

# TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

## Board of Fire Commissioners

### MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #3

OCTOBER 6, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Prunier called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

**OTHERS:** Officers: Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Assistant Chief/Training Officer Mark Amatrudo, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Captains Jason Conway, Ken Neubig, Gene Stabile, and Kevin Lyon, and Lieutenant Steve Torino.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Lt. Torino discussed the design of the T-shirt for the department and requested the Board's approval. He originally thought a donation would be made to the police union and any excess monies given to the Board. Chairman Prunier suggested that Lt. Torino put the extra money from the sale of t-shirts towards a benevolent fund. Lt. Torino asked about the discrepancy between the station standby credits vs. per call pension credit. It was discussed that a 12 hour standby equals one pension credit. He inquired about the possibility of changing the hours for standby credit. Deputy Chief Esposito noted that it was previously changed from approximately 23 or 24 hours to 12. A fundraiser for Bill Canning is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 9 p.m. It is a joint effort between the Fire Department, the Raging Knights motorcycle group of which Bill is a member, and Quinnipiac College, his employer. He may possibly come home next week. Many members assisted in installing a downstairs bath in his home and various materials were donated.

**READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Commissioner Ash made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board approve the Minutes of the September 1, 2016 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, all in favor.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:** An email from Ryan Doherty was read regarding an alarm that Rescue 3 responded to. He wanted to thank the members for a great job as well as their professionalism and compassion.

**DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:** The Fire Marshal's Report for September was distributed listing 140 calls. Reports were received and distributed from Deputy Chief Esposito, Deputy Chief Colangelo, and Assistant Chief/Training Officer Amatrudo. Approximately 230 Smoke and CO detectors have been received for distribution. Medic 4 issues were discussed and what was originally thought to be an engine issue is a transmission issue. Deputy Chief Esposito informed the Board that the picnic on 9/11 at the Zion Church had many parishioners and department members in attendance. There was a discussion about MEDCOM.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Communications: Commissioner DellaCamera discussed the options proposed to the Town Council regarding a regional dispatch center. If a second dispatcher were added to our dispatch center, the cost would be approximately \$555,000 and if the dispatch center were to move to Branford, the cost would be approximately \$60,000. There are some issues concerning unions, wage differences and benefits. There is also the "dark station issue" if the

police department didn't have a dispatch center located in it.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF:** Chief Seward's report dated September 23, 2016 was distributed to the Board. Acting Chief Esposito discussed his report as Chief Seward was out of town. He noted that there will be discussion for proposals for fire protection at the October meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Additional items reported on by the Chief were MEDCOM operations, the radio communications system, and regionalization.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Deputy Chief informed the Board that he met with Chief Walsh regarding the sale of Rescue 22 and it will probably be listed for \$24,000.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Deputy Fire Marshal O'Brien noted that smoke detectors will be put on the apparatus and are to be distributed to anyone who needs one. He is also coordinating the fire prevention activities. Company #1 is sponsoring a car show at the Auditorium on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion about the underground water supply tanks and whether or not they are effective.

**WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION:** The pension statistics will be available at the November meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk