

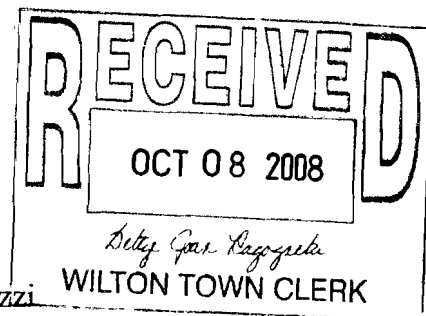


## Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD  
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

### Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

September 2, 2008



Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty, J. Casey Healy and Gary Mecozzi

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Captain Karl Dolnier, Captain Kevin Czarnecki, and Firefighters Joe Bisenius and Bill Wilson

**A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1830 hours. A **MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular monthly meeting held August 5, 2008 and special meetings held on August 11, 2008 and August 25, 2008, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

### **B. Review of Monthly Reports**

1. Chief's Report – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Grounds Department had taken over the maintenance of the landscaping at the front of Station 1. The Chief acknowledged with thanks the efforts of the Grounds Department and Captain Dolnier in replanting the area in advance of the Town's 9/11 Ceremony. Chief Milositz reminded the Commission that the 9/11 commemoration ceremony would commence at 1000 hours at Station 1. The Chief reported that firefighter candidate Plank would be sworn in at Station 1 on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 0900 hours; Mr. Plank attend the Connecticut Fire Academy commencing on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated September 2, 2008. The Report noted that there were a total of 121 calls for the month of August (Fire and Alarm – 46; EMS Calls – 48 and All Other Calls – 27), bringing the call total for the year to 1048 (Fire and Alarm – 309; EMS Calls – 501 and All Other Calls – 238). There were a number of significant incidents during the month of August: (i) August 1<sup>st</sup> – mutual aid call to Norwalk for a commercial structure fire at 327 Main Avenue; (ii) August 2<sup>nd</sup> - residential structure fire at 202 Drum Hill Road; and (iii) August 10<sup>th</sup> – mutual aid call to Weston for a fully involved residential structure fire at 140 Steep Hill Road. Deputy Chief Amatrudo advised the Commission that 351 hours of training were conducted during the month; the major component of which was 103 hours of company operations and firefighting training coordinated by Captains Gies and Czarnecki at a house located at 381 Olmstead Hill Road that was donated for training prior to demolition. The Deputy Chief also

reported that Fire Marshal Kohn coordinated demonstrations by four fire service records management software vendors during the month. Two vendors were identified as having the best software for the Department's needs. Further research of the software packages is being conducted. The Commission reviewed the Apparatus Supervisor's Report for July and August, which report noted that Truck 5 is out several weeks for repairs at Firematic Systems. The Deputy Chief advised the Commission that the floor leveling project in the apparatus bay to accommodate the jack system will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup> and should take approximately one week to complete. Deputy Chief Amatrudo updated the Commission regarding a volunteer component to the Department; advising that a volunteer component would best be done under the auspices of the Fire Corps. Fire Corps is a program similar to CERT that is funded by the Department of Homeland Security. He will continue to research this issue.

3. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Monthly Report dated August 2008. There was one investigation during the month for the aforementioned residential structure fire at 202 Drum Hill Road. Fire Marshal Kohn advised the Commission that the fire appeared to have been caused by a lightning strike. Mr. Kohn also advised that Fire Inspector Grosso and he have contacted the Town's elementary schools to discuss the possibility of class visits in light of the cancellation of emergency services day due to budgetary reasons. Mr. Kohn also is expanding the Life Safety Division's efforts for 5th graders participation in the poster contest for Fire Prevention Month in October. Following up on the Deputy Chief's comments regarding fire service records management software vendors, Mr. Kohn advised the Commission that he will visit other departments that use the software in order to ascertain whether there are any bugs in the software or vendor issues. Mr. Kohn noted that one of the two vendors identified as having the best software package for the Department has approximately 100 departments as customers located within 50 miles of Wilton.

### **C. Old Business**

1. Hire of Replacement Firefighter – The Deputy Chief advised the Commission that firefighter candidate Kevin Plank submitted his retirement papers as a Danbury firefighter and is using three weeks of available vacation time before he is officially retired. Mr. Plank completed his physical and drug test on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and is scheduled for the requisite psychological evaluation prior to commencing classes at the Connecticut Fire Academy on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. Smoke Detectors in Garages and Sprinkler Systems – Fire Marshal Kohn continues his research into the technology for detection systems to insure that the systems are feasible.

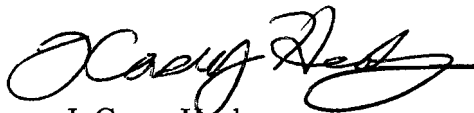
### **C. New Business**

1. Dispatch Committee – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Dispatch Committee will meet on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lt. Michelsen has replaced Lt. Iannacone on the Committee. At that meeting, the Committee will address the timeliness of the dispatch to the residential structure fires at 55 Drum Hill Road and 202 Drum Hill Road.

**D. Adjournment:** At approximately 1908 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on October 7, 2008 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Casey Healy", written in a cursive style.

J. Casey Healy  
Secretary - Fire Commission