

Simsbury Fire District

Report of the President May 10, 2021

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Fire Commissioners I am pleased to present this report for the year of 2020.

- While the Covid pandemic caused us to alter our methods of doing business and responding to emergencies it did not alter our abilities to service the public with their calls for assistance. Our monthly meetings continued remotely but were also broadcasted locally on WSIM 103.5 FM as indicated by our website postings at simsburyfd.org.
- We have once again operated within budget with no borrowing of funds while meeting our demands for fire and emergency protection.
- Last year we had two long term employees retire, but admirably before they did, their loyalty and commitment to the District provided a seamless transition to the individuals that have assumed their roles. Jim Baldis has done an outstanding job in his new duty as District Administrator, Matt Pierce and Vic Civitillo are keeping our grounds and facilities in tip top shape, The Fire Marshal's office is running well with Patrick Tourville in the Fire Marshal position and we are looking forward to Mike Brown as our full time Deputy Fire Marshal June 1st. Mike Berry has Emergency Management well under control and is now assisted by Jim Traficante. Thank you one more time to Ron Kasulaitis and Kevin Kowalski for their years of dedicated service.
- We were able to order a new Quint apparatus in keeping with our 20 yr truck replacement program along with a replacement pumper.
- We showed fiscal restraint with a no increase budget at a time when uncertainty required us to do so.
- I would like to express my appreciation to all of our District volunteers and employees as well as every member of the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company for the extra effort produced to not only meet our every day service demands but also the many additional hours and efforts that allowed us to meet and exceed the burden the pandemic has placed upon us. Thank you to each and every one of

you. We remind ourselves often that the excellent job our volunteers provide to us allows us to remain as an all volunteer fire response resulting in multi million dollar tax savings to our residents.

Our goals for this year:

- We are looking forward to the delivery of the new Quint early this summer with the anticipated delivery of the new pumper in 2022.
- We are also looking forward to the completion of our multi year effort to ensure the safety and response capability of our firefighters and provide them all with a second set of firefighting gear.
- We are anticipating that we can begin on improvements to our training facility. Another very important factor in the high level of training our volunteers receive which results directly in the professionalism they show every time the call for assistance is received.
- We have continued our efforts in a Community Risk Reduction program and the following report by Captain Todd Myers will highlight these efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Gary N. Wilcox, President