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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 May 21st, 2016 through June 21st, 2016 and details activities of the Department.

We are pleased to welcome our six new firefighter recruits to our crews. Jason Biroscak, Ernie LeClerq, Sean Peltier, Jeffrey Perkins, Mickey Sweeny, and Sean Witoshynsky graduated from the 3 month training program with Recruit Class #57 at the CT Fire Academy on May 25th.

Out of twenty-nine new firefighters in the State, Danbury's own Sean Peltier was chosen as the class spokesperson and Jeffrey Perkins was honored to receive the Michael C. Reilly Memorial Hard Charger Award. We are proud to add these fine men to our ranks, with all of them receiving outstanding marks during their training.





FF Peltier, class spokesperson



FF Perkins receiving M. Reilly Memorial Hard Charger Award

Public Education / Prevention / Public Relations

E22 attended Mrs. Singer's kindergarten class "last day of school" celebration. E22 and E25 each provided a ride for two children from Chelsea Drive to Immanuel Lutheran School. HQ crews presented a tour to 60 first graders from Morris St. School.

E22 responded to two Public Assist calls this period; one to retrieve a citizen's keys from a storm drain on Main Street, and another challenging one to rescue 10 ducklings from a storm drain.

E24 identified standpipe locations in their district. E23 and E22 toured the new Primark retail store at the Mall.

Suppression / Response Activities of Note

Crews responded to a difficult extrication accessed off the Route 7 North Exit 11 ramp. The accident occurred when the driver of a Chevy Colorado pickup truck departed the highway just North of the exit, went over the guardrail and down a thickly treed embankment, coming to rest on the passenger side of the truck with the roof up against two trees. The driver ended up at the passenger side door with his head outside the truck against the ground. Crews used a rescue jack and a variety of cutting and prying tools to stabilize the vehicle and remove the occupant, who, miraculously, did not appear to have life-threatening injuries. E24, E23, Truck 2, Squad 1, C30, E10, SPD and Brookfield PD handled the incident.

A land search was conducted for a lost hiker at Tarrywile Park who had become disoriented when darkness set in and called 911 for assistance. Dispatch was able to get his latitude and longitude coordinates, and placed a marker on our iPads. E26 entered with their iPad, Sq1 crew and off-duty DFD Lt. Daly constituted the DFD search contingent. C30 had assumed command and was updated by DPD officer

Weber regarding PD resources on the trails, looking at the same time. The hiker was located uninjured and exited the park with DFD crews at Terre Haute. Truck 2 assisted at the command post.

Crews were also called to a vehicle fire at Windsor Gardens. The vehicle was locked and no operator could be located. E24 and E23 responded to extinguish the fire which had fully involved the passenger compartment. DFM Osborne and DPD Detective Yakacki investigated. The cause remains undetermined.

Another incident this month was a response for an odor of gas in a residence. The gas was determined to be sewer gas from a broken drain line in a closet. While E23 was investigating, Truck crew was metering the street, as the caller expressed concerns due to Eversource having worked in the area. Truck Co. metered 90% Lower Explosive Level at one of the test bores in the street. Eversource was notified. E23 remained on scene for Eversource arrival.

Command and Staff Activities

- Graduation of firefighter recruits at CCSU
- Volunteer Fire Council meeting
- ICS review meeting with Deputy Chiefs & Training Officer
- Vehicle purchase meeting
- DHS graduation meeting
- Board of Awards
- Swearing-in of firefighter recruits at Fire School
- FCI Community Relations Board
- Promotional swearing-in ceremony for Communication Coordinator Jamie Gagliardo and Lieutenant Kevin Lunnie
- Hiring Rules meeting with Union officers
- Civil Service appeal hearing
- Annual Danbury Westerners breakfast at the Amber Room
- Citizens Hose dinner to honor 50 year members
- State of CT Joint Training Council meeting
- State of CT EMS Plan meeting with Corp. Counsel
- Dispatch meeting with Mayor and Chief Baker
- DFD IV Program meeting with Hospital
- One Innocent Life 5k run in Woodbridge
- Monthly Staff meeting
- City Council meeting
- Dispatch oversight meetings with IXP and the PD
- Monthly EMS/Dispatch steering committee



Communication Coordinator Jamie Gagliardo



Lieutenant Kevin Lunnie

Emergency Medical / HazMat – Coordinator Rey Rodriguez

Bi-annual EMS Certification Audit

The June in-house audit of our EMS First Responders' files ensures that all of our EMS providers' certifications remain current and the proper information is on file and submitted to the State of CT for the City Of Danbury EMS Division of Danbury Fire Department Certificate of Operations annual renewal, which must be submitted to the state by June 30, 2016.

EMS Wednesday

The continuing on duty training program, EMS Wednesday, continues to provide and maintain the Emergency Medical certification training needed by our First Responders. This month's topic, Firefighter Emergency Rehabilitation following the standard NFPA 1584, addresses the needs of Emergency Responders including updating the SOP, classroom presentation of the roles and responsibilities of the Incident Commander, Company Officer and the Rehab Officer, and finally familiarization of the Rehab Equipment on Squad II.

Advanced EMT Test

Nine of our firefighters took and passed their Advanced EMT Certification test with our sponsor hospital, Danbury Hospital.

Communications/911 – Provisional Communications Coord. Jamie Gagliardo

- Attended an Emergency Medical Dispatch training course taught by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch. This course instructed on the program software we use for triaging emergency medical calls when they come into our 911 center. Now we have three additional IXP dispatchers and two fire department members added to the list of certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers.
- Assisted the Training Division with the weeklong orientation for our recently hired probationary firefighters.

- Installed a “demo” mobile radio at Headquarters for members to familiarize themselves with the new equipment arriving shortly and being installed in all the fire department vehicles.
- Made a site visit to the Spruce Mountain radio tower to check all of the fire department owned radio equipment along with the temperature control devices built in to the facility ensuring proper operations.
- Attended the June City Council meeting to support the purchase of Motorola Pagers for the Volunteer Division. These pagers are imperative to alert our volunteer responders of emergencies in their response areas. The purchase of the pagers was approved at the meeting and the order has been placed.
- Worked at the new fire training facility as the Incident Safety Officer while with Brookfield Fire Department and the State of Connecticut Fire Academy ran the national certification examination for Firefighter 1.
- Participated in a webinar with Kaplan. Kaplan is our online training forum where we can use our computer technology for training firefighters 24/7/365. Kaplan is migrating to a new website with many new features that we will be using starting next month. Communications will be assisting the Training and EMS/Hazmat divisions with the migration of data and training courses for the transfer into this new system.
- Attended the Fire Officer 1 Course taught by the Connecticut Fire Academy at the new fire training facility. This course will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the next two months.
- Attended a meeting with the Chief Officers at fire school to discuss Standard Operating Procedure updates.
- Responded as the Communications Officer to a structure fire at 25 Newtown Road.
- Attended a pipeline emergencies exercise hosted by New England Pipelines Safety Programs. Our Local Distribution Companies and Pipeline Operators were in attendance to discuss the following topics:
 - Our local operator contact information
 - Products, hazards & characteristics
 - Types of pipeline systems (products) in our area
 - Emergency response plans
 - Average emergency response time / type
 - Pipe location, size & operating pressure(s)
- Attended a marine rescue boat drill with “B” shift at the Town Park on Candlewood Lake. Communications assisted with radio communications and resource management while units operated at the drill.

- Ongoing projects:
 - Radio system infrastructure upgrades including replacement mobile and portable radios for all fire department members and apparatus with assistance from Northeastern Communications.
 - The Communications division and the Training division are in the process of updating many of the Danbury Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures. Once updates and additions are drafted they go through a review process prior to being placed in the live version.

Meetings and events for the Communication Coordinator:

- May 23rd - 25th – Attended the EMD certification training
- May 31st - June 3rd – Assisted with Probationary Firefighter Orientation
- June 7th – Common Council meeting
- June 8th – Swearing-in Ceremony
- June 9th – Hike to Spruce Mountain radio site
- June 11th – Incident Safety Officer at Fire School
- June 14th – Fire Officer 1 Class
- June 15th – Kaplan Webinar
- June 16th – Fire Officer 1 Class
- June 18th – Repair of Engine 26 paging system
- June 20th – SOP meeting with Training Division
- June 21st – Fire Officer 1 Class
- June 21st – Response to Structure Fire at 25 Newtown Road
- June 22nd – Attended the Chief Officer Meeting
- June 23rd – Fire Officer 1 Class
- June 23rd – Pipeline Emergencies Exercise
- June 24th – Radio Infrastructure meeting
- June 24th – Boat training B-group

Training – Training Officer Steve Rogers

Volunteer Division

- Coordinating second quarter training bloodborne/Hazmat make-ups for appropriate volunteers.

Career Division

Fire Class Room

- ICS meeting with 4 Deputy Chiefs, Assistant Chief, Chief Wiedl and Training Officer Rogers.
- Recruit orientation for our six new career firefighters.

Burn Building

- Ridgefield, Brookfield, Stony Hill, and Danbury PD Dog Warden division made use of our burn building.

Hydrant Program

- Hydrant testing has begun for approximately 2,200 hydrants located throughout the city.

ICS Career

- Training is ongoing.

Meetings/Events for the Training Officer:

- May 21 – Instructor Development Seminar at CFA
- May 22 – Ridgefield Firefighter-2 practical
- May 25 – Recruit Class Graduation
- May 26 – ICS review at Fire School
- May 31 through June 3 – Recruit Orientation at the Fire School
- June 4 – Hosted animal control at Fire School
- June 8 – Swearing-in for CC Gagliardo and Lt Lunnie
- June 11 – Fire Service Instructor 3 class at CFA
- June 14 – Hosted Fire Officer 1 at Fire School
- June 16 – Hosted Fire Officer 1 at Fire School
- June 20 – A/C repairs at Fire School
- June 20 – Live burn – Candlewood Fire Department



Apparatus / Equipment – Superintendent Joe Cavo

The Weddle tool from the Truck Company has returned from repair and has been placed back in service. This month we had a service technician here from Hurst to perform the annual service of all our tools including pressure testing of tools, hoses and reels. The Edraulic cutter failed its pressure test and had to be returned to the factory for repair. Truck-1 went to Rocky Hill to have the radiator replaced. We had a service technician here from Scott to perform the required annual flow testing of all our SCBA's. We did a fleet-wide transmission inspection and service to our eight newest pieces of Apparatus including filters and oil. We would like to thank the Deputy Chiefs

and their crews for working with us on these large projects as the logistics of moving all the apparatus and equipment around while staying in service is no easy task. 10PA1 broke a unique bellowed pipe in the exhaust system. Pierce did not stock this pipe but will have one made and shipped here direct as soon as possible.

Other repairs completed:

- Replaced on board battery charger in 09FX
- Replaced front brakes in 10PA1 and serviced
- Replaced left rear modulating valve in E-23
- Replaced defective batteries in 10PA2
- Replaced Mass Air Flow Sensor 13FT
- Replaced 4 tires on 09FX
- Serviced 06F5, replaced lower ball joints, 4 tires and alignment
- Replaced rear chambers and slack adjusters 10PA1
- Repaired Outrigger toggle switch and serviced outriggers on Truck-2

Public Safety Answering Point

Total 911 calls	3616
Cellular 911 calls	2661
Abandoned 911 calls	438
Admin calls received	850