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1. *Special Meeting- June 17, 2008*

D. COMMUNICATIONS

E. REPORTS

1. *Fire Chief John V. Millo*
2. *Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich*
3. *Assistant Chief Daryl Osiecki*
4. *Assistant Fire Chief Nick Verdicchio*
5. *Assistant Fire Chief Ed Tevolitz*
6. *Assistant Fire Chief Paul Wilson*
7. *Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo*
8. *Fire Marshal James Tortora*
9. *Assistant Chief Ted Pisciotta*
10. *Superintendent of Apparatus James Brown*
11. *Training Coordinator Fran Jones*

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. *SOP 201 Emergency Response*
2. *Awards Program*
3. *Policies*
4. *Officers Helmet Designation*
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G. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Asbury Ridge Fire Alarm*
2. *Dispatch Procedures- Updates*
3. *Engine 20*

H. REMARKS/COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

I. ADJOURNMENT



*CITY OF SHELTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 12, 2008
7:00 P.M., Huntington Fire Company #3*

Vice Chairman Nick Verdicchio called the Regular Meeting of the Officers' Council to order at 7:25 P.M. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at the Huntington Fire Company #3 located at 44 Church Street, Shelton, CT.

The following members were in attendance to constitute a quorum:

Chairman- Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich (arrived at 7:30)
Vice Chairman- Assistant Chief- Nick Verdicchio
Assistant Chief Tim Hongo
Deputy Fire Marshal Bob Albert
Training Coordinator Fran Jones (arrived at 8:12)

Company 1

Captain- Gerard Danso (arrived at 7:26)
2nd Lieutenant- Dave van Wart

Company 3

Captain- Michael Pane
1st Lieutenant- Joe Constantino
2nd Lieutenant- Matt Lawrence

Company 4

Captain- Justin Sabatino
1st Lieutenant- Joe Martus

Company 5

Captain- Shaun Wheeler
1st Lieutenant- Francis Wheeler

Also Present: Melissa Anglace, Clerk

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PUBLIC PORTION

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes- of special meeting on June 17, 2008. On a motion made by Lt. Joe Martus and seconded by Capt. Justin Sabatino, the officers voted to approve the last meetings minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. REPORTS

Chief John Millo- None

Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich- None

Assistant Chief Daryl Osiecki- None

Assistant Fire Chief Nick Verdicchio- No Report

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Tevolitz- None

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Wilson-None

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo- Report on Avalon Bay trust construction roof. Need to use extreme caution going up on the roof. Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo will be going back up to get photos and more information on the ceilings as well.

Fire Marshal James Tortora- None

Assistant Chief Ted Pisciotta- None

Superintendent of Apparatus James Brown- None

Training Coordinator Fran Jones- Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo reported for Fran Jones that Fire One Schedule has some changes through the State of Connecticut. Hazmat Ops. has been put into Fire One and it's a requirement. Let the Training Coordinator Fran Jones know if there are classes that you wish not to teach.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. SOP 201 Emergency Response

Discussion about the changes made including excessive speeds. Chairman- Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich plans to give all SOP's to the Cooperation Council for review.

2. Awards Program

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo conversed about awards policy and eligibility. The categories of awards that will be presented at the Fire Department Banquet are: Medal of Valor, Medal of Bravery, Life-Saving Award, Station Firefighter of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Instructor of the Year, Appreciation of Service, Educational Achievement Award, Good Samaritan Award and Years of Service. This will be reviewed and prepared for the Board of Fire Commissioners for the next meeting. **Tabled Motion by Lt. Martus and seconded by Capt. Justin Sabatino.**

3. Policies

Motion to table policies by Lt. Martus and seconded by Capt. Justin Sabatino.

4. Officers Helmet Designation

Discussion about the current policy on Helmet Designation. **On a motion made by Lt. Joe Martus and seconded by Capt. Justin Sabatino, the officers voted to send a letter to the board to stay the same and enforce the current policy.** Conversation about firefighters under the age of 18 and the need to identify each individual, therefore **Lt. Joe Martus motion to amend current motion seconded by Capt. Justin Sabatino to include a blue helmet for fire fighters under the age 18. Motion now reads: send a letter to the board to stay the same and enforce the current policy unless the Fire Fighter is under the age 18, then they will need to wear a blue helmet for means of identification.** Motion passed.

5. Safety Program

Captain Justin Sabatino discussion on where does the DOT O.S.H.A. standard meet the N.F.P.A. standard including reflexive standard clothing such as a vest. Also another standard discussed by Captain Justin Sabatino is the appropriate signage during an emergency on any limited access road.

6. Homeland Security-Executive Session

No items

7. Radios

Conversation regarding the issues of hearing on the radios as well as the coverage continuing to get worse. Assistant Chief Tim Hongo commented that the Company 3 still has a problem with the base station. Chairman- Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich commented that this problem is in the process of being worked on.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Asbury Ridge Fire Alarm

Captain Justin Sabatino conversation on Asbury Ridge building is currently up to code. The Asbury Ridge will have a fire alarm system however; it will no longer activate the central station to trigger a fire alarm.

2. Dispatch Procedures-Updates

Discussion about where Fire Hydrate locations are and responding to a lockout. Training Coordinator Fran Jones commented about the lockouts and nursing home responses are currently not implemented yet as well as additional training for dispatchers. **On a motion made by Capt. Justin Sabatino and seconded by Lt. Joe Martus, the officers voted to draft a letter to find an officer to use the phone system before using the radios.** Motion passed.

3. Engine 20

Conversation about Engine 20 having a blown transmission and being permanently out of service.

H. REMARKS/COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Assistant Chief Tim Hongo remarked about the Duty Chief Schedule.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Capt. Shaun Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Assistant Chief Tim Hongo. Approved unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk

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