



# STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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## Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Tuesday, August 19, 2014

**Call to order:** Chairman Melzer called the meeting to order at 5:06pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Melzer, Lyons, Lodato, & Holmes; Fire Chief Brown, AC Roach; Public: NA Absent: Commissioner Hubbard

**Public Comment:** N/A

### Chief's Report:

- **Incidents:** Chief Brown stated that 992 incidents that occurred. 7 of which were structure fires one of which was a significant structure fire located at New England Dr which was an electrical fire with a lot of damage.
- **Budget:** Overtime is high due to summer vacations/vacancies & longterm sick/injury. Discussion took place and because of these reasons the overtime has been running an average of \$100000 per week in overtime. This is expected to reduce significantly once the vacation time settles down and people come off leave. Discussion took place.
- **Personnel:**
  - Waiting for the 3 names for the position of Assistant Fire Chief Volunteer services. Chief Brown believes that 3 names were submitted to HR and he is waiting for the names from HR.
  - All new FF recruits have started at the Academy on Magee ave starting on August 11, 2014. Two of the original selections failed the CPAT and the department moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate on the listing. Chief Brown stated that the CPAT is an arduous test.
  - Commission Lyons asked if the Commission appointed a Lieutenant that was not an EMS? Chief Brown stated that we appointed a Lieutenant who was not an EMT but meets the requirement of the department and is an EMR. Discussion took place.
  - Request for a leave of absence from Fire Captain. Discussion took place.

**Motion:** Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to approve a leave of absence for Jason Rivera, motion was made by Commissioner Lyons. Discussion took place. Commissioner Lyons moved the motion forward and the motion was seconded by Chairman Melzer. By motion duly made the leave of absence to Fire Captain Jason Rivera was approved. 3 approved: Commissioner Lyons, Melzer & Holmes; 1 abstained: Commissioner Lodato. 1 absent: Commissioner Hubbard
- **Fleet status:**
  - New KME E8 is on the road,
  - New KME E1 should be in service in a few weeks.
  - Truck 1 - There is an extreme safety issue with our Supthen 100' ladder and it has been placed out of service. There has been collapse of ladders and the company requests that it be put out of service. There were career ending injuries from the collapse of some of the ladders. The SFD is looking to purchase a 95' hydraulic ladder and has moved quickly through the City purchasing process with a GSA bid with a Seagrave Arial with an expected delivery in February 2014. Commissioner Melzer asked what do we do in the

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meantime. Chief Roach stated because there are so many fire companys that need that there is limited resources and that there are no rentals or demos to borrow from the company. Commissioner Melzer asked are there any area department that would be able to supplement us in case there is a need in the department. Chief Brown stated that Turn of River has a ladder, purchased by the City, and that Chief Brown asked Turn of River to loan their ladder truck to be used in the interium and Turn of River Fire department refused. Discussion took place as to options and other manufactures. Commissioner Melzer asked that in the event of an emergency, Turn of River would not allow the use of their truck. Chief stated that was correct. Further discussion took place as to the expected delivery of the new piece of apparatus.

**Fire Unification Plan:** Chief Brown stated that progress, he hopes will be made by the appointment of an Assistant Fire Chief. Chief Brown stated that he is looking for the Fire Commission to approve the directives presented.

**New Business:** Directives. Chief Brown asked the Fire Commission to approve the directives as policy and procedures to work with the Volunteer department. Discussion took place. Chief Brown stated that these are the existng SOP's used by the department.

**Motion:** Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to move forward with the Chief's request to implement the SOP drafts into final documents the directives as presented and if revisions are made that they are presented to the Fire Commission for approval. Commissioner Lyons moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Lodato and approved by all. 4 approved, 1 absent.

**Minutes:** By motions duly made the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were approved with the revisions noted; the minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting were approved and the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting were approved.

**Adjournment:** By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 5:38