



REGULAR MEETING – FIRE COMMISSION AGENDA

**AUGUST 18, 2026, 3:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email Linda Shields at lishields@norwalkct.gov with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
 - A. **Mayor Barbara C. Smyth, 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, August 18, 2026**
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. **REPORTS**
 - A. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. Budget Report

B. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

1. Buildings
 - a. Station 4: Building Renovation Update
 - b. Apparatus Maintenance Building: Reorganization Project
2. IT
 - a. First Due: Outgoing Updates
 - b. Telestaff: Ongoing Updates
 - c. JotForm: Ongoing updates
 - d. Policy Builders: Approval in process
3. SCBA Upgrade
 - a. Station 2 SCBA Compressor: Approval in process

C. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

1. 827 Calls in July 2026 — 26 calls per day (attached PDF)
2. Summary Calls Year to Date (attached PDF)
3. Fire Apparatus
 - a. New Engine — preorder process for 2030
 - b. High Water Vehicle refurb process for 2027
 - c. New Rescue — nearing completion for 2027
 - d. New Engines — nearing completion for 2026
4. Operations
 - a. Fire Boat Weekend Coverage
 - b. Fire Hydrants
 - c. Upcoming Promotional Tests
5. Notable Incidents
 - a. 9 Arbor Drive Unit A — House Fire
 - b. 106 South Main Street — House Fire
 - c. Norwalk Harbor — Boat Rescue

- d. 115 Stuart Ave — House Fire
- e. 240 West Norwalk Rd — House Fire
- f. 11 Mid-Rocks Drive — House Fire
- g. CT Ave — Extrication
- h. Metro North Rail — Extrication

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. Completed First Due set up
- 2. Annual physicals almost complete
- 3. Bloodborne pathogens make up classes are being scheduled
- 4. Fit testing almost completed
- 5. Live Burn planning in progress (Site and dates secure. Training Live Fire Instructors mid-August)
- 6. Training on pump operations
- 7. Current training with ladders, Hose line stretching, Search, Ventilation, and Forcible Entry
- 8. Officer training on First Due program for training reports. Further Officer training being scheduled for the fall/winter.
- 9. Vacant property obtained — Search training conducted (Different than Flax Hill coming up)
- 10. Extrication training for our personnel and current Norwalk Hosp EMT class
- 11. Completed 2 Boat Operator Search and Rescue classes

G. LOCAL 830 REPORTS

- 1. There are no items

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. There are no items

I. PERSONNEL

1. There are no items

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There are no items**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. There are no items**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 15, 2026