

FAIRFIELD FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

November 10th 2011, 7:11pm

Memorial Room Library

Post Rd Fairfield CT 06824

1. CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00pm by Chairman Thomas Christie

Members Present: Commissioners: Charlene Lebo, Susan Barrett, Felix Giannini, Anthony Janotta, Craig van Steenberg, and Richard Popilowski.

Also Present:

Fire Chief Richard Felner: D.C. Art Reid

John Leone and Chris Luciani- Southport Volunteers

Don Peterson- Cert team

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Moment of Reflection: For all Firefighters and for all people saving lives every day.

4. Approval of Minutes: Richard Popilowski requested to waive the approval of minutes until next month's meeting since they were not available to the Commission. Permission granted.

5. Old Business:

a) Correspondence

Chief Felner reported received several thank you letters (on file)

b) Chief's Reports

Chief Felner went over his Fire Marshall, Training Center Incident calls and Monthly unit responses reports in great detail with the Commission. Chief Felner briefly mentioned how well the previous storm was handled. Richard Popilowski asked if the Fire Dept had a policy in place regarding pumping out basements. Chief Felner explained no policy in place as they do not do this. D.C. Art Reid gave an update on the Cert team which was activated twice in the past month. They opened the shelter at Ludlowe again and thanked Don Peterson and the team for a job well executed. Don Peterson gave an update to the commission and explained the Cert team is working with neighborhood watch to reach out to people who would have no phone service or TV to notify them of when the shelter is open etc.

Chief Felner reported that training is still taking place on the new truck which is not in service yet but should be up and running by next month. Operating pump is extensive, however a great truck, more computerized. Smoke detectors program a great success and replaced 1,000 batteries already. Follow up is essential with the Senior Center to make sure they fill out paperwork etc. In addition, CO2 detectors have been replaced also.

c) Update Local 1426: President Robert Smith reported Santa Ride will be held Dec 16th through the 18th and invited the Commission. Mr. Smith mentioned the Colony grill 5 k which the proceeds were donated to the Police and Fire which in return donated back out for gifts for the troops and home for the heart. Safety trailer went very well. Chief Felner noted that Robert Smith and Richard Kazzi work very hard to make this program a success.

d) Southport Volunteer updates: No Report

6. New Business.

Chief Felner explained to the Commission since Dr. Gross the Fire Department Surgeon has moved on, he would like to recommend Dante A. Brittis MD for this position. The Chief provided the commission with information regarding Dr. Brittis qualifications and affiliations and highly recommended him. After a lengthy discussion, Richard Popilowski motioned to nominate Dr. Brittis as the Fire Department Surgeon, seconded by Charlene Lebo. Motion carried. Chief Felner thanked the commission and will notify Dr. Brittis.

Chief Felner explained to the commission and to President of the Southport Volunteers John Leone, how he recently has been receiving a lot of complaints regarding where the White truck is parked outside the Southport Fire Department. In addition, he had sent a registered letter to the President notifying him of the complaint. It is too close to one neighbor's property and would like it parked away from the ladies home, and wants to work with the Southport President John Leone to make this happen.

John Leone did speak to the commission and explained how they actually acquired the funding for this truck which they own. John asked if these complaints could come directly to him not through the Chief. Richard Popilowski asked if the Southport Volunteers work under the direction of the Chief. Mr. Leone will work with the Chief regarding moving the truck away for the property. Chief Felner did explain it is not the truck the neighbors are complaining about but where it is parked. Mr. Leone has been trying to find a location for the truck, and reported that a Vocation School might take it for a semester, but did ask if they could park the truck at the training center if this did not happen. Chief Felner and President of the Southport Volunteers John Leone will work together on this matter.

Richard Popilowski motioned, seconded by Anthony Jannota to go into Executive session. Motion carried. Pubic session resumed at 7:55pm. Fire Fighter Hugh Dolan has been suspended for 4 days for not showing up for his scheduled Overtime Shift.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary

