Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
June 22, 2022

Webex Meeting
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ford called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Darrell Ford
Commissioner Meghan Carta
Commissioner Anthony Mangiafico
Commissioner Linda Salafia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Phil Possina

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Jay Woron
Deputy Fire Chief Dave Albert

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Ford asked for approval of the minutes from May 16th. Commissioner Mangiafico so moved, Commissioner Salafia seconded, and all voted in favor to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Chief Woron gave the monthly report:
  - May had 316 calls — very busy month
  - Lyme – mutual aid call for a drowning – Lt. O’Donnell recovered the victim
  - Portland dive call – victim survived
  - Guilford dive call – fatal
  - Structure fire South Fire District
  - Freeman Road – structure fire
- Reservoir Road — structure fire
- Car into water call of River Road — Marine & Dive teams deployed
- Water main break on Main Street — assisted the Water Department
  - Hospital lost water — had a tanker task force on call, hospital has since made
  corrections to protocols if this occurs again
- Assisted South Fire with garbage truck fire near building
- Responded to 3 alarm fire in Meriden with residents trapped
- Westfield deck fire that extended to a condo

• Events:
  - Provided EMS standby for two graduations held at Wesleyan University
  - Attended Bahman Middle School dedication
  - Attended Community Health Center 50th Anniversary celebration
  - Memorial Day Parade — 1930 tiler truck made its way down Main Street
  - Cruise Night — huge crowd, great event
  - Pride Parade — Deputy Chief Albert & Assistant Chief Ehman oversaw operations
    - Truck 1 flew the flag for the day & EMT’s were on bicycles, minimal
    medical emergencies, great feedback
  - Awards Ceremony to be held this Friday at Mercy High School at 6 p.m.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Overtime is still high — especially mutual aid and special events
- At full staffing except for one military deployment
- One Lieutenant will be retiring on July 1st — a requisition has been submitted to HR to fill this
  vacancy off the current list

• EMS report
  - 820 medicals — 5 mutual aid ambulances
  - Middlesex Hospital moving along with plan to go into the transport business
    - Target date is end of 2022.

• Active Violence Committee:
  - Community grant put in for $100,000
  - Received $35,000
  - Met with agency regarding EMS component training for active violence
    - 20 hour class that teaches medical intervention for active shooter — will receive
      quote soon for this training
    - EMS equipment needed has been ordered — will be equipped for 18 to be on site

• Recruitment drive
  - HR developed a flyer and is out on city sites as well as social media
    - Entry level firefighter exam to be held in October — next recruit class starts mid-
      February of 2023
  - Will be meeting with HR next week to discuss presentation locations & finalize
  - Will also be testing for Lieutenant, Battalion Chief, and Assistant Fire Marshal — current
    list will be expiring
    - One Battalion Chief and one Assistant Fire Marshal will be retiring

• RedNMX — new firehouse software
  - Up & running — Deputy Chief Albert oversaw this project, the software is much more
    user friendly and time efficient
  - Old software was sold and no longer supported

• Staff vehicle replacement:
  - Money approved in this year's CNR budget
    - Joe Sanolis is still assisting with this project
    - Will be purchasing (8) Ford 150 electric pickup trucks
• Four for the fire marshals, two for the alarms division, one for the
  Deputy Chief, and one for the Assistant Chief
• Columbia Ford already set them aside for the Middletown Fire
  Department and should receive them this summer
• Waiting on final numbers and will report to the commission next month
• Six charging stations to be installed – two at fire headquarters, two at
  Cross Street, and two at city yard

• Quint fire apparatus
  o Was notified of a 7% price increase effective 6/8 which equals $84,000 – placed order to
    beat this price increase
  o Also requested ARPA funds to cover but they have not formally voted, however; was
    told that funds will be received towards the truck purchase
    ▪ Old truck is being traded in towards the purchase as well
  o Pre-con meeting to be held on June 30th for the new truck
    ▪ Consists of 300 pages of specs that will be gone through and signed off on
    ▪ 365 day build time – should be in the city August of 2023

• Street boxes project update:
  o All 167 boxes have been removed – project complete

• Two dispatch consoles
  o City CNR will cover this repair $120,000
  o Paperwork to be filed by 7/1

• Alarm issue with regards to private out of service equipment
  o Worked with Legal to develop a waiver releasing the city of liability – now
    implemented

• New protective clothing
  o All in & disbursed to all staff – each has a brand new set and a second set within
    compliance
  o Firefighters are grateful to the city for their support of this purchase

8. NEW BUSINESS

• Facilities committee to be formed to look at both fire stations with regards to maintenance to
  be done, repairs, freshening up, and potential add ons to both firehouses & to submit a report
• Purchasing three bicycles with EMS equipment
  o Great success at Pride Parade – Police department loaned a few and were able to
    quickly navigate through the crowd for an emergency
• Developing a FLIP program
  o 2 week first line supervisor training program so when promoted the new officer will
    be ready to step into the role
    ▪ Program to be ready by fall
• Assistant Chief Ehman just received his Masters from the University of New Haven
• Lt. Joe DeAngelo is retiring – Firefighter Mike Reiss will be promoted to Lieutenant

9. Other Matters Not on the Agenda:

10. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

11. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

No meeting held due to lack of quorum
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Ford entertained a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Mangiafico so moved, Commissioner Salafia seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Scribble*

Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON JULY 18, 2022**