

**A Regular Meeting of the Fairfield Fire Commission was held on
Thursday September 13, 2018 @ 7 pm Fairfield Regional Fire School,
Conference Room 205 Richard White Way (formerly 205 One Rod
Hwy) Fairfield, CT 06824**

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

Members Present: Commissioners: Dorothea Brennan via phone, John Brannelly, Craig VanSteenbergen, Bill Fitzpatrick and Barbara Rifkin.

Also Present: Chief McCarthy: D.C. Dunn

Absent: Commissioner: Harry Ackley

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. (a) Approval of August 9th, 2018 Meeting Minutes-

Commissioner Brennan motioned, seconded by Commissioner VanSteenbergen to approve the August 9th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with 1 abstention Commissioner Bill Fitzpatrick.

(b) August 11, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Brennan motioned, seconded by Commissioner VanSteenbergen to approve the August 11, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with 2 abstentions Commissioners Rifkin and Fitzpatrick.

Chair Joe thanked the commissioners who came to the Special meeting to get the candidates into the class and stated the Chief really appreciated it.

3. Chief's Monthly Report- Apparatus and Buildings

Chief discussed the 96 HR. Plan: before potential storms could occur.

It included re-opening center having fuel batteries ready along with Residence and Business Community: basically, having everything in a state of readiness. Detective Irizarry will do a presentation on mock Shelter Seminar this Thursday evening @Fairfield Public School in conjunction with Red Cross. Chief did mention that the D.C will bring up the Ladder Truck at the Board of Finance meeting Monday night.

- a) **Administration-** Hired 2 new FF's. Did Physical Training with them today. Chief thanked Assistant Gomola for all his work on the PT program.
- b) **Maintenance-** Bids came back for roof replacement for Station 5. Station 2 project is underway under the leadership of Lt. Eannotti. It is in the fact-finding mode to find money to put in the maintenance account. In addition, Station 2 is heavily used and trying to find ways also to increase footprint.
- c) **Donations- None**
- d) **Regional Fire School Operation Costs and Income-** Chief explained as of July 1st 2019 they have transitioned to the new town budget accounting system for the fire school which now covers the utilities in exchange for town department use. This caused a significant decrease in reserve funds for building repairs and maintenance. Fortunately, they did receive their first quarterly check from the State for FY19.
- e) **Entry Level Firefighting Testing Summary-** Chief waiting to have an after testing summary.

f) 4. Deputy Chief's Operations Reports-

D.C. reported lightning strike disable the Fire Radio system. He updated commission on a recent fire on Old Academy Road. They were met with Heavy Fire upon arrival but great stop by E5. The 9/11 ceremony went well.

The bid for Station 5 roof has been awarded, and work should start later this month. D.C. met with Town Phone bid awardee, new system by winter. An invite to the Fire Commission members was offered to view new work at Station 5. 6 members went to TSAC Practitioners Course in Virginia with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The 96-hour plan is published on the Town Website.

Det. Irizarry speaks this week regarding De-escalation Techniques during Times of Crisis.

5. Southport VFD Update- Frank Cieplinski reported next Annual Meeting the Election of Officers will take place. Deputy Chief's position is up for election and will notify commission. Last weekend in October is Open House for Southport. All will be invited.

6. Stratfield VFD Update- No report

7. Local 1426 Update – No report

8. CERT (community Emergency Response Team) Update- Norma absent so DC reported Shelter training at Ludlowe will be held later

. 9. Old Business- None

10. New Business- Chairman Olzacki mentioned that he observed Engine 3 on a multiple-agency response recently. He said that the Fairfield units were outstanding in their actions.

11. Adjournment:

Being no further business Chair Joe motioned to adjourn at 7:24pm, seconded by Commissioner VanSteenbergen.

Respectfully submitted by Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary