

**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 10, 2014**

In the absence of President North, Vice President Solury called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present were: W. Ketchabaw; J. Solury; P. Pabich; D. Hayes; and G. Wilcox.
Regrets: K. North and D. Fagone. Also attending were Fire Marshal K. Kowalski;
Chief J. Baldis; and guest Todd Kelly.

1. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email.
2. Public Audience: Todd Kelly overviewed for the meeting new software LYNC and Office 365 that working together will provide a new email system and additional options such as availability to all mobile devices and video conferencing for both the SVFC and the District.
3. Fire Marshal Report- K. Kowalski: The report for the month of February 2014 as distributed earlier by email was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
4. Fire Chief Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of February 2014 as distributed earlier by email was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial report for invoices paid through March 10, 2014 be approved.
6. District Commissioners Report – D. Hayes: Nothing to report.
7. District Maintenance Division Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of February 2014, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
8. District Chief of Administration Report – K. Kowalski: The report for the month of February 2014 was accepted as distributed earlier by email; a copy is on file. Kevin highlighted from his report that the Verizon cell repeater has been approved for Bushy Hill station and is expected to commence installation on the Firetown station beginning the 3Q 2014. He continues to await confirmation from AT&T for a cell repeater installation at the Bushy Hill station. Recruiting continues for the position of Dispatcher/Secretary with 4 applications received to date. He noted that the Town of Simsbury is consolidating healthcare providers (discontinuing Connecticare) with the CIGNA/HMO plan at a cost equivalent on July1, 2014. The District is part of the Town healthcare plan.
9. Personnel Committee – J. Solury: Covered under the District Chief of Administration report.

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10. Civil Preparedness - K. Kowalski: Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence - J. Solury: None

12. Old Business:

Kevin Kowalski overviewed for the meeting proposed changes to the District By-laws for presentation and approval at the District annual meeting in May. The proposed changes had been reviewed with Attorney Lou George and his suggestions had been incorporated. The proposed changes include gender neutrality; removal of the Tax Collector as an elected official but with appointment by the District President; restatement of the District Executive as a Board of Directors; and the addition of a “petitioning candidate” to the nomination for election process. Minor modifications need to be made followed by final copy distribution to the District Executive by Kevin.

13. New Business:

At the request of Chief Baldis, it was agreed that the annual rabies vaccination clinic would be held at the Weatogue station this year.

Chief Baldis informed the meeting that he is investigating a request from Squadron Line School to conduct a “Bike to School Day” on May 15th using the Firetown Station as a starting point. Concern exists related to “drop off” parking and emergency response in the event of a “call-out”.

14. Executive Session: There was no need for Executive Session.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

W. C. Ketchabaw
Clerk

Next meeting: April 14, 2014