Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
July 18, 2022

COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.

----------Meeting Minutes----------

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Ford called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Darrell Ford  
Commissioner Anthony Mangiafico  
Commissioner Phil Pessina  
Commissioner Linda Salafia

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Meghan Carta

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Fire Chief Jay Woron  
Deputy Fire Chief Dave Albert

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Ford asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2022, Commissioners Salefia so moved, Commissioner Pessina 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:**
     
     o June had 322 calls – up 6 calls from May
     o **Major incidents** included:

       ▪ Horrific boat accident on the Ct. River with eight people involved, one fatality, five critical
       ▪ Portland ran the river operations and Middletown handled EMS triage/transport
       ▪ Small kitchen fire at 594 Main Street
Assisted South Fire at 1 Russell Street for an apartment fire

**Events:**
- EMS standby done for Middletown High School graduation
  - There were thirty heat related emergencies due to the extreme heat conditions – transported three
    - Chief will meet with the Board of Ed. with regards to future events
- Fireworks
  - Event went smoothly with very few medical calls
  - Delay of event cost $7800 in salaries

- **Firing Range Committee** progressing
- Awards Ceremony held
  - Recognized sixteen incidents from child birth, to CPR saves, to high angle rescues
- Fire Union collecting for MDA as is done yearly
  - A young man from Waterbury with Muscular Dystrophy recently visited the firehouse

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Overtime** finally calmed down
  - Two current issues/firefighter vacancies
    - One military deployment – return to duty postponed due to torn knee and will not return until late fall/November
    - Lt. Deangelo retired as of July 7th
    - Firefighter Mike Reiss promoted to Lieutenant effective July 27th
    - Currently no list in place – testing to be done in October, next recruit class to be held in February 2023

- **EMS city wide report**
  - 912 medical emergencies for the month, five went to mutual aid
    - Previous month had 890 calls with one mutual aid
    - Hartford Healthcare doing better getting ambulance to emergencies in a timely manner
  - Middlesex Hospital is continuing with their own EMS appeal for transport service
    - Has gone out for comment to our region as well as the region north
    - Looking like late October/beginning of November
  - Hartford Healthcare did a great job at the Ct. River boat accident – nine ambulances were used

- **Active Violence Program update:**
  - Quotes received for training
  - Grant requested in the amount of $100,000.00 and we received $34,800.00—this will cover training the entire department for a 20 hour class to be done on duty as opposed to off duty which would cost the department roughly $90,000
  - Once training is completed, will begin the next phase that includes working with the police & purchasing equipment and then move on to dual training and ways to support the P.D.
  - EMS supplies have been purchased

- **Recruitment drive:**
  - Looking to test for entry level firefighter in October – met with HR on finalizing locations for recruitment presentations
  - May hold dual public safety presentations with the police department