

# Town of North Branford

## Board of Fire Commissioners

### MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #1

DECEMBER 6, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Joseph Civitello and Commissioners Anthony DellaCamera and Ed Prunier. Vice-Chairman Angelo Tosi and Commissioner Anthony Gallicchio were absent.

**OTHERS:** Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief/Training Officer Robert Colangelo, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien and Foreman Corey Roberts.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Prunier, that the BOFC approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, all in favor.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:** The Fire Marshal's Report for November listing 142 calls was distributed. Reports were received and distributed from Deputy Chief/Training Officer Colangelo and Assistant Chief/Training Officer Amatrudo. The alarm data and Ambulance Activity Reports were also distributed for October.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Transportation: There was discussion about the rescue truck for Company #1 and the Chief noted that he would like to purchase the truck and all of the tools needed on it for \$400,000 total.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF:** Chief Seward's memorandum to the Board regarding his report dated December 3, 2012 was distributed and is attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. The Chief gave an update on the Simulcast system and felt that progress is being made. He conducted training for two additional dispatchers focusing on fire department procedures and operations. Tower 1 was repaired and the cost was \$10,578.25. The Chief prepared the 10-year apparatus replacement program report as requested by the Interim Town Manager and distributed it to the Board. He informed the Board that the thermal imaging cameras are outdated and therefore, not repairable. The SCBA compressor was installed at Company #2. The Chief is currently obtaining prices for new hose and will be purchasing hose shortly.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was a discussion about the ambulance billing and the Chief is awaiting info regarding the collection rates. Deputy Chief/Training Officer Colangelo spoke about the confined space class and rescue core class. He noted that three people are in the Firefighter I class and they will be participating in a live burn in two weeks. He is very pleased with the training and experience that they are receiving in the class.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was a discussion about the schedule of the meetings for next year. Commissioner Prunier made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera that the

schedule of meetings for January, 2013 through January, 2014 be approved as discussed. On roll call vote, all in favor. The next item was the reappointment of Deputy Chief Esposito for a two-year term. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Prunier that the Board reappoint Deputy Chief Esposito for a two-year term from January 5, 2013 to January 4, 2015. On roll call vote, all in favor. The Chief was pleased that he has received ten new applications for members in the department. Some are former members who would like to rejoin and one is a career firefighter who recently moved into town. He recently drove the Hazmat vehicle to Branford and commented about concerns he had with steering issues. He will have the Town's public works department check for any issues.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** The Chief informed the Board that he received an email from the Assistant Coach at the high school asking for an escort by the fire department to the Town line in Durham for the football team. They will be playing at Rentschler Field on Saturday morning. Company #2 will escort them to the town line.

**WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION:** The specifications for the new truck should be received and copies will be sent to the Board prior to a bid being prepared.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera and seconded by Commissioner Prunier to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen  
Board Clerk