

CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 03:00pm

Place: Via Zoom /Tele Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**
 - a. Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024
3. **ACTION ITEMS**

There are no items
4. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
 - a. Budget Report
5. **ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION**
 - a. **Station Alerting System Upgrade**
 1. The new station alerting system is now live.
 2. Automated dispatch is now being used for NFD, Norwalk EMS, and Rowayton VFD.
 - b. **Buildings**
 1. **Station 1:** Apparatus Floor
 - i. Soil testing and slab inspection to begin in July.
 2. **Station 3:** Apparatus Floor
 - i. The RFP opening is scheduled for June 13th.

3. **Station 4: Building Renovation**
 - i. Cost analysis in process.
 - ii. Guardian will perform minor repairs, as needed.
4. **Citywide: Overhead Door Replacement**
 - i. Beginning the approval process of the '25 Capital project.
- c. **Records Management Software Upgrade**
 1. The new software contract has been approved by Common Council and is in Corporation Counsel for finalization.

6. **ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS**

- a. **TANKER AND BRIDGE FIRE:** On May 2nd at 5:29 a.m., NFD was dispatched to I-95 South between exits 15-14 for multiple vehicles on fire, including a gasoline tanker under the Fairfield Avenue overpass. First arriving companies confirmed that all drivers were out of the burning vehicles and began extinguishment. The Incident Commander requested a third alarm, secured hydrants for water supply, and ordered water streams directed on the bridge support beams and the burning tanker. A call was placed to King Industries requesting their QRV Foam unit respond, which took up position alongside NFD personnel in front of the burning tanker and assisted in extinguishing the fire. Thanks to the hard work and sound tactics of the NFD personnel on the scene, the incident was mitigated before it became catastrophic, with no civilian injuries and only one firefighter leg injury.
- b. Eight probationary firefighters joined the ranks of the NFD on May 23rd, beginning one week of orientation training. This NFD Academy puts new probies through six intensive skills-building days, which build upon what they learned at the Connecticut Fire Academy. The week culminates in a live-fire scenario. They graduate the week ready to competently fill any riding position when they come on shift.
- c. A meeting was held with Eversource representatives to discuss categorizing priority responses to emergency scenes where utilities such as gas and electricity need to be secured for the safety of civilians and fire personnel.
- d. The new Tactical Rescue support truck build is on schedule. The Freightliner chassis has been completed and is now at Mickey Truck Bodies, which will fabricate the compartments. In the final phase, Gowans-Knight company will fit an air compressor on the truck so that SCBA bottles can be filled at the scene of a fire. Delivery is expected at the end of this year.

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 Training Activities**
 1. Hazmat Operational Refresher Continuing Education Units – Lockout/Tagout
 2. Trucks 1 & 2 Operator Training ongoing, with many members approaching final sign-offs.
 3. Continuing new member orientation and probationary FF task books
 4. Rapid Intervention Team training/RIT Air Pak
 5. Ongoing NFPA 1582 Physicals
 6. Marine Division Handling Deck Equipment
 7. Injury Prevention Program

8. Engine Company Operations – basic & advanced hose deployment

b. Completed Training Activities

1. Pump sign offs for FF Joseph Stacy & Zack Coulombe
2. Aerial (Tiller) Operator Signoffs for FF. Agosto & McDonald
3. Hazmat Operational Refresher CEU's for Research, Metering and L.O.T.O.
4. Rescue Company Operations, rope systems for low angle rescue
5. Many members are just about finished with aerial and pump training and will be signed off.

c. Upcoming/Scheduled Training Activities:

1. Tabletop exercise with King Industries (Tanker vs. Train at Crossing)
2. Fire Officer 1 contract class for our members here in Norwalk confirmed Fall 2024 – 14 NFD personnel enrolled to date.
3. Drafting water from a static water source for Engine Companies (Lakota Oaks Property)
4. Norwalk High School & Wegmans Construction Site Walk-throughs & Preplanning
5. CPR Refresher makeup classes in process
6. Spanish for First Responders, working with BMHS World Language Department to help us with this.

10. LOCAL 830 REPORT

There are no items

11. OLD BUSINESS

There are no items

12. NEW BUSINESS

There are no items

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. "Thank You letter" attached

14. PERSONNEL

There are no items

15. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fire Chief