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**APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

President Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members present were: G. Wilcox, D. Coppinger, G. Giddings, J. Solury, P. Pabich, D. Hayes, J. Smith. Also attending were Chief J. Baldis, K. Kowalski.
Excused: C. O'Connor.

1. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the September 2015, meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Fire Marshal Report - K. Kowalski: The report for the month of September 2015, 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 September 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file

Question asked again about response numbers. Chief J. Baldis stated that some stations with normally high numbers are now seeing change. Retention and recruitment issues are not only Simsbury but nationwide.

5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report for the month of October was presented. It was moved, seconded and approved that the financial report and invoices be paid through October 13, 2015. A copy of the report is on file.
6. District Commissioners Report – D. Hayes: No Report
7. District Maintenance Division Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of September 2015, as distributed earlier 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 September 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: Gary, Dan and Geoff met with a fire company member who asked to review some issues concerning the Fire Company, along with recruitment and retention.

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10. Civil Preparedness - K. Kowalski: Met with schools concerning emergency management. School Principals are taking firm attitude on drills. Mike also working with convalescent homes and schools. Actions plans developed are mandatory.
11. Correspondence – G Wilcox: Letter received from Denise Merrill, Secretary of State to Fire Marshall Kevin Kowalski stating appointment as a member of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control as a representative of the Connecticut Fire Marshal Association.
12. Old Business: DOC Hydrant painting program is on hold waiting for the state.

West Hartford dive team will perform a dive to inspect the piping at the Stone Post dry hydrant on Oct.28th.

The new proposal concerning the Abatement Program was discussed with the town. Town was receptive to the proposal. We will continue to formulate a proposal to update the program.

13. New Business: Bylaw committee met on Thursday Oct.8th to review and suggest any changes that may be necessary. The meeting resulted in the decision that changes are needed. Copies of both the existing and the changes presented at the 2013 annual meeting were distributed with President Wilcox requesting all to review and return next month with suggestions. Current plan is to call for a Special meeting on the Monday of February meeting. Suggestion was to vote on each change individually. Legal Authority needs to be contacted to discuss this method of revising By-Laws.

Six of the seven name plates on the hallway district plaque have been updated. One needed to be redone.

New Commissioner Appointment will be next month.

President Gary Wilcox was asked by a firefighter to discuss the mandatory retirement age. Discussion started by stating that this is not a district issue but a company issue. The Company By-Laws state the age for requirement. It was suggested that a representative from the district sit on the company committee when discussion concerning this subject takes place. Chief Jim Baldis will bring this up at the Company Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10/14/2015.

Security issue was brought up by President Gary Wilcox concerning mailboxes. The following suggestions were made; to use interoffice envelopes, outside mailboxes to be

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locked and accessible with individual key, inside doors to be locked and accessible only by Chief, Fire Marshal, District Chief of Administration and Secretary/Dispatchers. Request by President Wilcox to review these proposals and come back next month with decision.

Chief Jim Baldis and Vice President Dan Coppinger discussed reconfiguration of the dispatch center. Two proposals were passed out for review with further discussion to take place next month.

District Chief of Administration requested Treasurer Peter Pabich to investigate possibility of a pass thru account for the radio station donations. He would like the station to be self-sustainable.

14. Executive Session: None

15. Adjournment: The regular meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: NOVEMBER 9, 2015