

**Hamden Fire Commissioners
Administration Building, Town Attorney's Conference Room
Minutes of the June 11, 2014**

In Attendance were Henry Candido, Michael Iezzi, James O'Brien, and Richard Reilly. **Absent:** Andrea Lobo. **Also in Attendance:** Fire Chief David Berardesca, Deputy Fire Chief Gary Merwede.

Call to Order: Chairman, H. Candido called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Candido asked the Commissioners if they reviewed the minutes of the May meeting. At this time, J. O'Brien made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting as presented. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Department Updates and Reports:

Deputy Fire Chief spoke regarding the May activities report and highlighted a few areas.

The recent purchase of the old Calabash building will be leveled through the Fire Department by conducting a fire rescue demonstration. Fire Chief Berardesca explained the process and preparation is quite entailed in order to perform this demonstration.

The department has arranged to refurbish a command vehicle. This July we expect a new delivery of vehicles from Ford. The department will be looking to replace one fire pumper.

We held the swearing-in ceremony for Firefighter J. Coughlin. He is currently with the second platoon.

The Volunteer Fire Department engine #15 is being scraped and the Department will give the VFD an existing rescue engine.

The Fire Marshal report was reviewed. The Department has hired a company to assist the Fire Marshal's office with inspection reports, disbursing violations noting codes that are not in compliance. There is no cost for this company's service.

Mr. Candido commended the Department and the crew that organized the recent demonstration held at 2446-2450 Whitney Avenue and inquired about the work involved to set up this type of training demonstration. Fire Chief gave an overview of the process and training to conduct this project with the property owners.

Fire Chief Berardesca suggested to the Fire Commissioners to consider future site(s) for the fire house and headquarters.

Mr. O'Brien requested name tents for future meetings, especially when guests and interviews are scheduled.

H. Candido spoke about the hiring of candidates carried very strong backgrounds and we look forward to meeting them for future consideration.

Fire Chief Berardesca noted there is one firefighter is retiring this June 30, 2014, therefore, we will be eligible to hold interviews to fill two firefighter positions. The Department will look to schedule the interviews in July.

Old Business: Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget—There are no changes to the Department's upcoming budget. The budgets exclude the salary increases, which are due this July 2014.

New Business: Health Fair at Dunbar-Davenport property. H. Candido noted this coming health fair will include the services of the Fire Department where they are providing paramedics and a firefighter to give talks about safety and preparedness. This includes informing the residents in gathering the correct emergency contact information and carry medical emergency information. They are also conducting a question and answer session.

Executive Session: Nothing to present.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Chairperson H. Candido asked to adjourn the meeting. At 6:27 p.m. J. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Reported by,

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