

**Hamden Fire Commissioners
Administration Building, in the Large Conference Room
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2012**

In Attendance: Henry Candido, Michael D'Andrea, and Michael Iezzi. **Absent:** Richard Reilly and Donovan Shahid Abdul-Karim. **Also in Attendance:** Fire Chief David Berardesca and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Surprise.

Call to Order: Chairman, H. Candido called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The agenda was reviewed.

Minutes: H. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting. **M. Iezzi made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Correspondence: Fire Chief Berardesca noted a letter from the residents of Dunbar-Davenport thanking the Department for their assistance during the power outage. There was an emergency with a few of the residents who were on oxygen support. A number of residents were concerned for their safety, which the medical team made arrangements to find alternative quarters for those residents.

Public/Media Comments on Agenda: Nothing to report.

Department Report: The reports for October were provided. The call volume/incident report was reviewed and discussed with the latest response times. The storm created 179 calls in a three-day period. It was very hectic and several of the employees worked overtime. We may be reimbursed by FEMA for the overtime pay. Also enclosed were the Fire Marshal and Maintenance reports.

Discussion with Department Head: Fire Chief Berardesca mentioned the Department has implemented an electronic payroll system and the transition has been running very efficiently and smoothly.

A few incidents and emergencies that occurred from the power outage and one in particular was a fire that happened in someone's home. Prior to the outage, the family had the stove on and then during the outage, papers were placed on the stove. When the power returned, the papers caught fire. Both police and fire departments tended to the incident and no one was hurt.

After review of the reports, **M. Iezzi made the motion to approve the Department's reports for October 2012 as presented. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Fire Chief Berardesca also noted the Fire Department coordinated the Emergency Management, which included opening a shelter for the residents who lost power. The high school was designated as the shelter. We are looking to get the facility set up with the right emergency back-up (power) and other necessary equipment for future use.

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Honeywell Group came in to work on the removal of the lead abatement to Station 2 and will DiMeo contractors will be in to complete the project this weekend.

Old Business:

Fundraising event—H. Candido asked for updated regarding the firemen’s appreciation dinner. M. Iezzi met with the owners of DeMil’s Restaurant and they will be available to the Fire Commission any Tuesday in the month of February 2013. The proposed date is Tuesday, February 19th. The Commission needs to review the menu so a ticket price can be determined. Town officials and Town council will be invited by the commissioners. H. Candido and M. Iezzi will coordinate the publicity with the local media: Hamden Patch, QU and WELI radio stations.

New Business:

Fire Chief Berardesca reported Training Officer, John O’Dea will be retiring this month. We will be posting for lieutenants and above to apply for the position. The candidates must be a paramedic in order to apply for this position. We will present the job description to Civil Services and the union and then look to the Mayor for approval to hire.

A meeting with the Town Council was held last evening and the Department received approval for two new vehicles. The vehicles are for one staff vehicle and for the Battalion Chief. The new pumper is in the shop and currently training is taking place while it is at the shop. The pumper will be stationed at Firehouse 2.

Executive Session: Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: The Commissioners discussed the scheduling of a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Chairperson H. Candido requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. D’Andrea made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. M. Iezzi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recorded by,

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