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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

121 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

DECEMBER 15, 2009
5:00P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Richard A. Moccia, Michael Coffey

STAFF: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Michelle DeLuca, Emergency Management Deputy Chief; Assistant Chief Reilly, Deputy Chief Prescott

OTHERS: James Haselkamp, Personnel Director; John Schlosser, Personnel Assistant Director; Lt. Peter Brown, Norwalk Firefighter Association Union Vice President

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The Mayor explained that Ms. Andreoli was not present due to illness.

UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

Step 2 Grievance

Chief McCarthy reviewed the documents in the information packet. He then gave a brief overview about the substance of the grievance, which has to do with union leave, preparation for negotiations, and what the contract language states. Discussion about followed.

Chief McCarthy stated that while the Union representatives were present, he would like to state that he had sat down and discussed the issue with the representatives. He said that the Commission had questioned this at the last meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 17, 2009

**** MR. COFFEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2009 AS**

SUBMITTED.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ACTION ITEMS

There were no items to discuss at this time.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

09/10 Budget Report

Chief McCarthy said that the pro-forma budget was completed, which was slightly above last year due to the increases of .5% above what Mr. Hamilton had recommended.

ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT

Operations Report

Assistant Chief Reilly reported on the three structure fires. There were three mutual aid calls, two to Fairfield and one in Westport. The new car has been put into service. The new specifications for the new ladder truck were opened. Assistant Chief Reilly reviewed the material Fire Marshal Iannaccone left for the Commissioners.

Chief McCarthy said that the ladder truck that was coming in was different because it has an aerial ladder with a driver (tillerman) in the rear of the vehicle rather than the straight aerial ladder with a bucket on the top. No pump was needed on the vehicle. The maneuverability and flexibility of the truck is better, particularly in some parts of town.

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Summary of Activities

Fire Report

Fire Marshal Iannaccone was not able to stay for the meeting, so Assistant Chief Reilly reviewed the reports with the Commissioners.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2010 Program Calendar

Ms. DeLuca said that the 2010 calendar was a tentative plan for the year ahead. This was only to give everyone an idea of what meetings are projected.

Ms. DeLuca said that the Reservoir and Woodward Avenue fires had resulted in families being displaced. She said that there needed to be a more formalized system for helping these families. She suggested that a bank of gift cards be set up. An application process would be set up and the funds would be disbursed from the City. The Mayor suggested that this be reviewed by

Corporation Counsel first. This will be done.

TRAINING REPORT

Recruit Training

Deputy Chief Prescott presented his report to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services