wait for U.I but go to PURA agency directly.

FF Gentile retired on 3/30/2018. Beacon Pt. Marine won bid for Boat repairs, and HiTech won bid for Turnout gear. Station 5 kitchen project is ongoing.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick asked was there any update on the potential relocation of the ECC and consolidation with Westport.

Chief reported that the proposed contract went to Town of Westport for review and approval. Town of Fairfield signed it also, so now it is gone to the consultant (Federal Engineering Inc.)

5. Southport VFD Update- No report

6. Stratfield VFD Update- Mike Farkas reported elections took place no longer President. New President is Peter Stansfield.

7. Local 1426 Update - No report but Chief gave a brief update on Lt Shiller.

8. CERT (community Emergency Response Team) Update-

Norma reported on March 24th, 2018 the CERT Basic Training Class was completed. Twenty-one students participated in the course. On 4/21/2018 Fairfield are hosting a training program for all Regions 1 CERT and Medical Reserve Corps members.

The topic is Family Assistance Centers (which might be established in the event of a mass casualty event) and Family Reunification Centers (which are most likely needed if there were a school emergency or disaster requiring evacuation from the school.

Participants in the training will gain an overview of how these centers operate and have an opportunity to learn and practice various roles in case they are called upon to assist.

9. Old Business – Chair Commissioner Olzacki asked how the Active Violence training went. Chief updated the commission. Commissioner Brennan pointed out that more notice should be given to the neighborhood before this occurs; feels it would save a lot of phone calls from concerned residents.

10. New Business- Chair Commission Olzacki asked if possible from the Fire Depts. budget could they abstract the Fire Marshall's Expenses on an xl spreadsheet. Chief said this can be done by Personal at the office.

11. Adjournment: Being no further business Commissioner Olzacki motioned to adjourn at 7:47pm, seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary