

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Town of Easton, Connecticut
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 15, 2017**

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Commissioners in attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Miranda, T. Pajonas

Also in attendance: Fire Marshal P. Neary, Chief S. Waugh, FF. Ma. Ohradan

The Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

The reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017, having been distributed to all Commissioners, was waived by motion of Comm. Pajonas, second by Comm. Katz, and approved by motion of Comm. Miranda, second by Comm. Pajonas, without dissent.

The Fire Marshal's report was presented by FM Neary. He indicated that Fire Inspections continue with no exceptional issues at this time, and that the Public Fire Education program is well underway with 14 classes at Samuel Staples School visited in October. Fire Investigations and other activities are proceeding as usual.

Chief Waugh delivered his report, indicating that 55 incidents in October was back up to a rate consistent with recent years in October, as compared with most recent months which had been down relative to recent years. It was indicated that this year has had less severe weather than recent years, which may have influenced activity. Engine 2 is out of service undergoing repair, the details of which were reviewed by FF. Ohradan. The cost of this repair should be manageable within the budget unless the Department experiences additional significant breakdowns. Engine 2 has been in service 14 years. Several new sets of Turnout Gear are needed, a major outlay, but due to safety considerations he is carefully reviewing the products available. Poor wear results and experience of burn injuries from local departments with certain manufactures have been reported. The Regional Fire School, located in Fairfield, has been completed. It has impressive facilities for state of the art training, but the State has cut maintenance and operating funding in the recent budget. How to support these significant costs must be resolved. Our radio facilities future is a continuing focus for the Department, with the progress of the new Cell Tower for Easton emphasizing the need to coordinate all the various user's needs under a cost effective, cost controllable, professionally engineered, fact based design solution.

Easton Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 plans an open house for December 2nd, 10 to 2, hopefully generating public interest in volunteering, as well as enhancing community awareness of the organization's activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm, a motion having been made by Commissioner Pajonas, seconded by Commissioner Miranda, and passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted

Commissioner David Buchanan, Chairman