

Simsbury Fire District

Report of the President May 9, 2022

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Fire Commissioners I am pleased to present this report for the year of 2021.

- We have for another year operated under the shadow of the Covid pandemic. My continued praise goes to all of our District members, District employees and Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company members for their perseverance and not allowing this pandemic to alter our ability to service the public with their calls for assistance.
- We have once again operated within budget with no borrowing of funds while still meeting every demand for present and future fire and emergency protection.
- Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Brown transitioned into his role full time as planned and I am more than pleased and proud to report that all of our District employees new and old continue to over perform in their respective roles. Thank you all.
- Replacement Engine 8 and Covid delayed Quint 5 have arrived and in a great show of support they both were outfitted and placed into service in record time. Our thanks to those involved on a committee level and the time invested to make these purchases happen.
- While last years budget was a no increase budget the budget to be presented to you tonight is one with a small amount of increase however thanks to grand list growth it is a budget that allows us to stay within the present mill rate.
- I would like to express my appreciation to my all volunteer District Executive Committee team. Dan Coppinger as my Vice President, Peter Pabich as my Treasurer, and John Solury as my Clerk. My Chair of our Commissioners Geoff Giddings along with Commissioners Tim Zeilman and Hugh Caldwell. I simply could not accomplish all we do without your efforts. Thank you for all you do. We also could not do all we do without recognizing our employees along with every member of the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company for the thousands of volunteer hours invested every year to make all of this work like it does. Your volume of volunteer effort allows me to point out the tax

savings we provide our residents and taxpayers of the Town of Simsbury is calculated in the millions of dollars each year.

Our goals for this year:

- We are looking forward to continued recovery from pandemic status.
- We are looking forward to moving into the maintenance phase for our multi year effort to upgrade all members a second set of personal protective equipment(firegear) as we come to a close on that initial effort.
- We are reviewing our planed improvements to our training facility.
- We are initiating the process for the next round of anticipated truck replacements with Engine 3, Rescue 14 and Tanker 9 scheduled in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted

Gary N. Wilcox, President