

CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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COMMISSIONER/PASTOR OSCAR DESTRUGE

FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Date & Time: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 @ 03:00pm

Place: Norwalk Fire Department
Via Zoom /Tele Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**
 - a. Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023
3. **ACTION ITEMS**

There are no items
4. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
 - a. Budget Report
5. **ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION**
 - a. Adashi Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) and Command Software Upgrade
 - a. Apparatus MDTs are in operation.
 - b. C&C Command software build is in process.
 - c. Live training to be scheduled for the command software.
 - b. Station Alerting System Upgrade
 - a. System testing and monitor installation in process.
 - c. Buildings:
 - a. Station 3: Apparatus Floor
 - i. RFP for Engineer submitted.
 - ii. Awaiting finalized grant agreement with Third Taxing District.
 - b. Station 5: Bathroom Renovation
 - i. Common Council approval was gained at the 08/07/2023 meeting.
 - ii. Awaiting contract finalization from the Corporation Council.

6. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

- a. Two specialty fire blankets have been placed in service to aid in the extinguishment of lithium-ion car battery fires. These blankets are designed to be deployed over a burning car, containing the fire and aiding in extinguishment. This will be particularly practical in confined areas such as parking garages and in areas where water supply is limited. The Department is applying for a grant to purchase a blanket for every engine company.
- b. On Thursday, July 27th, hazmat technicians from the NFD responded to Fairfield to assist our regional partners with a large propane leak caused by localized storm damage. Engine 4 also responded during that incident to Westport for Station coverage, and DC Coppola responded as a Safety Officer and to assist with the hazmat effort.
- c. A meeting was held on August 2nd regarding the replacement of the I-95 bridge over Saugatuck Ave. at Exit 17. The project will include two phases and will allow the highway to stay open by crossing one lane of traffic over to the opposite side. The first phase will take place in October. All local stakeholders will be notified so that appropriate public messaging can be posted and preparation for added volume on local roads can be made.
- d. As discussed last month, we are preparing to interview additional candidates from our 2021 recruit test with the goal of hiring personnel to fill four of our current vacancies. We will simultaneously be preparing for our next recruit test, tentatively scheduled to be administered in late 2023 or early 2024.

7. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- a. Summary of Activities
- b. Fire Reports
- c. Fire Marshal Fees

8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- a. Emergency Management Update

9. TRAINING DIVISION REPORT

a. *Current Activities*

1. Bailout Refresher Training at our training facility, our instructors
2. Adashi MDT and Command & Control Software Orientation for Company Officers
3. Probationary firefighters task book work with company officers
4. Tiller Operator/Tractor Operator training for all shifts ongoing
5. Vehicle Extrication/Stabilization with junked cars, tower and CT. Ave facilities
6. New AC Current Detector familiarization training for all members
7. UL Fire Dynamics train the trainer @ CFA on 8/11/23 for DCT Coppola

b. *Completed Activities*

1. OSHA Haz COMM Training completed and documented
2. Rural Gas Propane Emergencies Training completed and documented
3. Joint NFD/Norwalk Police Department Forcible Entry Training (*See photo 1*)
4. Heavy Vehicle Lifting and Stabilizing Class (CFA)
5. New Facility Orientation and Pre-Incident Planning at new Cranbury School
6. Green's Ledge Lighthouse Pre-Incident Planning trips for MU-238 crews

c. *Upcoming/Scheduled:*

1. Eversource Natural Gas training with representatives from Eversource - FREE
2. Joint Engine Company and Rescue Company stabilization training on site delivered by our Rescue Captains who took the specialized class delivered by the CFA.
3. Electric Bus training delivered by Connecticut Transit - FREE
4. Safe Driving Practices for First Responders (FRFS)
5. Command Board Training (FDNY Field Comm)
6. Cancer Prevention/Wellness with Wellness Coordinator Sara Beckert

7. Building Construction for First Responders (2-day CFA Host Class)
8. Engine Company Operations (CFA 2-day Host Class)
9. Fire Instructor 1 (CFA Multiple Day Host Class)
10. Full Team deployment training exercise for Fairfield County Hazmat September 7, 2023
11. Relay Pumping Drills with multiple engine companies utilizing our instructors
12. Confined Space training with new Paratech Monopod/Bipod/Tripod

10. LOCAL 830 REPORT

There are no items

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on a new entry level exam

12. NEW BUSINESS

There are no items

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There are no items

14. PERSONNEL

There are no items

15. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fire Chief