

**CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING
COMMISSIONER/PASTOR OSCAR DESTRUGE**

**FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 @ 03:00pm

Place: Via Zoom /Tele Conference

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023

3. ACTION ITEMS

There are no items

4. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Budget Report

5. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

- a. Adashi Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) and Command Software Upgrade
 - 1. C&C Command software build is in process.
 - 2. Live training to be scheduled for the command software.
- b. Station Alerting System Upgrade
 - 1. Final system testing in process.
- c. State Radio System Migration
 - 1. New apparatus mobile radio installation completed.
- d. Buildings
 - 1. Station 3: Apparatus Floor
 - i. Engineer contract in process.
 - 2. Station 5: Bathroom Renovation
 - i. Project set to begin after all material has been delivered.

6. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

- a. The administration would like to thank, on record, the fire departments who assisted with covering Norwalk's fire stations and answering our emergency calls on the day of Deputy Fire Marshal Feola's funeral. Stamford, New Canaan, Westport, Rowayton, Fairfield, and Bridgeport all sent firefighters and apparatus to assist.
- b. The Norwalk Fire Department continues to work with the MTA as the Walk Bridge project progresses. Both the Railroad and the construction companies on the site want to ensure that the NFD can operate safely within the construction zone in the event of an emergency. A joint confined space rescue drill inside the bridge structure, utilizing multiple agencies, will be held in December.
- c. Three firefighter recruits have begun onboarding for the February 2024 Connecticut Fire Academy class. These will be the last candidates hired from the 2021 test list.
- d. Applications opened on December 18th for our next entry-level test to be held the weekend of January 13, 2024.

7. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- a. Summary of Activities
- b. Fire Reports
- c. Fire Marshal Fees

8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- a. Emergency Management Update

9. TRAINING DIVISION REPORT

a. Current Activities

1. Utilizing YMCA vacant properties for both ladder companies to train together
2. "Q" Licensing training for new drivers ongoing
3. New building construction walk-throughs and tours (Monroe St/S. Main & West Avenue projects)
4. CFA Fire Instructor 1 class with 3 Norwalk members enrolled
5. CFA Building Construction class with site tour of 467 West Avenue project
6. Cold Water/Ice Rescue Equipment Training

b. Completed Activities

1. Hose Testing
2. SCBA Fit Testing
3. Standpipe Training Evolutions at River Street Parking Garage
4. Walk Bridge Construction Site Tour with MTA/MNRR
5. SCBA Confidence Training and emergency evacuation maneuvers
6. DCT Coppola has been named a DMV "Commissioner's Designee" for Q licensing credentialing
7. Fire safety training with Norwalk Hospital (vacant wing)
8. RTF Training with PD/EMS (Active Assailant)

c. Upcoming/Scheduled:

1. MTA/MNRR Confined Space Drill at Walk Bridge site on 11/29/23
2. Flashpoint Prop training (Fire Behavior Lab) 12/5/23 – 12/8/23
3. Working with COSTCO to utilize vacant Doubletree Hotel for training evolutions
4. N-95 Respirator Fit Testing
5. Next round of Department NFPA Compliant Physicals in process
6. Trauma Recovery Network orientation for newer members scheduled for January
7. EMS Certification Refreshers begin January 2024

10. LOCAL 830 REPORT

There are no items

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on a New Entry Level Exam
- b. Update on Sale of MU-238

12. NEW BUSINESS

There are no items

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There are no items

14. PERSONNEL

- a. Drop Pension for Captain Thomas Reidy
- b. Retirement Letter from DFM Philip D'Acunto
- c. Executive Session
 - o Personnel

15. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fire Chief