

## MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 28, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Peter Criscuolo, Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief Frank Gersz. Absent was Commissioner Daniel Fleming.

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Fire Commissioners meetings of September 26, 2007 and October 24, 2007. Commissioner Muzio seconded the motion.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

The Chief's report was then given. He reported that we continue to stay busy and the EMS calls are still in the low 74% range. He then spoke of overlapping incidents in the department which are over 1,000 during this year. Also, there was a large structure fire on Cloudland Road. All the firefighters did a tremendous job but the house was an entire loss. There were four (4) hydrants installed at Metal Management and flow tests were done on them. This is a huge improvement and if needed for a fire there will be plenty of pressure and volume. TB testing has been completed and pump and ladder testing were done and have passed inspection. Nominations for the volunteer companies will be presented at the next Board of Fire Commission meeting. A quarterly meeting with the Captains occurred last week. Lastly, the department entered into an agreement with the University of New Haven for an intern in the administrative end of the department.

Chief Landisio discussed the training in the department. The FFI class is progressing along with their live burn scheduled for December. The formal swearing in should be in January. The Northford Ice Pavilion has donated time to the department to train on the Ice Sled. The Petrogen Torch training has started and will be placed on Truck 1 and added to our inventory. The volunteer companies are in need of training on some of the new equipment that has been acquired at Fire Headquarters in the near future. Lastly, Firefighter Scott Garbati is doing very well with graduation slated for December 20, 2007.

Chief Landisio then spoke one (1) long term injury and one (1) long term sick leave that he will discuss in Executive Session. The Commission agreed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board thanked the firefighters for their wise decision making on the Cloudland Road fire.

Chief Landisio spoke of a correspondence/donation he received from a resident in the Town of North Haven thanking the department for the excellent

treatment and care they received. He also received a letter from Hamden thanking our department for their quick response they received at a fire in Hamden Plaza. A visit was made to the fire headquarters roll call on November 1, 2007 from youngsters of MADD presenting life savers to the firefighters on duty showing their appreciation. JDRF thanked the department for our support of the Walk to Cure Diabetes. Lastly, a letter was sent out to Chief Michael Grant of New Haven Fire thanking two (2) of his firefighters for their assistance while off duty on the day of the fire at Cloudland Road.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. Some more Homeland equipment has arrived (PEAC software and four High Band Radios). He spoke of the latest on the emergency vehicle now scheduled to arrive late January early February. He then discussed the Truss Construction issue and stated that the video has not been released yet and hopefully will have it next month. The Chief spoke of the paramedic program and eighteen (18) firefighters signed a list stating they would be interested, he deferred to Executive Session. Lastly, the Fire Act Grant for \$90,000 has been received to purchase fifty (50) sets of protective equipment to replace outdated gear.

Chairman Nuzzolillo congratulated Chief and Deputy Chief on all their hard work on receiving these grants.

Chief Landisio then spoke of new business in the department. The budget has been submitted to the Finance Department. He gave all the board members copies of the extensive document to read and will have discussion at December meeting. They were asked to call the Chief with any questions they may have.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the good of the department. He stated that Santa is on his way. Anyone interested should contact the Fire Headquarters for more information. Firefighter Januszewski spoke of the Tip-A-Firefighter that was recently held at Outback. They raised approximately \$4,500 for the CT Burn Foundation and will continue this fund raiser in the future.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board thanked the Union for all their hard work.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to convene an executive session at 6:32 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to transfer Anthony Pelliccio of Montowese Company #2 to Fire-Police after completion of Fire-Police recertification training and with a 6 month probationary period. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to carry over the unused vacation time of FF Marty Carlo III to the 2008 year. Commissioner Muzio seconded.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion that Chief Landisio, asking for five (5) entry level firefighters, be changed to nine (9) certified paramedic entry level firefighters and that the Board of Finance approve this motion as soon as possible. Also, elevate a member of the department to Assistant Chief as soon as possible. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved for adjournment at 7:47 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Criscuolo  
Secretary