

CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

121 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

JUNE 30, 2009
5:00P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Carole Andreoli, Chair; Mayor Moccia, Michael Coffey

STAFF: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Andreoli called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2009.**

**** MR. COFFEY SECONDED.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 2, paragraph 2, please replace the following:

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I. ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT

a. Operations Report

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b. Promotional Exams Update

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Assistant Chief Reilly said that Deputy Chief Ehlers was working his last shift tonight and will be retiring after more than 30 years on the force. The other firefighters that are retiring are Kenneth Bovi, Charles Juhasz, Frederick DeFinis, Edwin Isaacs, Daniel Stewart and John O'Donnell. The Commissioners all expressed their great appreciation to all those retiring firefighters for all their service to the City of Norwalk.

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b. Promotional Exams Update

Assistant Chief Reilly said that the Lieutenant and Captain's test were on the way and that there would be a swearing in ceremony in the near future. Captain Prescott will be promoted to Deputy Chief.

Page 4, paragraph 1, line 2, please replace: "to public session at _____. With
"to public session at 5:45 p.m."

ADJOURNMENT

**** _____ MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** _____ SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at _____.

WITH

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. COFFEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**** THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2009 WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED.**

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief McCarthy announced that there would be a promotion ceremony at 4 p.m. on July 1, 2009. The Chief distributed copies of a report by the lieutenants for the Rescue Company to the Commission.

King Industries recently had an evacuation drill, which went well. King Industries is seriously committed to safety.

Ms. DeLuca, Assistant Chief Reilly and others were at Norwalk High School working with the 300 plus candidates who had applied for the openings in the Fire Department.

The Mayor participated in a tabletop exercise on June 4. Fire Chief McCarthy then distributed a document listing the various steps that the City will want to consider for emergency preparedness.

Fire Chief McCarthy then distributed a copy of a newsletter about Emergency Management, which is a new publication.

Fire Chief McCarthy then distributed copies of a new flyer for the Norwalk Disaster Volunteer Reserve Corps.

A grant application is being submitted and the entry level entrance exams are being done today. Captain Prescott has been working hard.

Fire Chief McCarthy announced with regret that today is the last day on the force for Fred

Definis, Chip Juhasz and Ken Bovi. The Commission expressed their deep appreciation for all the service for those new retirees.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

**** MR. COFFEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission and Fire Chief McCarthy entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 5:25 p.m. and returned to public session at _____.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. COFFEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at _____.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services