

A Regular Meeting of the Fairfield Fire Commission was held on

**Thursday December 13th, 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, Bill Fitzpatrick,
Barbara Rifkin, John Brannelly and Harry Ackley Snr.

Also Present: D.C. Dunn

Absent: Chief McCarthy and Commissioner Craig Van Steenbergen

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. (a) Approval of November 7th, 2018 Special Minutes-

Commissioner Rifkin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Ackley to approve the November 7th, 2018 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

3. Chief's Monthly Report- Duty Assignment Report – No report

a) Administration-No report

b) Maintenance- No Report

c) Donations- Commissioner Brennan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick to accept the \$150.00 donation on behalf of the Fairfield Beach Residents Association. Motion approved

4. Deputy Chief's Operations Reports-

Deputy Chief went over a notable incident on Mine Hill Road, Fairfield. They had one resignation of PFF Beers who is going to Danbury Fire Dept. Have 3 probies doing local training at TG this week. Emergency Management/Planning is looking at the AAR of Orlando Pulse attack for lessons learned.

The sign at Station 1 installed. The work on the AFG 2016 grant was closed out. Have a budget hearing with the FS scheduled for 12/17. They are preparing a request for Capital Equipment – Ladder Truck

5. Southport VFD Update-

6. Stratfield VFD Update- No report

7. Local 1426 Update – No report

8. CERT (community Emergency Response Team) DC reported cot cleaning and trailer inventory took place Friday/Saturday Dec 1. 14 members were there. For 2018 CERT has 777 voluntary hours for activations, training and Mutual Aid.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick asked about monthly facility report as the Training school had over 181.5 hrs. DC said did not anticipate it but its being used a lot. Commission suggested noting the Town usages into the records so that the Board of Finance are aware and might help with the Budget process.

9. Old Business- None.

10. New Business

- **Report from Nominating Committee**

Commissioner Brennan motioned to approve Commissioner Craig Van Steenberg as Chair and Joseph Olzacki as Secretary until the December 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brannelly. Motion carried.

- **Election of Officers –**

Commissioner Brennan motioned to accept the nominations as presented: Chair Craig Van Steenberg, and Secretary Joe Olzacki, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick. Motion carried with 1 abstention Commissioner Olzacki.

- **Approval of 2019 Meeting Dates**

Commissioner Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin to approve the 2019 meeting dates as presented by Chair Joe Olzacki. Motion carried.

11. Adjournment:

Being no further business Chair Joe motioned to adjourn at 7:17pm, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin

Respectfully submitted by Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary

Fairfield Fire Department
Year to Date Report
12/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

Incident Summary by Type

Building Fires	5
Cooking Fires	0
Car Fires	2
Dumpster Fires	3
Brush, Grass, Outside Fires	1
Smoke Scares	89
Furnace Fire/Malfunction	0
Explosion/Steam Rupture	2
Emergency Medical	411
Vehicle Accidents	39
Elevator Rescue	0
Extrications/Rescues	0
Hazardous Condition	25
Service Calls	114
Investigation	51
False Alarm	23
Malicious Alarm	1
Weather/Lightning Strike	1
Undetermined/Incomplete	6
Total Incident Count	773

Property Loss	241,850.00
Contents Loss	60,020.00

Unit Responses

E-2	263
E-1	193
E-3	159
CAR3	149
LAD2	134
RES1	120
E-4	103
E-5	77
CAR2	3
CAR5	3
E-6	2
FM1	2
FM2	2
SQ14	2
CAR1	1
CR33	1
E-8	1
FM3	1
RS15	1

Year to Year Incident Comparison

	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	730	760	699	847
February	722	818	627	621
March	709	733	679	830
April	701	721	719	639
May	717	727	763	764
June	722	741	706	720
July	761	801	731	783
August	648	750	765	753
September	744	737	787	879
October	784	792	860	881
November	735	722	700	799
December	691	754	691	773
TOTAL	8,664	9,056	8,727	9,289

Fairfield Fire Department Profit & Loss Detail December 2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Cir	Split	Amount	Balance
Income								
Donations								
Sales Receipt	12/07/2018	4195	Fairfield Beach Roa...	Donations		Undeposited F...	150.00	150.00
Sales Receipt	12/27/2018	4212	Fairfield Colony LLC	Donations		Undeposited F...	22,500.00	22,650.00
Total Donations							22,650.00	22,650.00
Fire Watch								
Invoice	12/04/2018	1621	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	300.00	300.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	225.00	525.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	1,200.00	1,725.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	750.00	2,475.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	975.00	3,450.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	800.00	4,250.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	825.00	5,075.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 2 ...		Accounts Rece...	2,100.00	7,175.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	700.00	7,875.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	975.00	8,850.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 2 ...		Accounts Rece...	1,650.00	10,500.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	825.00	11,325.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1622	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	225.00	11,550.00
Invoice	12/07/2018	1624	Sacred Heart Univer...	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	225.00	11,775.00
Invoice	12/07/2018	1625	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	900.00	12,675.00
Invoice	12/07/2018	1626	Fairfield University	Fire Watch- 4 ...		Accounts Rece...	600.00	13,275.00
Invoice	12/17/2018	1630	Gilbane Building Co...	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	300.00	13,575.00
Invoice	12/27/2018	1631	Sacred Heart Univer...	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	750.00	14,325.00
Invoice	12/31/2018	1632	Fairfield Prep	Fire Watch- 2 ...		Accounts Rece...	637.50	14,962.50
Invoice	12/31/2018	1632	Fairfield Prep	Fire Watch- 2 ...		Accounts Rece...	600.00	15,562.50
Invoice	12/31/2018	1633	Sacred Heart Univer...	Fire Watch- 1 ...		Accounts Rece...	600.00	15,562.50
Total Fire Watch							15,562.50	15,562.50
FM Fees								
Sales Receipt	12/03/2018	4187	Abbey Tent	Tent Permit		Undeposited F...	150.00	150.00
Sales Receipt	12/03/2018	4188	Light Associates Co...	Construction-...		Undeposited F...	625.00	775.00
Sales Receipt	12/03/2018	4189	United Properties	Construction-...		Undeposited F...	255.00	1,030.00
Sales Receipt	12/04/2018	4190	Allstate Fire Equip Inc	Sprinklers- So...		Undeposited F...	300.00	1,330.00
Sales Receipt	12/04/2018	4191	Hocon Gas	LP Gas- Tem...		Undeposited F...	100.00	1,430.00
Invoice	12/04/2018	1623	El Rocoto	Liquor Permit		Accounts Rece...	100.00	1,530.00
Sales Receipt	12/07/2018	4192	Wayne Wehmhoff	Restaurant H...		Undeposited F...	100.00	1,630.00
Sales Receipt	12/07/2018	4193	JG Consulting LLC	Construction-...		Undeposited F...	20.00	1,650.00
Sales Receipt	12/07/2018	4194	All- Electric Constru...	Construction-...		Undeposited F...	100.00	1,750.00
Sales Receipt	12/10/2018	4196	Kathryn Hurley	LP Gas- Tem...		Undeposited F...	100.00	1,850.00
Sales Receipt	12/10/2018	4197	Harbor Light Founda...	Construction		Undeposited F...	47.50	1,897.50
Sales Receipt	12/10/2018	4198	Fairfield University	Construction-...		Undeposited F...	100.00	1,997.50
Invoice	12/10/2018	1627	Craft 260	Liquor Permit		Accounts Rece...	100.00	2,097.50
Sales Receipt	12/11/2018	4199	HTH Automatic Spri...	Sprinklers- S...		Undeposited F...	350.00	2,447.50
Sales Receipt	12/12/2018	4200	Sunrise Senior Livin...	LP Gas- Tem...		Undeposited F...	50.00	2,497.50
Sales Receipt	12/13/2018	4201	Wolverine Fire Prote...	Sprinklers-		Undeposited F...	175.00	2,672.50
Sales Receipt	12/13/2018	4202	Adams & Ruxton Co...	Construction-...		Undeposited F...	975.00	3,647.50

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Accrual Basis

Fairfield Fire Department Profit & Loss Detail December 2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Sales Receipt	12/13/2018	4203	Fairfield University	LP Gas- Tem...		Undeposited F...	50.00	3,697.50
Sales Receipt	12/13/2018	4204	Paul Dinto Electrical...	Construction- ...		Undeposited F...	225.00	3,922.50
Sales Receipt	12/14/2018	4205	Liudmil Petrov DBA ...	Construction- ...		Undeposited F...	25.00	3,947.50
Sales Receipt	12/14/2018	4206	CT Renewables LLC	Construction- ...		Undeposited F...	350.00	4,297.50
Invoice	12/17/2018	1628	Clasp Homes	Group Homes...		Accounts Rece...	100.00	4,397.50
Sales Receipt	12/17/2018	4207	CASH	Construction- ...		Undeposited F...	150.00	4,547.50
Invoice	12/17/2018	1629	Pizza Palace	Liquor Permit		Accounts Rece...	100.00	4,647.50
Sales Receipt	12/18/2018	4208	Security Solutions Inc	Fire Alarm Sy...		Undeposited F...	100.00	4,747.50
Sales Receipt	12/24/2018	4209	Frank Staltaro	Construction		Undeposited F...	35.00	4,782.50
Sales Receipt	12/24/2018	4210	Creations By Alina L...	Construction		Undeposited F...	235.00	5,017.50
Sales Receipt	12/24/2018	4211	New England Title	Construction		Undeposited F...	175.00	5,192.50
Total FM Fees							5,192.50	5,192.50
Total Income							43,405.00	43,405.00
Expense								0.00
Net Income							43,405.00	43,405.00

Fairfield Fire Department
Profit & Loss
December 2018 through January 2019

	<u>Dec '18 - Jan 19</u>
Income	
Donations	22,650.00
Fire Watch	15,562.50
FM Fees	5,192.50
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Total Income	43,405.00
Expense	0.00
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Net Income	43,405.00
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THE SHACK SACKLER FAMILY
1761 FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD, FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

December 31, 2018

Chief Denis McCarthy
Fairfield Fire Department
140 Reef Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

Dear Chief McCarthy,

It is with pleasure that we herein enclose a gift to the Fairfield Fire Department in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) in the name of the Shack Sackler Family.

Best wishes for a Peaceful and Joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Kathe A. Sackler, M.D.
The Shack Sackler Family

KAS/dbl
Enclosure (1)

Please send acknowledgement stating that no goods or services were rendered, including name of donor, gift amount and date of gift to:
The Shack Sackler Family c/o Acorn Foundation 15 East 62nd Street New York, NY 10065

Colony Pizza Donation

5k Run

\$22,500



Fairfield Fire Department Sunday Safety Topic

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - Week 2018-50

“Interoperability”

Interoperability- *the ability of military equipment or groups to operate in conjunction with each other.* (Google Dictionary)

Interoperability does not suggest that all groups have the ability “to communicate” with one another; it simply means they can operate “in conjunction” with each other.

At very complex multiagency incidents, layers of communication paths are needed. Too many conversations on a single talk path will distract operations and increase the ability to miss mission critical or life safety critical communications.

Voice and data communications need to exist in layers. During complex incidents on scene commanders need radio operators and/or Command Tacticians. Incident Command Teams are the perfect solution to assist the needs of Unified Commanders to make sure information flows smoothly, so decisions can be made effectively and safely at the lowest level.



Everyone be safe, and Happy Holidays!
Assistant Chief Erik Kalapir



Fairfield Fire Department Sunday Safety Topic

Sunday, December 23, 2018



Gasoline tanker emergencies are very high risk incidents. For our safety it is critical that we understand gasoline tankers basics and have a plan for our initial emergency response actions.

The Trailer

- MC-306 and 406 type trucks carry gasoline and other fuels (diesel, home heating oil, jet fuel) in quantities around 8000 gallons in our area.
- Tanks maybe divided into several smaller compartments, each may have a different product in it. Capacities maybe marked on the overturn rail on top of the tank or on the safety lever near the piping.
- Trailers should placarded 1203 for gasoline or 1993 for diesel fuel. Trailers used to carry both products should be placard 1203, even if only currently carrying diesel unless the 1203 compartment is completely cleaned.
- The trailers will be oval or egg shaped. Great clue with binoculars.
- Aluminum (0.151 or 0.187 thickness) is the most common tank material, it does not hold up well on fire on when damaged in an accident. Tank shell will likely be single wall, uninsulated.
- The bill of lading indicating what the truck is carrying should be in the driver's side door.
- All bottom discharges (4-6 dia.) have shear cuts that will break off if stress due to an accident. Piping may contain 20-40 gallons of product. There should be an emergency shut off on the front of the trailer on the drives side that control the bottom discharges

Properties of gasoline

- Flash point: -44F (as a note, Diesel is around 100 degrees, still a huge problem especially on a hot day)
- Flammable Range: 1.2-7.6%
- Vapor Density: Approximately 2.5, vapors will sink in air
- Specific Gravity: .74, gasoline will float on water

Initial Actions

- Resist rushing in, approach uphill and upwind, use binoculars when possible. Try to identify the product.
- Aside from life safety, which is always first, the location of the accident is the next critical factor that will determine what actions are necessary next. Where is the fuel going to go? Where are the fumes going?
- Thermal imaging cameras are a great tool to determine the approximate amount of product on board.
- Control ignition sources. Catalytic converters are huge concern.

Keep these factors in mind

- Tank shell and compartments will be likely be damaged by a rollover
- Tank shell will melt at 1200F - BLEVE is not common due to low operating pressure of 3 psi
- Gasoline in the north east will be blended with MTBE, which means alcohol levels of foam application are needed

Be Safe and Merry Christmas AC Sherwood

Sunday Safety Message - Gratitude is the key to Health and Happiness

When one looks to find the secret to a long and healthy life the answer that most experts agree upon seems too simple to be true. **The key to health and longevity is happiness.** Happiness has a positive neurological effect that eliminates stress, improves mental clarity, and boosts our immune system. Happy people eat better – metabolizing their food more efficiently to maximize energy production and minimize fat conversion. Happy people sleep better. High quality sleep allows the body to heal and recharge. Happy people have better sex. Good hormonal levels are elevated naturally so things work as designed, and bad hormonal levels– such as cortisol – are kept in check, reducing visceral fat levels, and minimizing the risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer.

The next obvious challenge is to figure out how to be happy. The secret to happiness, according to most philosophers, is gratitude. One cannot be truly happy unless one is grateful. So what then – is gratitude?

Gratitude is the appreciation of the true value of the people, the processes, and the other things that impact our lives directly or indirectly. In the fire service – gratitude is the result of understanding the value of what we do on the job, the people we work with, and the contributions we make to the job and to each other. We have the tremendous privilege of being difference makers who affect the outcome of extremely significant events in the lives of people we have never met. From a job value perspective – it doesn't get better than this. More importantly, we get to share this journey with co-workers who have become our brothers by virtue of this common bond that comes with extreme risk - the job may cost us our life. This risk often goes unspoken – until it is realized. The following quotes are carved in granite in the Vendome Fire Memorial – Boston MA and put this risk into perspective:

*When that bell rings we are all the same. **We are a team.** We have one job to do. **Our teamwork is everything; our life depends on every other firefighter.** You never forget this. **We save lives & property.** We are not heroes. **We do what we love.** We do our jobs. **Our families know that each day could be our last.** There is the unknown in every fire. **You do your job, follow the plan; still something can go wrong.** Sometimes you have to say there's nothing more we could have done.*

There are some things that we cannot control – these are left to the Divine and His infinite mercy. But there are many other things that we can control – our attitude, our willingness to train and prepare for the work that needs to be done, and our willingness to help and accept help from our brothers.

The last year has been a busy one for the Human Performance Division. As the result of our AFG Grant we acquired a bunch of equipment and training designed to help us help our brothers stay safe and reduce risk. The equipment includes fitness gear that has been placed in every station and at the TG to provide our brothers with the best in firefighter specific functional training opportunities. This is and always will be a work in progress. We also secured a \$20,000 research grade INBODY Scanner that provides us with incredibly accurate information about body composition that we can use to stay healthy and track visceral fat levels, reducing our risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer.

More importantly, this grant provided educational opportunities that our brothers used to learn about firefighter fitness, injury prevention, human performance, physical and mental health, and wellness. Our Peer Fitness Trainers, Peer Counselors, and TSAC Facilitators took these courses on their own time so that they/we could learn how to help you - our brother, stay healthy, train smart and do the job safer.

In the month of January each of you will have the opportunity to meet with one of our PFT's and get a personal INBODY scan. This will let you know where you stand from a body composition perspective. Cardiovascular disease is the leading killer of firefighters – cancer is next. By identifying your metabolic risk factors – Body Fat %, visceral fat levels, and Hip/Waist ratio – you can find out where you are from a risk perspective. Knowledge is power. We have trained PFT's who can help with risk reduction – just ask.

In closing – be grateful for the opportunity to do the job we love and for our brothers who are working hard to keep us safe. May this gratitude bring you happiness, good health, a long life, and great sex!