

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioners Conference Room at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

Call to Order: Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 1902 hours. A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners' Thomas Riso, Carmen Corvino, John Healy, Richard Smith, William Brennan, Howard Stein and Jonathan Berchem. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson, Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey, Firefighter Herbert Staiger IV

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

None.

3. Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Meeting – November 17, 2009

Commissioners' Corvino and Smith made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to amend the agenda to swear in Firefighter Herbert Staiger IV. *Motion made by Commissioner Corvino, second by Commissioner Smith to amend the agenda to swear in Firefighter Herbert Staiger IV. Motion carried unanimously.* Firefighter Staiger sworn in.

4. Communications

- Letter from Ms. Mimi Mudrick resigning as Recording Secretary.
- Letter from YMCA thanking department for fire safety visit.
- Letter from homeowner on Platt Lane thanking department for quick actions at recent fire at their residence.
- Several letters received from West Shore Fire District thanking department for invitation to participate in recent live burn training. Also letter to Special Services Unit with a check to the unit for providing lunch and fluid at live burns. (check made directly to Special Services).
- Certificate of thanks from Milford Promise for participating in their recent program.
- Letter from Director of Connecticut Department of Home Land Security accepting the City's Emergency Action Plan.
- Letter from Town of Wallingford thanking Battalion Chief William Healey for assisting them in recent officer candidate testing.

5. Committee Reports

None.

6. Chief's Report

Assistant Chief Johnson reported all apparatus in service, Marine 1 is out of the water for the winter. Chief LaVecchia reported on follow up conversations with Sutphen Fire Apparatus regarding Engine 3 (Quint) and previous mechanical issues. At this time he has been advised that they will send factory mechanic to do safety inspection on Engine 3. Also he is trying to get Sutphen to provide replacement for any items found to be in need of replacement at no cost to City. This is an ongoing

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project on his part. Commissioner Brennan advised he would like to be present when factory mechanic does inspection. Chief LaVecchia advised it would probably occur in January 2010.

Chief LaVecchia reported 4 recruits firefighters will be graduating this Friday, December 18th. They will receive two weeks of in house training and then be assigned to shift.

The Chief also reported that a budget meeting occurred today with the Mayor.

A general discussion followed on quint apparatus and the current replacement program of existing apparatus.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners:

None.

10. Adjournment

Commissioners' Smith and Healey made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 1928 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by R. Healey

UNAPPROVED – SUBJECT TO CORRECTION