

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
September 8, 2014
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Rob Santangelo
Commissioner Hope Kasper
Commissioner Deborah Kleckowski
Commissioner Sebastian Giuliano
Commissioner Thomas Serra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Deputy Fire Chief Steven LaRosa

STAFF ABSENT

None

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

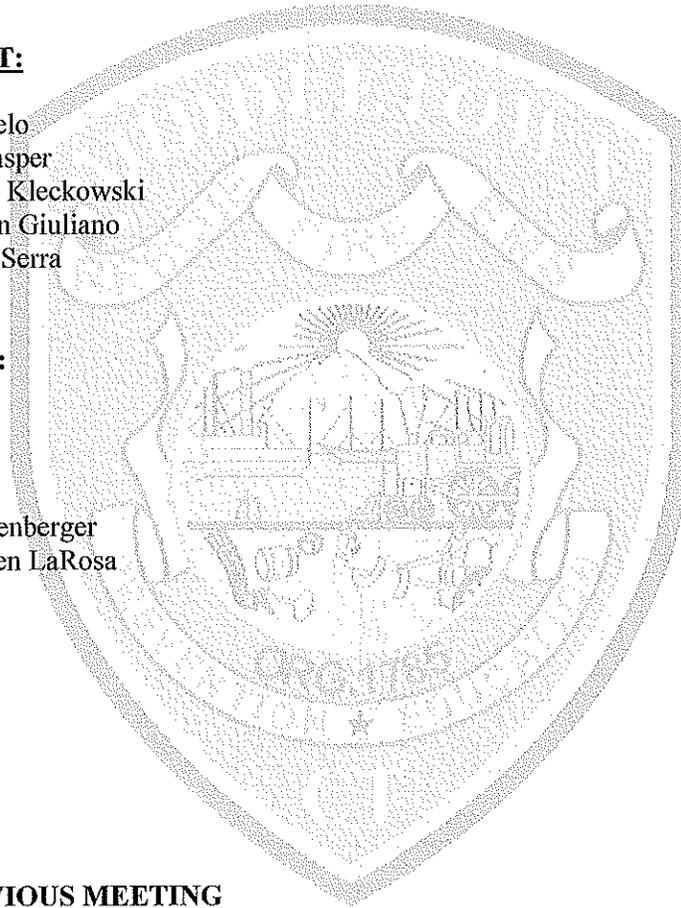
Chairman Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from July 14, 2014. Motion was moved by Commissioner Giuliano and seconded by Commissioner Kleckowski. All voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Letter from Town of Portland to thank Middletown Fire Department for structure fire assistance on June 18, 2014.
- b. Letter from Sutphen with regards to ladder truck recall – still out of service – old ladder truck put back into service with \$6000 worth of work
- c. Letter from Town of New London – crew given for funeral coverage



6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Call wise – flat line
 - Right on target as years past – fire & EMS calls flat
- Wesleyan -
 - Activity way down in July & August
 - Call volume will increase
 - Deputy Chief sat through Freshman Orientation – trying to build a good relationship with Wesleyan University
- Active Shooter Drill
 - Held back in August – was successful – identified some things to work on
 - After-action meeting to be held next Tuesday & an after-action report will be put together
 - Positive forward momentum going with Board of Education
Going to start meeting regularly with both command staffs – reached out to Chief McKenna
 - School Safety meeting to meet later in the week
Commissioner Serra stated that he didn't want to be held responsible/liable if anything happens because of inactivity of individuals. Also stated that meeting should have been held prior to school opening
 - Commissioner Kasper stated that discussions have come up with insurance & claims about building inspections...does not think those are occurring and again another loss at Woodrow Wilson where deteriorated pipe broke and could have been caught with inspection
 - Commissioner Giuliano attended the active shooter drill & hopes that more will be held

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Sutphen Ladder Truck – old truck that was recertified
 - Working on getting compensated for expenses
- Donation of animal oxygen masks
 - Received email from vet in Canton with donation for money for pet rescue equipment – training scheduled for October 12 for all shifts
- Community Outreach
 - Going to start community based CPR classes
Will take appointments, hold class on weekends, and certify
 - Boy Scouts of America – Deputy Chief LaRosa met with in regards to an Explorer program
- Integration of policies between Middletown Fire & South Fire – started meeting with both administrations and labor organizations
 - Looking to integrate the policies of both department and make as seamless as possible
- Personnel recognition:
 - Letter received from Wallingford Fire Department
22 year veteran of MFD, Joe Deangelo, noticed unconscious man on ground, started CPR, but unfortunately man passed

- Letter received from Empower Zip Lines
Twenty four year old seizure victim, crews arrived with AED, brought her back, and she was transported to hospital and expected to make a full recovery.
- Grant – AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant)
 - Airpak replacement – 2002 was last purchase of an airpak
 - Working on putting together at this time as a regional grant in conjunction with Westfield, South District, Portland, and Cromwell.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business at this time

10. **Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee**

Minutes from September 8, 2014 attached

11. **Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters**

Motion made by Commissioner Kleckowski to waive rules to allow for a special speaker, motion was seconded, and all voted in favor.

On day of Friday, August 29, 2014 a two month baby was taken to Yale New Haven Hospital with multiple injuries including twenty nine broken bones and possibility of a punctured lung. Victim was run over by a vehicle. As an advocate I believe in fighting for victims of abuse like this two month old who still remains in unknown condition and hope for recovery.

Chairman Santangelo appreciated this statement and support of the victim.

Motion made to resume meeting by Commissioner Kleckowski, was seconded by Commissioner Kasper, and all voted in favor.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Santangelo asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kleckowski moved the motion, Commissioner Kasper seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2014