

CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING
COMMISSIONER/PASTOR OSCAR DESTRUGE
COMMISSIONER RABBI ITA PASKIND

FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 03:00pm

Place: Via Zoom /Tele Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**
 - a. Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 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. Final system testing nearing completion.
 2. System cut-over scheduled after all testing is complete.
 - b. **Buildings**
 1. **Station 1**: Apparatus Floor
 - i. Pricing being obtained to conduct soil testing and slab inspection.
 2. **Station 3**: Apparatus Floor
 - i. The RFP for a Contractor is being prepared.
 3. **Station 5**: Bathroom Renovation
 - i. Project Completed. (Pictures Attached).

6. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

- a. **WATER RESCUE:** On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, just after 5:00 p.m., a call was received via 911 Dispatch and the Marine Emergency Channel requesting assistance near Cockenoe Island, where several vessels being operated by the Saugatuck Rowing Club had been swamped by a sudden squall. 19 individuals were in the 40-degree water without life vests. Norwalk Fire Department Marine 238 responded, along with the Norwalk PD Marine Unit, the Coast Guard, and numerous other regional assets, to assist the Westport Fire and Police Departments. Thanks to the coordinated rescue effort, all of the rowers were safely rescued, with two being transported to the hospital for hypothermia.
- b. Norwalk Fire Department's response SOP for King Industries has been updated, and a regional tabletop exercise has been planned as part of our ongoing partnership with King's onsite Fire & Safety Department.
- c. Graduation day at the Connecticut Fire Academy is Wednesday, May 22nd. Norwalk's graduates will join lateral hires to form a class of eight new Norwalk Firefighters. Their first day on the job will be May 23rd
- d. After discussions with Dispatch supervisors and receiving feedback from our membership, operating guidelines for the new state radio system have been finalized and are now in effect.

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. New Driver/Pump Operator training ongoing on Engines 1 & 2
 - 2. Truck 1 Driver Training and Familiarization ongoing
 - 3. New Radio System Awareness and Orientation ongoing while we work through familiarization
 - 4. Search and Rescue Operations in Training Mezzanine during inclement weather
 - 5. Vehicle extrication and stabilization
 - 6. Water Safety drill at Walk Bridge site
- b. **Completed Training Activities**
 - 1. Building Construction tours at West Avenue Construction Site w/ builders
 - 2. Firefighter Down CPR techniques training
 - 3. Norden Park Aerial Operations Maneuvers
 - 4. Multi-Company Pump Training off site
 - 5. Marine Division Navigational Electronics training
 - 6. Extinguisher training with Middlesex Construction and FMO
 - 7. Master Stream operations utilizing deck gun on pump apparatus
 - 8. Fireground Performance Classroom with BC Facinelli (FDNY MPI Coordinator)
- c. **Upcoming/Scheduled Training Activities:**
 - 1. Confined Space Drill with Middlesex Construction at the Walk Bridge Construction Site
 - 2. With HHC chosen as our new medical provider, NFPA Compliant Physicals are being planned to begin as soon as approval is given by HR.
 - 3. ICS-400 (Fairfield Fire School (4/15/2024 & 4/16/2024) DC Coppola, FF Chila & Michele DeLuca
 - 4. Host CFA Pump Operator certification course scheduled for May 2024 (6-day class) 2 host seats filled
 - 5. Hazardous Materials Operational Refresher – in planning phase

TRAINING DIVISION REPORT

Special Note:

A "*Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response*" (SAFER) grant application was submitted to FEMA by DC Coppola on April 10, 2024 for 4 firefighter positions to bring the staffing of Rescue 2 to 1 officer and 3 firefighters per shift.

The amount of the grant is \$1,037,742.88 and covers the 4 firefighters for a period of 3 years.

Grant Funding Opportunity #: EMW-2023-FF-00308

10. LOCAL 830 REPORT

There are no items

11. OLD BUSINESS

There are no items

12. NEW BUSINESS

There are no items

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There are no items

14. PERSONNEL

- a. Congratulate Firefighter Madeline Jankowski on the birth of her twin boys

15. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fire Chief

CONGRATULATE TO FIREFIGHTER MADELINE JANKOWSKI
ON THE BIRTH OF HER TWIN BOYS!

