

# Town of North Branford Board of Fire Commissioners

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chairman Prunier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice Chairman Ed Prunier and Commissioners Kenneth Ash and Andrew Campion. Chairman Joseph Civitello and Commissioner Anthony DellaCamera were absent.

**OTHERS:** Officers: Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Lieutenants John Rossotto and Steve Torino.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Lt. Torino notified the Board of the following planned events at Co. #3: 9/16: Potato and Corn Festival Sponsor Party and 9/18: Fried Dough Pizza. Company #1 has a fundraiser planned for next weekend by the Town Hall called "fill the bucket" and a car show at NBIS on October 4<sup>th</sup>. A softball game for the benefit of "filling the pantry" is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> between the police and fire departments.

**READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Commissioner Campion made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the Board approves the Minutes of the June 4, 2015 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, all in favor.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:** The Fire Marshal's Report for August listing 168 calls was distributed. A report was distributed from Deputy Chief Colangelo.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Pension: The Town's Pension Committee voted to eliminate the cap on the number of years of service for the pension which was previously set at 35 years. The Town Council agreed and it will begin next July, 2016. There was a discussion on the maximum age for a pension (70 years) and on the current standards for driving the fire trucks.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF:** The Chief was absent from this meeting and his report was distributed. Deputy Chief Esposito thanked all the members who participated in "Heroes Night" at Smith Library, the annual parade at Cedar Lake on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and bringing the trucks to squirt water to cool off the children during the park and rec summer programs on hot days. He noted that the hose and ladder testing was completed with minimal loss of hose. He informed the Board of the fatality at the Country Farm Market and noted that the doctor at Yale commended the paramedics and members on scene for their excellent skills. There was some discussion on the length of disability eligibility and insurance coverage for the buildings. It was suggested that the building official be present to meet with the insurance adjuster at Company #3 to discuss the building issue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Some issues regarding difficulties with the MEDCOM were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Lt. Torino informed the Board that Company #3 is not being dispatched to all their district calls and it discussed that the CAD should be fixed by NexGen to reflect the correction. It was suggested that Co. #3 sign on and proceed to the calls in their district. There was a discussion about signing in for training which is not being enforced. A suggestion was made that a training calendar be available listing mandatory drills and also, that they should be offered on various days at different time periods at the individual companies. It was decided that the training officers should be encouraged to attend the next Board meeting to discuss options.

**WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION:** Deputy Chief Esposito informed the Board that the Pension Statistics for 2014-2015 should be available at the next meeting. He will request that the training division be present at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Commissioner Campion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk