BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Regular Meeting

Commissioners present: Tim Reynolds, John Cotter, Craig Mansfield
Guests Present: Brian Auld

1. **Called to order** at 5:04 pm by Tim Reynolds and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**:
   a. Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 07/08/2025 was made by John Cotter, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bill Approvals:
   a. Bills to be paid were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the invoices as presented and discussed by Craig Mansfield, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget Recap:
   a. John Cotter provided a budget recap noting the departments to-date spending. To date, for the 2024-25 budget year we started the year with $591,898 and have spent $530,807.10 leaving us with a remaining amount of $61,090.90. This was a total of 89.7% spent. This under spend was in salaries based on open positions that took longer to fill than expected.
   b. The 2025-26 budget year started with $734,884 and to date we have spent $33,765.38 leaving us a remaining amount of $704,118.62. This is a total of 4.2% to date.
   c. It was noted that vehicle repairs and maintenance continue to be high with over $35,000 spent during the 24-25 fiscal year.

5. Old Business:
   a. Walk through of the schools was completed on July 27th. The group that attended asked great questions and seem to take away a lot.
   b. Med Radio backordered were scheduled to be in today, but they did not arrive. Now scheduled install has been pushed out a week and will be done on Tuesday, August 12th. They will be installing the 800/UHF radio at the same time.
   c. RFP for the brush truck is with Linda and planned to go out this week.
   d. Craig sent a draft of the consulting RFP but there is no money to complete it moving forward in the selectman's budget. If we want to move forward will need to find money in the Fire Department budget.
   e. The new firehouse committee – Site survey underway. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14th and will include Brian Auld, Chris Leidemer and Ray Swol as we do a full review of mechanicals to ensure we are covering all items.
   f. The majority of the Fire Police attended and did get their radios replaced with the Harris radios. There were three or 4 people that did not attend.

6. Selectman's Report:

a. No report

7. Visitors Participation:

a. None

8. Reports:

a. Medical Division Report: See below
b. Career Staff Report: No report
c. Marine Division Report: No report.
d. Fire Marshal's Report: No report
e. Fire Police Division Report: No report.
f. Junior Division Report: No report
g. Recruitment Division Report: No report
h. Public Relations Report: No report
i. Special Events Report: No report
j. Fire Chief's Report: See below

9. Building & Equipment Reports:

a. Building Report: No report
b. Fire Equipment and Maintenance Report: In Chief's Report
c. Radio Equipment Report: Discussed in minutes above.

10. Correspondence:

a. None

11. New Business:

a. Budget passed and we are now working on the bonding for the trucks and new building.
b. Tim Reynolds attended a meeting with the ambulance. The crew are working well together but there is still no transparency related to where and how the money is being spent. The feeling continues to be that there needs to be transparency.
c. Craig Mansfield is working with Valley Shore on rolling out a new Tango/Tango app to allow people to be able to listen to calls via cell phone.

12. Adjournment:

a. Motion to adjourn at 5:29 pm made by John Cotter, second by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Craig Mansfield
Secretary
08/30/2025

REPORTS

Medical Division Report:
- Have new EMT's starting
- Will be outfitting the teams with shirts for identification
- Good collaboration with the Ambulance crews
- Upcoming smaller drills are being planned

Career Staff Report: No Report Submitted

Marine Report: No Report Submitted.

Fire Marshal: No Report Submitted

Junior Division Report: No Report Submitted

Recruitment Division Report: No Report Submitted

Public Relations Report: No Report submitted

Special Events Report: No Report submitted.

Fire Chief's Report: Submitted by Brian Auld

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 5TH 2025

JULY CALLS

ONE	STRUCTURE FIRE
ONE	MUTUAL AID STRUCTURE FIRE
ONE	OUTSIDE FIRE
ONE	CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM
ONE	STAND BY
ONE	POWER LINE EMERGENCY
ONE	PUBLIC SERVICE
TWO	BRUSH FIRE
FOUR	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
SIX	FIRE ALARM
FORTY-SIX	MEDICAL R-1

65 TOTAL CALLS JULY 2025 – INCREASE OF 2 CALLS TO LY

PERSONNEL:

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO**:
  - Probationary Firefighters Spencer Laddy-Locks and Zach Uhlman as they are now off Probation and are now titled "Firefighters"

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**
  - Firefighter Spencer Laddy-Locks and Zach Uhlman for passing Firefighter one and pumper Q endorsement and pump operations
  - Lieutenants Walkers for passing Q endorsement and pump operations
  - Lieutenants Walkers for passing EMT

- **SECOND QUARTER POINTS ARE POSTED AND CONGRATULATIONS TO**
  - Lieutenant Nate Botting - 79 calls
  - Firefighter Zach Uhlman - 87 calls
  - Lieutenant Michelle Walker - 91 calls
  - Firefighter Spencer Laddy-Locks - 99 calls
  - Junior Firefighter Ryan Solovei - 118 calls

- **AUXILARY UPDATE**
  - Congrats to:
  - President Patty Solovei
  - Vice President Bree Miner
  - Secretary Natalie Lindeman
  - Treasurer Cheryl Siegmann
  - **SPECIAL THANK YOU TO NANCY SMITH FOR HER TIME AS PRESIDENT**

TRAINING:

- **DRILL SCHEDULE**
  - Has been updated for the next 5 months
  - and is posted at all firehouses as well as emailed to all personnel

- **WISH JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER RYAN SOLIVEI LUCK**
  - As he is attending the advanced junior training at the fire academy with a graduation day of August 16th

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EVENTS / MEETING

- **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR SHELLEY MOSIG**
  - Saturday August 9th 1pm – 5pm
  - at The Farm at Carter Hill – 86 East Hampton Rd, Marlborough, CT
  - All personnel should make every effort to attend for one of our dear friends

- **MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MEETING**
  - Wednesday October 8th
  - East Haddam Company # 1
  - Auxiliary and kitchen committee will be preparing the dinner

- **BONDING MEETING FOR NEW APPARATUS AND COMPANY # 2**
  - Wednesday August 6th at town hall

- **CAR WASH / FILL THE BOOT / BAKE SALE**

- September 6th with rain date of September 7th
- Company # 2

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT:

- **HOSE AND LADDER TESTING**
  - Is scheduled for October 8th and 9th

- **APPARATUS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**
  - Engine 1-15, Engine 4-15, Car 15 are complete
  - Engine 2-15 is currently in the shop
  - Tankers, Ladder, and service trucks to follow
  - Tanker 2-15 is scheduled to return from the body shop this week

- **WINCH STRAP FOR MARINE 2**
  - Has been ordered by Deputy Swol

- **COMPANY # 1**
  - 3 exterior doors are on order
  - Light for exterior message has been replaced – thank you Ron Tremblay
  - Floor Clearer has been assembled – Thank you LT Botting

- **SCBA COMPRESSOR AT COMPANY # 1**
  - Was serviced on Wednesday July 23rd

- **CO FORMS**
  - Have been placed in all apparatus in the red clipboard
  - The commander of the scene is to fill out the form on every CO call
  - White copy is to be handed to the complainant and the yellow copy is to be stapled to the paper run sheet and filed in the report safe

- **NEW FIRST IN MEDICAL BAGS**
  - Have been ordered for all apparatus

- **NEW FIRE POLICE VESTS**
  - have arrived and are being distributed
  - See Captain Bennett if you have not received one

FROM ME:

- **CO # 1 MEMORIAL**
  - Outstanding job on the completion and overall presentation
  - Jerry, Michelle, Eric, Lynn, Spence, Danny, and Ryan

- **PRESS RELEASES –**
  - Great job to Captain Kolek with all the newspaper postings

- **ANNUAL 501C3 PAPERWORK**

- Captain Bennet is in the process of submitting with Jon Comer

- **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON JULY 19TH – 284 NORWICH ROAD**
  - Outstanding job to Lieutenant Nate Botting for commanding his first major incident
  - Did an exceptional job with coordinating a tough incident involving one fatality and 3 other injured civilians along with coordinating Mutual aid partners (Lyme Fire, State Police, and Medical examiner)
  - All reporting personnel worked cohesively as one unit
  - Thank you to LT Reynolds and Cpt Kolek for debriefing all reporting personnel

- **STRUCTURE FIRE – 22 BEEBE ROAD (YESTERDAY) 7/28**
  - Great turnout for a weekday – 12 volunteers responded and 3 career staff
  - Our Salem Chiefs stopped in to assist
  - Great job on truck placement by Capt. Leidemer, Capt. Mosig, and FF Walpole (mine was no so great on a bees nest)
  - Great job on Operations from LT Botting