



REGULAR MEETING – FIRE COMMISSION AGENDA

**MAY 20, 2025, 3:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
 - A. **Mayor Harry Rilling, Fire Commissioner/Pastor Oscar Destruge, Fire Commissioner Rabbi Ita Paskind, Fire Commissioner Howard Dixon and Fire Commissioner Steve Ferguson**
- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. **Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025**
- IV. **REPORTS**
 - A. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
 1. Budget Report

B. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

1. Buildings

a. Station 1: Apparatus Floor

Final project pricing has been submitted for approval.

b. Station 3: Apparatus Floor

The overhead door has been installed and the project has been completed.

c. Station 4: Building Renovation

Building/Facilities Management is drafting the RFP to contract an architect for the project.

d. Citywide: Overhead Door Replacement

All doors have been ordered. Installation will begin upon delivery.

2. SCBA Compliance Upgrade

- a.** The final phase of the SCBA compliance upgrade was approved in the new Capital Budget. The final pricing for all components is being obtained to submit for purchase approval.

C. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

1. Calls in April 2025

2. Summary of Calls Year To Date

3. Operations

- a.** The week of April 1st, SOPs were issued and training took place on all shifts for the rescue and truck companies. This training covered priorities for coordinating truck-specific fireground operations such as forcible entry, search and rescue, and ventilation, as laid out in the new process.
 - b.** AC McCabe and DC Reardon met with DC Alton from the Stamford Fire Department to discuss the location and logistics of a multi-agency tanker drill, which will be held in West Norwalk this summer. The drill will put into practice Norwalk FD's new procedures for providing water supply to fires in low-water areas of town.
 - c.** Four new probationary firefighters completed orientation training on Monday, May 19th, and will be starting on shift at the end of the week.
- ### **4. Notable Incidents in March and April:**
- a.** March 6th, Structure fire, 40 Allen Rd.
 - b.** March 7th, Mutual aid response, Stamford FD 3rd alarm.
 - c.** March 9th, Structure fire, 4 Tonetta Circle

- d. March 24, Structure fire, 2 Morton St.
- e. April 20th, Structure fire, 15 Lockwood Lane
- f. April 29, Structure fire, 30 Lexington Ave.

D. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- 1. Summary of Activities
- 2. Fire Marshal Fees
- 3. Fire Marshal's Office Calls

E. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- 1. Emergency Management Update

F. TRAINING DIVISION REPORT

- 1. Current Training Activities
 - a. Advanced forcible entry operations utilizing specialized training prop
 - b. Truck & Rescue Company SOP training
 - c. Pre-Incident Planning for data for First Due
 - d. 1 3/4 " & 2.5 " hose line deployment for all Engine Companies
 - e. Ongoing Operator training on Engines & Trucks
 - f. EVOC Course Training for apparatus operator sign-offs
- 2. Completed Training Activities
 - a. Deputy Chief Promotional Examination Completed
 - b. Aerial Master Stream Deployment @ Matthews Park
 - c. Search & Rescue with SCBA Skills and Forcible Entry
 - d. New Gas Meter Orientation Training
 - e. Elevator Rescue using newly-acquired tools
- 3. Upcoming/Scheduled Training Activities
 - a. Deputy Fire Marshal Promotional Examination (May/June 2025)
 - b. Connecticut Fire Academy Advanced Search Maze Trailer (May 2025)
 - c. Fire Officer 2 Certification Course (October 2025)
 - d. Hazardous Materials Operational Refresher

e. Confined Space Refresher (Manresa Island)

f. Ongoing Medical Assessments (Physicals)

G. LOCAL 830 REPORTS

1. There are no items

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. There are no items

I. PERSONNEL

1. There are no items

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on 29-Foot Metal Shark Boat

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. There are no items

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 20, 2025