



# CITY OF DANBURY

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

Fire Marshal's Office  
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**DATE**           **MAY 31, 2005**

**TO:**             **COMMON COUNCIL**

**FROM:**         **BARRY W. RICKERT, FIRE MARSHAL**

**RE:**            **FIRE MARSHAL'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**CC:**            **PETER J. SIECIENSKI, FIRE CHIEF**

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I hereby submit my report as Fire Marshal of the City of Danbury Fire Department for the report period covering April 25, 2005 to and including May 28, 2005.

<b>Abatements/Reports (hrs.):</b>	<b>125</b>	<b><u>INSPECTIONS:</u></b>	
<b>Tickets Issues in Fire Zones:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Place of Assembly:</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Fire Investigation:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Educational:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Fatal Fires:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Business:</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Liquor Inspections:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Storage:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Blasting Permits:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Health Care:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Complaints:</b>	<b>8*</b>	<b>Industrial:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Plan Review (hrs.):</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>Merchantile:</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Fire Prevention Programs:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Residential Board &amp; Care:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Orders of Abatement:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Hotels (units):</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Apartments:</b>	<b>1649</b>
		<b>Rooming Houses:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Day Care:</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Misc. Inspection:</b>	<b>79</b>
		<b>Special Structure &amp;</b>	
		<b>High Rise Bldg.:</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Office Duty (hrs.):</b>	<b>240</b>

\* Resolved or in process of being resolved.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S MONTHLY REPORT (cont.)**

Other activities involving the Fire Marshal's Office for the month were:

**TRAINING**

All members of the Fire Prevention Bureau continue to update their education. In particular, Deputy Fire Marshal Rao assisted at the Connecticut Fire Academy for the annual Fire Investigator Specialized Training Course. Deputy Fire Marshal Johnson attended training classes on Fire Rated Assemblies and Updated Fireworks regulations. In-house training with other City Departments is also on going.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

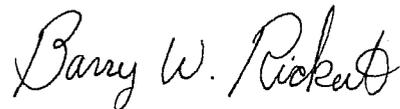
This past month the following specialized programs were presented to the public:

Danbury Hospital Babysitters Program – B. Rickert and J. Johnson.  
Multi-Cultural Parents Day – B. Rickert.  
Morris St. School Reading Program – W. Weber.  
United States Post Office Emergency Planning & Fire Safety – B. Rickert.  
Kimberly Place Senior Housing – Fire Safety – J. Johnson & T.J. Wiedl.  
Senior Center – Health & Safety Day – J. Johnson & T.J. Wiedl.

**MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

The Illegal Apartment Enforcement Team continues to receive complaints regarding Fire Code Violations. We have found families living in basements, attics and sleeping arrangements in areas little more than closets. The situation is quickly spinning out of control. We also are encountering a number of churches in buildings not approved for such use. We may be a spark away from a disaster. I suggest that the Council meet as a whole to discuss these issues in particular.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry W. Rickert  
Fire Marshal



Date: April 11, 2005  
Our Ref: MG/CS/cs  
Subject: **Site Visit April 7, 2005**  
TO: Barry Rickert, Fire Marshal  
City of Danbury  
155 Deer Hill Ave  
Danbury CT 06810-7726

Dear Marshal:

I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of all our employees, to again thank you for your continuing assistance with our fire safety program here at the Danbury Post Office. Your time and expertise has been appreciated as we here strive for our goal of achieving OSHA's VPP (Voluntary Protection Program) status, a most prestigious status.

Your on site visit of April 7<sup>th</sup>, amongst others, has been invaluable in our safety improvement efforts and underscores a rewarding sense of cooperation with the Fire Department of the City of Danbury. We look forward to your advice and applaud you for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael E. Garbowski".

Michael E. Garbowski

cc: Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Fire Chief Peter Siecienski  
Safety & Health Committee, USPS Danbury  
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## HallKeen Management

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May 12, 2005

Fire Marshall Jim Johnson  
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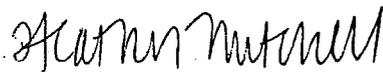
Dear Fire Marshall Johnson,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for conducting the fire safety presentation here at Kimberly Place. The information that you provided was very useful and helpful to the staff as well as the residents living here. I would also like to commend T.J. Weidel on his knowledge of the building and safety requirements. He is well-spoken and is a great presenter. You are lucky to have him as part of your team. It was a good refresher for many of the long-time residents here but was also needed for the new tenants that have recently moved in. If possible, could you please send some additional Fire Safety brochures in English for the residents that were not able to attend?

I also want to thank you for the donation of the lovely flowers. We have put them around the building and all the residents are commenting on how beautiful there are. Once the weather gets a bit warmer our Garden Club will plant them outdoors. We appreciate you thinking of us and hope that you will again in the future.

Thanks again for everything and call me to schedule the annual walk through of apartments. It is a pleasure working with you and we are fortunate to have such a well run fire department in our city.

Sincerely,



Heather Mitchell  
Property Manager

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