

A Regular Meeting of the Fairfield Fire Commission was held on

**Thursday May 10, 2018 @ 7 pm Fairfield Regional Fire School, 205
Richard White Way Fairfield CT 06824**

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

Members Present: Commissioners: Dorothea Brennan, John Brannelly
Bill Fitzpatrick and Barbara Rifkin.

Also Present: Chief McCarthy: D.C. Dunn

Absent: Commissioners Craig Van Steenbergen

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of 04/12/2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fitzpatrick motioned, seconded by Commissioner Brannelly to approve the 04/12/2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with 1 abstention Commissioner Rifkin

3. Chief's Monthly Report-Hiring, Emergency Management

Chief reported State Exercise Program conducted now in spring and will run Wednesday June 20th 2018. They will mimic Hurricane Irene so significant amount of flooding, so great opportunity to experience. IT Dept. will be included. Chief is also working with Social Service Director Terry Giegengack on updating our Disaster Mental Health Plan. Terry and her specialized care providers will work with Mental Health people in town. They will check out resources from the state level regarding grants.

Chief reached out to a few of the Fairfield Community Clergy and houses of worship to begin an informal mental health discussion before the end of May to discuss framework, capabilities and needs, and then plan for a larger meeting with broader participation from the clergy in September. Chief would like to get around the issues first. Plan has to mature, evolve and create.

Commissioner Brennan mentioned other clergy that might be interested.

a) Administration- Entry Level testing going well. 348 for the test so far but would like to reach 500. Feedback from all the chiefs in surrounding towns has been positive. 3 candidates coming out of Fire Academy, and graduate May 23rd 2018. All did very well.

b) Maintenance- Ladder Truck still out, due back shortly

c) Donations- \$1000 Shari Redstone Commissioner Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brennan to approve the donations as presented. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

d) Regional Fire School Operation Costs and Income-

The \$70,000 from the State has been approved. Chief gave an update on the solar panels which hope to be installed around Sept and how they will generate 75% from Roof top.

4. Deputy Chief's Operations Reports- Graduation May 22, 2018 3rd at CFA and will have swearing in ceremony Thursday May 24th @1600. Fire Commission is invited to attend. They will be assigned to Training Division for a few days (until May 29th) and then assigned to houses. Clam jam very successful. Upcoming Half Marathon June 3rd 2018. EPPI drill set for June 20th 2018. Station 5 will be ready shortly just waiting on backsplash. Station 4 is getting power washed and painted in front.

5. Southport VFD Update- No report

6. Stratfield VFD Update- No report

7. Local 1426 Update - No report

8. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Update-

D.C. reported as Norma was absent that CERT's main focus this month is to prepare for the Half Marathon June 3rd 2018. So far have about 30 CERT volunteers. They help immensely with traffic control throughout the route.

9. Old Business Chief went over the Fire Marshals fee YTD. He also went over the Promotional Exam Cost Breakdown for 2017 with the Commission.

10. New Business –Chief and D.C. met with Lake Hills Association to discuss Samp Mortar Dam Planning. In addition, they also had meeting with different donation organizations to work to formulate a donation policy.

Next Fire Regular Commission meeting might be held at Station 5.

11. Adjournment: Being no further business Commissioner Rifkin motioned to adjourn at 7:47pm, seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary