

SHELTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Officers' Council
Regular Meeting February 12, 2008
White Hills Fire Company # 5



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Officer's Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich at 7:50 p.m. on February 12, 2008 at the White Hills Fire Station 2 School Street, Shelton Ct 06484.

The following members were in attendance to constitute a quorum:

Fire Chief John Millo
Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich
Assistant Chief Daryl Osiecki
Fire Marshal James Tortora
2nd Lieutenant Dave Van Wart
1st Lieutenant Joe Constantino
2nd Lieutenant Matt Lawrence
Captain Nicholas Verdicchio
1st Lieutenant Joe Martus
Captain Ed Tevolitz
2nd Lieutenant Don Tagg

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was taken in honor of Chief Richard Tallberg.. Chairman Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich opened the public portion. There being no one the public portion was closed. Chairman Assistant Ullrich requested a motion to table the approval of the January 8, 2008 minutes 1st Lt. Martus motioned to table the minutes until received, Captain Tevolitz seconded the motion, and all were in favor motion carried.

Agenda Item D Communications

No communications.

Agenda Item E. Reports

1. Chief Millo reported on the Missing Information for DMV on Blue Light Permits:

Company 1:

Michael Polaski- operator license number and vehicle id number
Gerard Danso – Registration plate number

Company 4:

Gina Addario – year, make, vehicle id, registration plate, model
Jack Brand- on his Harley Davidson – registration plate number

Company 5:

Cameron Kennedy- vehicle id number on 1998 Dodge and 2003 VW
Jay LaDrise- operations license number, vehicle id number

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Christopher Martin- operators license number, vehicle id number on 2006 Dodge and 2001 Ford.

John Recce- vehicle id number on his 2000 and 2005 Fords

Edward Tevolitz- vehicle id number on his 2005 Dodge

Shaun Wheeler- vehicle id number on 1997 Dodge

Fran Wheeler- vehicle id number on 1999 Ford

John McEwen – vehicle id number and registration number on 1995 Dodge

Bruce Kosowsky- vehicle id number on 2007 Escalade

Mike Kellet- vehicle id number

Lou Cortigiano- vehicle id number

Mike Cordi and Chris Martin have the same registration plate number listed. Cordi has a 2006 Nissan and Martin on the 2006 Dodge. Cordi needs plate and vehicle id number

Tony DeSarli- vehicle id number on 1999 Blazer

Paul Hays- vehicle id number on 2001 infinity

The State list is prepared that he has to release to the State of Ct as soon as possible.

Chief Millo stated that he needs the chase info that is needed. Chief Millo also reported that he received a fax from Bethany Fire Department, which pertains to Station 5. The letter is to invite you and all of your officers to an open forum for the discussion of the results on February 21, 2008 @ 7:00 pm. Chief Millo also reported that Ladder 1 is out of service due to an air leak with the braking system.

2. Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich reported that a couple minor issues occurred in Huntington Fire House on Monday. Some have been repaired, the power outage was corrected, the generator should have been repaired, the heat on the second floor will be handled on Wednesday, and the relay will be in on Wednesday. Chairman Ullrich reported that he attended the Board of Fire Commissioner's meeting and they are interested in doing a joint meeting with us next Tuesday, February 19th.

3. Assistant Chief Daryl Osiecki reported that the property Blue Stone building is completed. A walk through has been done with the Fire Marshal's Office. A walk through has not been scheduled yet, Company 1 and Company 4 will be done for now due to the high security risk. . Company 3 will do a walk through on Parrot Drive. Side jobs have been going well. Company 3 is up for the next side job.

4. Fire Marshal Tortora reported on the dollar losses report and the alarm report for the year 2007.

5. Assistant Chief Ted Pisciotta no report.

6. Superintendent of Apparatus James Brown absent.

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7. Training Coordinator Fran Jones no report.

Chairman Ullrich asked if there were any add ons to the agenda. Captain Verdicchio made a motion to add the following items to New Business Item 3 Charter Revision, Item 4 Coverage for Funeral Details, Item 5 High School, 1st Lt. Martus seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item F. Old Business.

1. By-Laws

Captain Tevolitz reported on one change to section 5 be amended. The change will be submitted, distribution and posted for the 30 days. 1st Lt. Constantino motioned that the request for the By-law change be posted for 30 days, Fire Marshal Tortora seconded, all were in favor. Motion carried.

2. SOP Fire Marshal Response

Chairman Ullrich reported that in February 2007 it was determined that a response was needed and the Fire Marshal was involved. Captain Hongo at the time was due to handle that. In October 2007 the Council voted to send it back to the Chief and to follow the State statues as to the Fire Marshal will be called when there is a fire. It was an unanimous decision by the Officer's Council. Chairman Ullrich stated that that does not seem to be enough and some changes need to be developed. Chief Millo reported that no letter was sent to him and if it was he would have reacted a lot sooner. He also reported that he wants these things defined and set into operating guidelines. Chief Millo stated that he as asked the Fire Marshal to report on his policy from his office, he has also contacted the State of Ct Fire Marshal in charge of operations, and have discussed his operational plan with him and he concurs. A copy of the Policy for Requesting Fire Marshal was distributed and discussed. Chairman Ullrich stated the only question is with item number e, if there is some chance that the Fire Marshal is not available and can not contact him, can they go to the next guy. Fire Marshall Tortora stated that someone will be available if he is not. Chairman Ullrich stated that should be added in there that there will be a designated if someone is not available. Chief Millo stated that is does state through out the entire policy that the Fire Marshal or his designee will be available. Some issues have come to light while working through this with the Fire Marshal; he will come up with some type of mutual aid agreement between surrounding towns with his office and vice a versa. Chief Millo reiterated to call the Fire Marshal if needed. Fire Marshal Tortora stated again if he is out of town some one will be designated. He also stated that someone needs to be there and not to leave the scene if he or his designee is coming out. Captain Verdicchio stated for loss of properties the Marshal may or may not respond but arson he will respond. Fire Marshal Tortora responded correct. Chief Millo encouraged communication between the Fire Department and the Marshal's office.

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Chairman Ullrich motioned to send the Fire Marshal Response to the SOP Committee, 1st Lieutenant Joe Constantino seconded, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Pre-Plans. Chairman Ullrich stated that there are several pre plans that have not been completed, The United Recycling, Chili's, Long Horn and the strip mall across from the car dealerships. All need to be handed in as soon as possible.

4. Safety Committee. No report.

5. Upper Birchbank Rd. – Response Plan. Chief Millo met with the Vice President of the Housatonic Railroad, Corporation Counsel, the Mayor, the Chief of Police, and the Marshal and presented them with the Fire departments problems and they have presented their problems. Chief Millo stated we have land lot property and they own that property and they have the right to do what they have done. The discussion will continue for a couple more weeks after that the Public Safety Council will then make a recommendation on it to notify all the residents there officially.

6. Homeland Security – Executive Session. Captain Verdicchio motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 pm. 1st Lt. Martus seconded, all were in favor, motioned carried. No votes were taken during the Executive Session. 1st Lt. Constantino motioned to come out of Executive Session, Marshal Tortora seconded, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item G. New Business

1. Mutual Aid. Captain Ed Tevolitz reported that he thought there was a Mutual Aid Dispatch Protocol in effect. Tankers went and there were no problems with them going. But there was a problem with 32 going. 52 is set up to respond to Monroe Ct. Captain Tevolitz questioned why 32 needed to be dispatched. Then Station 3 was stripped and Station 4 went up, meanwhile engine 4 is out of service and Station 1 has nothing, and then Derby was called to go to Stevenson. Chief Millo responded that we were sent to a construction fire half way there 59 had to turn around. A phone call came from a member at Station 3 who reported that something was wrong and the Chief was running out of water with a working fire. I asked if he was absolutely sure he stated yes so I sent 59. A discussion followed concerning protocol and policy.

2. Awards Policy. Captain Verdicchio reported that Tim Hongo requested that the award policy be updated.

3. Charter Revision. Chairman Ullrich reported that they want to get it on the ballot for the November ballot. There will only be three public hearings, one of which has already occurred. The Fire Marshal has sent a letter to them. Chairman Ullrich suggested going as a group to determine where the Fire Department needs to be and bring some new

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ideas. The Board of Fire Commissioners wants to meet on Tuesday as a group, for Charter Revision and also Rehab Associates, Chairman Ullrich stated he would like to invite the Mayor to also attend the meeting. The possibility of establishing a committee will be entertained.

4. Funeral Policy. 1st Lt. Martus reported that during department funerals there isn't proper coverage and a policy might need to be set up in regards to bringing up other town for coverage. Chief Millo stated that coverage was fine and if needed units would have left the funeral. Chairman Ullrich stated that there are procedures from the State on how funerals should be handled. He suggested Lt. Martus work on that as an SOP.

5. High School Fire Alarms. It was reported that there were two calls from the high school. Fire Marshall stated that there is a procedure in place and both incidents were false alarms. Fire Marshal stated he will reemphasis that within the policy. Chairman Ullrich requested a copy to the Station Officer and then we can also reiterate it the membership so understanding of the policies and procedures can occur.
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Agenda Item H. Remarks/Comments for the Good of the Council.

Chief Millo stated that the entire Department has done a wonderful job with the funeral services.

Chairman Ullrich stated thanks to all of the officers that were involved and the membership that come out to the funeral services.

Captain Tevolitz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm Fire Marshal Tortora seconded, all were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Camp

Clerk

1 tape is on file with the City Clerk

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