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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of January 21st, 2016 through February 21st, 2016 and details activities of the Department.

Danbury Fire gives a hearty warm welcome to our six new recruits who have recently begun their 15-week training at the CT Fire Academy. From left to right are **Jason Biroscak, Sean Witoshynsky, Sean Peltier, Jeff Perkins, Mike Sweeny, and Ernie Leclercq.**



Public Education / Prevention / Public Relations

Pre-incident familiarization was conducted at Kennedy Flats.

Crews trained with Danbury Hospital special ebola response team with the first live patient drill at the new treatment area.

TAC and EMS made numerous street sweeps during extreme cold weather periods to locate and prevent cold weather related injuries or deaths.

A day was spent on Candlewood Lake doing annual Ice Rescue training. While doing ice rescue training, we coordinated some Aerial Drone with Mr. Chris Setaro, who has been assisting the fire department in researching drones and their utilization in the emergency services.



Suppression / Response Activities of Note

A three day storm featured almost every conceivable weather that New England experiences, from temperatures of 10 below zero, to highs in the 60s. This, along with snow, sleet, freezing rain, and torrential downpours was not enough to stop the DFD. In the three day period from Feb 14-16, the DFD responded to approximately 150 calls, including a house fire, a car fire, multiple car accidents, various medical calls, and dozens of broken water pipes.

A 2nd alarm structure fire at 42 Locust Ave in basement spread to first floor with heavy smoke condition, fire controlled with minor structural damage.

Crew of Lt. Daly, FF's Sedgwick and Gallagher responded to 7 Foster Street for an emergency child birth - mother and baby Noah doing fine.

DPD was assisted at 66 Davis Street with a land search for a lost elderly male. E22 Lt. Kirkwood and FF's Boullianne and Mackey were able to locate a the very hypothermic patient (core temp 84) and start the re-warming process while awaiting an ambulance to respond for transport.

Lt. John Halas was able to deliver his own child when his wife went into sudden labor at home, at last report all are doing fine.



Padanaram Ave car fire



MVA stabilization

Command and Staff Activities

- City Council meeting
- Dispatch oversight meetings with IXP and the PD
- Monthly EMS/Dispatch steering committee
- Attended the Hat City Ball
- Introduced the inaugural Vol Firefighter Probationary class
- CT Regional Fire School monthly meeting
- Construction meetings at the new Training Facility
- Budget meeting with Finance
- Police Dept. presentation of an Active Shooter scenario
- Padanaram Vol. Engine 3 annual dinner
- Introduce 6 new recruits
- Meeting with Captains Candidates before test

- Meeting with Boehringer Ingelheim over Haz Mat Response
- Class in Torrington on Firefighter safety
- No One Eats Alone program Great Plain school
- Meeting with Union officers
- Meeting with Danbury Hospital Director of Public relations Andrea Rynn
- Meeting with Vol. Fire division Executive Board
- Meetings with Civil Service, Board of Awards, Civil Service Commission

Emergency Medical / HazMat – Coordinator Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

Given current events, the topic for this month's EMS Wednesday is Patient Triage, following the Active Shooter class present by the Training Division. This collaborative training between the Training Division, EMS/HAZMAT Division, and the Danbury Police Department is a multi-discipline approach to meeting the training needs of our personnel by identifying roles and responsibilities of the different arms of Public Safety during a Mass Casualty Incident.

EMT Re-certification

The Danbury Fire Department's Annual EMT re-certification test is scheduled for March 21, 2016 at Beaver Brook Volunteer Fire Company. Advanced EMTs who are required to take two certification exams will have the opportunity to test at Danbury Fire Headquarters on March 30th and March 31st of 2016.

EMS Supervisor Meetings

EMS/HazMat Coordinator Rodriguez participated in the EMS Supervisor meeting at the Danbury Hospital on 2/17/16. Topics of discussion included:

- Educational Opportunities:
 - Next CME at Danbury Hospital 2/23/16 topic: Trauma
 - Trauma Lecture Series: March 2, 2016 Critical Incident Communications
- Trauma data
- Stroke data
- Triage tag days: 3/9/16 - 3/11/16 all patients transported to the Danbury Hospital should have a Smart Triage tag attached
- DPH/OEMS report
- Zika Virus

Bio-Containment Special Care unit drill

The Danbury Hospital and the Danbury Fire Department held two Bio-containment drills to simulate the transportation and isolation of a patient with a highly communicable disease such as Ebola on Feb.17 & Feb. 23, 2016.

The Old Emergency Department located on Locust Avenue has been converted to a High Tech Isolation treatment ward. Chief Williams and personnel from A-group were present to simulate the manpower and expertise the Fire Department would provide in such an event.

Communications/911 – Provisional Communications Coord. Jamie Gagliardo

- Assisted the Training Division with some communications work at the new fire school
- New IXP dispatchers were given an area familiarization tour of our City. This will better assist these new dispatchers in recognizing landmarks and having a visual for many of common incident locations we respond to.
- Assisted the Training Division with the new Recruit Training program teaching the new recruits how fire service radio communications systems operate.
- Installed two new antennas at Engine 25 and Engine 26 stations for better receive capabilities. This will correct any issues with the Federal Informer station alerting systems missing tones. All career stations are now outfitted with these antennas.



- Responded to the 3rd Alarm structure fire at 42 Locust Ave. Assistance was given to the Incident Commander with radio communications and resource management.
- Met with IXP management to complete a final review of the new response guidelines. On February 9th the changes were updated in the current CAD system. This has been a long process with hard work from many members of the FD. A special thank you to Firefighter Gallagher and Firefighter Croswell for their hard work completing this project.
- Attended the Communications Coordinator's promotional exam on Feb. 10th.
- Dispatch reported a radio receiver failure on Harvest Hill receiver site. Frontier was contact for an initial check of the circuitry followed by the Communications Office contacting Northeastern Communications to repair the radio receiver problem. The repair was completed quickly on Feb. 12th.
- Feb. 15th at 0230hrs responded to the 2nd alarm Structure Fire at 42 Topstone Drive and assisted the Incident Commander with communications and resource management.
- Assisted the Training division with New Career Recruit Orientation on Feb. 16th.

- Dispatch reported a radio receiver failure on the Boxwood receiver site. Frontier was contact for an initial check of the circuitry. It was found that there was a copper line pair that was broken. Repairs were completed quickly on Feb. 17th.
- Feb. 18th two training courses were held at Headquarters with A-group to review the updated response policies which were recently implemented. will continue with all crews until all members of the FD are aware of the updates.
- A second iPad MDT training course was held at Headquarters Feb 18th for the volunteer division. This was scheduled to train the second wave of officers on the recently issued iPad MDTs.
- Ongoing projects:
 - Approximately 4 hours a week have been spent in the Danbury 911 center for observation to create a better working system between the fire department and the dispatchers. Every week strengthening of our agency relationships is observed.

Training – Training Officer Steve Rogers

Volunteer Division

Volunteer Recruit Class

We've completed classes for approximately 23 volunteer recruits. The initial phase of this pilot program has proven to be successful. The class has shown a willingness to learn and a desire to continue training with their individual companies.

Quarterly

1st quarter training has been scheduled.

Career Division

We continue to reinforce ICS concepts with our post incident review of the 275 Main Street fire.

Fire Officer One

Mike Sedgwick finished attending FO-1 course in Waterbury.

Active Shooter Training

We were pleased to have Sgt Mike Georgulis teach Active Shooter classes to all four crews. His presentation was excellent and we look forward to future inter-agency collaboration programs.

Fed OSHA has been in to instruct the crews on basic safety guidelines and when OSHA should be notified when we are out in the field. It was a very informative class.

Fire School Classroom Project

Members of Danbury Fire had the privilege to support networking efforts for project. Progress has been brisk and the contractors and city project managers are doing an outstanding job.

Coordination

The Training division continues robust coordination with the four Deputy Chiefs, EMS, and Communication divisions on a variety of training and safety issues.

EAP

Workplace behavior training across.

Monthly Events for TO Rogers:

- 1/21/16 - Active Shooter training class with DPD, D group.
- 1/25/16 - Active Shooter training class with DPD, A group
- 1/27/16 - Volunteer Firefighter Cadet program
- 1/28/16 - Active Shooter training class with DPD, C group
- 1/29/16 - 276 Main Street post incident review, C group
- 1/30/16 - Volunteer Firefighter Cadet program
- 2/1/16 - Shooter training class with DPD, B group.
- 2/3/16 - Volunteer Firefighter Cadet program.
- 2/4/16 - Fire Classroom network wiring
- 2/4/16 - 276 Main Street post incident review, D group
- 2/9/16 - EAP training, C group
- 2/10/16 - Volunteer Firefighter Cadet Program
- 2/13/16 - Volunteer Firefighter Cadet Program
- 2/16/16 - Met with 6 career recruits and went over paperwork
- 2/17/16 - Volunteer Firefighter Cadet Program
- 2/19/16 - Met with Chief and A/C for career and volunteer recruit update
- 2/20/16 - Volunteer Firefighter Cadet Program

Apparatus / Equipment – Superintendent Joe Cavo

E-24 has been inspected by Pierce and currently this unit can remain in service as we originally reported to you based on our inspections. We will now wait to hear from Pierce as to the next step in this process. We spent a considerable amount of time working on scene light issues with our Apparatus. We have replaced two older HID lights with the new style LED lights and have been successful in repairing three of our older HID units.

Other repairs completed:

- Repaired scene lights E-24
- Replaced left side scene light E-22
- Replaced right side scene light E-21
- Replaced deluge valve actuator mount E-21
- Reworked and replaced all four scene lights with LED's Squad-1
- Replace pump shift unit E-22
- Currently servicing E-26
- Repaired heated mirrors Trk-1
- Repaired alternator bracket and power steering leak E-22
- Replaced weather covers on cord reel boxes Trk-1
- Replaced clock spring Tac-1
- Fit tested new Firefighters
- Repaired Jacobs Engine Brake E-26

Community Risk Reduction Office of the Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Jim Russell Staff

Fire Inspectors Tyler Bergemann, Eric Handau, and Terry Timan have started the Fire Investigation portion of the Fire Marshal's Certification Class. They will travel to Rocky Hill three days a week, and will finish up on April 1st, 2016. At that time, Inspectors Bergemann and Handau will become certified as Deputy Fire Marshals. Inspector Timan will have to start the Code portion of the class which begins one week later. Deputy Fire Marshal John Osborne has started the Danbury Leadership Course, put on by the Danbury Chamber of Commerce. He will attend a one-day class each month through December of this year.

Inspections

This month we inspected 296 hotel rooms and 1016 apartments. We also did 29 misc. inspections, 5 liquor inspections, 10 places of assembly, 9 businesses, 2 day care, and 3 educational occupancies. There were 3 health care inspections and 8 mercantile inspections. We will increase our numbers as our staff rebuilds to full strength.

Plan Reviews

Our team continues to spend time doing plan reviews. This month we spent 52 hours reviewing plans for several store fit outs in the Danbury Fair Mall, O'Brien's Sports Pub, and the Danbury High School Fire Alarm System.

Fire Investigations

This month we had 4 building fires, 5 vehicle fires, and 4 rubbish/garbage/grass/other types of fires. Investigations were done on all fires.

Poster Contest

The Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest began on October 1st, 2015. We have a hard act to follow after having the State Winner in last year's contest. We have been notified that we have a County Winner, Kira Stone, from Shelter Rock School. Kira, her parents, Art teacher Mrs. Donna Gagliardi, and the Principal will all be invited to a luncheon in Hartford on March 31st. At the luncheon, the State Winner will be chosen.

Public Education

John Osborne gave a Fire Prevention talk at The Glen Crest Assisted Living Home.

Department Statistical Reports

Community Risk Reduction

Monthly inspections	1389
Abatements issued	2
Violations issued	0
Complaints	2
Fire Investigations	13
Fire Safety Programs	1

Public Safety Answering Point

Total 911 calls	2681
Cellular 911 calls	1822
Abandoned 911 calls	305

Admin calls received	1106
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