

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting Commissioners' Conference Room
at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

1. **Call to Order**: Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours.
A quorum was present.

Roll Call: Commissioners Tom Riso, Howard Stein, Richard Smith and William Brennan. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo. Commissioner McGrath advised the Board that Commissioners Weber and Sanner were unable to make tonight's meeting due to their work schedule. Chief Edo represented that Assistant Chief Gary Baker had a prior engagement.

2. **Public Statements limited to the function of the Board of Fire Commissioners**:

None.

3. **Consideration of Minutes**:

Regular Meeting – January 20, 2015

Commissioners Riso and Smith made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2015, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Communications**:

a. Thank you letter from Richard Cammarano of Milford to the Milford Fire Department and the rescue team for their quick response on November 14, 2014 when his father fell ill. Both groups were fantastic. A special thank you to Lt. Eric Mohr who headed up the group.

5. **Committee Reports**:

Entry-Level Testing Sub-Committee:

Chairman McGrath reported that due to the inclement weather and work commitments the sub-committee has been unable to meet to finalize the physical fitness portion of the application. He will get dates to move that along.

6. **Chief's Report**:

Chief Edo reported that the new Quint had it's final inspection on 2/17-2/19 by Joe Widman and a final "punchlist" was compiled. Additionally, the dept. is waiting on the documentation pertaining to the front axle weight from the chassis manufacturer before they sign off. It should be about another two weeks and it will be based in the Eastside Station. Chief Edo brought photographs of the Quint to show the Commission.

Chief Edo reported that the Budget was presented to the Board of Finance on 2/17/2015 without any problems.

Chief Edo informed the Commission that the four recruits had finished their in-house training and did a phenomenal job. They are now at the Fire Academy for training. Three of the four recruits have become Platoon Leaders. Graduation will be held May 21st.

Chief Edo reported that the EMS plan was submitted to the State. On March 24, 2015, there will be a meeting with the State Department of Public Health.

Chief Edo reported that the AMR Contract was still outstanding.

Chairman McGrath questioned who would follow up to ensure accurate information is obtained for billing the ambulance services. Chief Edo responded that it will be the hospital EMS Coordinator and Fire Captain Chris Waiksnoris.

Chairman McGrath asked whether there would be Lieutenant testing based on Battalion Ron Wetmore's report. Chief Edo responded that there were no openings right now for a Lieutenant position, so he didn't see a need for testing.

Chairman McGrath questioned when the testing should run for future fire candidates, Summer/Fall. Commissioner Stein responded that the Fall would be a good time. Chief Edo responded that there are no openings at this time and there is no need to rush. He also agreed with Fall testing.

Chairman McGrath asked when Marine 1 would be up and running. Chief Edo responded that Joe Widman is putting it back together. The deadline is March 1st, however, the harbor is still frozen.

Commissioner Riso asked how the staff was doing at the East Side Fire House pertaining to heating issues through the cold weather. Chief Edo commented that he hadn't heard from them.

Chairman McGrath asked about the Quint-5 accident. Chief Edo reported that the adjuster came out. There is a \$2,000 deductible. They need a release purchase order to get it fixed. Commissioner Brennan responded that it's been out of service three weeks and it should be repaired.

Chairman McGrath asked about grants for Homeland Security. Chief Edo responded that they are working on obtaining Grant money with the assistance of Bill Richards and that Asst. Chief Baker is also looking into grants for marine electronics and new motors for the boat.

Chairman McGrath asked about the Deed to take ownership of Seamans Lane. Chief Edo responded that it was with the Mayor's office.

7. **New Business:**

None.

8. **Unfinished Business:**

None.

9. **Comments and Concerns of the Commissioners:**

Commissioner Smith reported that he was approached by Gordan Parmalee. Mr. Parmalee inquired about the status of the "Dinosaurs." Commissioner Smith invited Mr. Parmalee to attend tonight's meeting to discuss operations. He was not at the meeting. Chairman McGrath will try to reach out to the "Dinosaurs."

Chairman McGrath was contacted by the New Haven County Fire Commissioners Association. They would like Milford to host their June 18, 2015 meeting with a guest speaker. Chairman McGrath will discuss this further with the Association.

10. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners Smith and Rizzo made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:24 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Stein.