

**Report of the President  
Simsbury Fire District  
May 14, 2018**

On behalf of the entire Executive Committee and the Commissioners of the Simsbury Fire District I am pleased to present this report of the Fire District for 2017. On the eve of celebrating 75 years of service to the residents of the Town of Simsbury it is a privilege to lead this District toward that event. I would like to thank each and every member of the Fire District and the Fire Company for their service to this community. We have once again operated within budget while meeting our demands for fire and emergency protection. I would like to applaud the efforts of everyone involved to achieve these goals. Our District employees, Maintenance, Dispatch, and Fire Marshal's office do an outstanding job each and every day. Our Fire District Executive Committee members and Commissioners, all volunteers with no compensation or monetary benefits pride themselves in the fiscal responsibilities they have and the duties they perform. And our Firefighters and auxiliary members, all volunteer, do a great job of keeping themselves trained, prepared and ready to respond to every call for assistance they receive.

- The Fire District operated within budget and without borrowing of any funds as has been our standard nearly 75 years.
- We have recently taken delivery of our new light rescue 15 on display here tonight and are expecting delivery of it's counterpart rescue-pumper 16 before the end of June.
- Continued effort and planning is on going with our apparatus and its replacement program. Meeting current needs while looking to the future can be a challenge when you purchase equipment you expect to have in service for 20 to 30 years.
- This past year we have continued the purchase of additional personal protective equipment and completed our project of installing gear washing and drying equipment in every station in a continuous effort to keep our firefighters safe and healthy.
- Tonight we are looking forward to the re election of our Vice President and Treasurer positions.
- Tonight we are putting before you tonight a responsible budget that meets our current and next years needs while remaining sensitive to increases in budget size and taxes.

Respectfully submitted

Gary N Wilcox, President