

**CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

**MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING
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COMMISSIONER RABBI ITA PASKIND**

**FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 03:00pm

Place: Via Zoom /Tele Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**
 - a. Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 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. **State Radio System Migration**
 1. The new system is in operation.
 - c. **Buildings**
 1. **Station 1:** Apparatus Floor
 - i. Preliminary assessment of the scope of work to replace the floor is in progress.
 2. **Station 3:** Apparatus Floor
 - i. Design work has begun.
 3. **Station 5:** Bathroom Renovation
 - i. Project nearing completion.

6. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

- a. **STRUCTURE FIRE:** The Norwalk Fire Department responded to 9-11 Park St. in the early morning of Tuesday, February 27, 2024. A kitchen fire was reported at 12:48 a.m. in the 68-unit, heavily occupied four-story apartment building. Residents were evacuating as the first fire companies arrived. Heavy smoke on the first floor with moderate smoke on the upper floors was encountered, which resulted in an immediate request for 2nd and 3rd alarm companies to the scene. Due to the number of apartments to be searched, in addition to non-ambulatory residents, fire companies from all stations in the city were utilized. A total of five Engines, two Trucks, one Rescue, and command staff responded to the 3-alarm fire. A few occupants were treated on-scene for smoke inhalation. All residents except for the fire apartment were able to re-occupy the building. The fire was confined to a kitchen. The Fire Marshal's Office investigated. The New Canaan, Westport, and Rowayton Fire Departments provided station coverage during the fire.
- b. **STRUCTURE FIRE:** The Norwalk Fire Department responded to a house fire on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. The fire was located at 9 William Street in a 2-story single-family house. The initial call reported a fire in the kitchen. Upon arrival, Engine 4 encountered heavy smoke coming from the front of the house on the 1st floor. The fire was extinguished in 25 minutes by a 1st alarm assignment consisting of three Engines, 2 Trucks, one Rescue, and command staff, totaling 25 personnel. The fire was contained to the kitchen and hallway of the 1st floor. Significant smoke and heat damage on the 1st and 2nd floors left the house unfit for occupancy. Two occupants and a pet exited the house prior to the fire department's arrival. There were no reported injuries to firefighters. There were no reported injuries to civilians. The Fire Marshal's Office investigated.
- c. With the new State radio system now online, I am working with AC Conte and receiving feedback from the Shift Commanders and officers to draw up SOPs regarding best radio practices for the new technology.
- d. Our three new recruits continue to progress at the Connecticut Fire Academy. Additional interviews are planned to add to their class, which will come on shift in Late May.

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. New Driver/Pump Operator training on Engines 1 & 2
 2. Truck 1 Driver Training and Familiarization
 3. Mental Wellness Training with Fairfield County Trauma Recovery Team
 4. Setup procedures for T3 (Spare Aerial) now that both tillers are in service
 5. Vehicle extrication and stabilization
- b. **Completed Activities**
 1. ICS-300 (DC Coppola, Lt. Lyons, Michele DeLuca)
 2. Hatch & Bailey Lumberyard destructive training (*Please see photo gallery attached*)
 3. New Radio System Training for all personnel
 4. EMS recertification classes completed with 76 members recertified for 2 years

c. Upcoming/Scheduled:

1. Confined Space Drill with Middlesex Construction at the Walk Bridge Construction Site
2. Water rescue drill with Middlesex Construction at the Walk Bridge Construction Site
3. Extinguisher Training with Middlesex Construction at 4 Goldstein Place (4/1/2024 @ 7am)
4. With HHC chosen as our new medical provider, NFPA Compliant Physicals are being planned to begin as soon as approval is given by HR.
5. Hazardous Materials Technician Initial Class at Fairfield Fire School (Lt. Lyons & FF Agosto enrolled)
6. ICS-400 (Fairfield Fire School (4/15/2024 & 4/16/2024) DC Coppola, FF Chila & Michele DeLuca
7. Host CFA Pump Operator certification course scheduled for May 2024 (6-day class) 2 host seats filled

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. Firefighter Deployment
- b. Executive Session:
 1. Discuss Future Hiring
 2. Station 4 Project

15. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fire Chief