



REGULAR MEETING – FIRE COMMISSION AGENDA

JULY 15, 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. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- IV. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. **Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025**
- V. **REPORTS**
 - A. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- 1. Budget Report**

- B. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION**

- 1. Buildings**

- a. Station 1: Apparatus Floor**

Project funding has been approved. Project scheduling in process

- b. Station 4: Building Renovation**

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

- c. Citywide: Overhead Door Replacement**

Installation has been completed in Stations 4 and 5. Station 6 is currently being scheduled. Station 1 will be completed after the floor has been replaced. (See attached pictures)

- d. SCBA Compliance Upgrade**

All approvals have been obtained. Purchase Orders are in process.

- C. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS**

- 1. Calls in June 2025**

- 2. Summary of Calls Year To Date**

- 3. Fire Apparatus**

- 4. Operations**

- a.** Norwalk Firefighter Recruits will be starting Academy training on August 11th. They will be part of the first class of a joint Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Fairfield recruit program that will run for 12 weeks.

- b.** Our new 29-foot Metal Shark Fire boat has been delivered and is being unfitted at the apparatus maintenance shop.

- c.** The delivery date for our Pierce Rescue Truck has been moved up 6 months to March of 2027.

- 5. Notable Incidents in June**

- a.** June 24th, Structure fire, 8 Godfrey St.

- b.** June 27th, Structure fire, 4 Tryon 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. Utilizing vacant structures on Renzulli Road and Westport Avenue for various non-destructive training activities
- b. Ongoing operator training on Engines and Trucks, including EVOC Course
- c. Familiarization training with new boat
- d. Completing probationary task books for new members
 - Rapid Intervention Team operations training
 - Pump operator training with new drivers

2. Completed Training Activities

- a. Site tours of West Avenue apartment construction projects
- b. Vehicle Stabilization with Rescue Personnel

3. Upcoming Training Activities:

- a. Fire Officer 2 certification course, fall 2025
- b. Use of Manresa Power Plant site for confined space training
- c. Collapse Shoring at Renzulli Road Vacants
- d. Ongoing Annual Physicals
- e. Recruit class in Fairfield for new recruits: We will be sending our newest recruits to a joint fire academy along with Bridgeport and Fairfield Fire Departments. The academy begins on August 11, 2025 and commences on December 12, 2025. The last 5 weeks of the class will be set aside for EMT class. Our recruits will be attending this academy at the Fairfield Regional Fire School and it will be taught by instructors from all three departments. There is an extensive savings on tuition due to the location and our internal instructors assisting. The new recruits will come out of this academy with the same certifications that all of our past recruits received when at the Connecticut Fire Academy. They graduate with IFSAC/PRO-BOARD Firefighter 1 & 2, Hazardous Materials/WMD Awareness, Connecticut Q Fire Apparatus License endorsement as well as many other disciplines pertinent to new firefighter training. The recruits will work a Monday through Friday daily schedule returning home each night. The smaller class size allows for greater skills repetition as well as more contact with live fire. The location of the academy is conducive to a more consistent

schedule of checking in on progress by our training division. The location and schedule is also conducive to less interruptions to family life for the recruits.

G. LOCAL 830 REPORTS

1. There are no items

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letters (Attached)

I. PERSONNEL

1. Drop Pension 07/01/2025 for Lieutenant William Firisin

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on MU-229

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. There are no items

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 19, 2025