



**CITY OF DANBURY  
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**FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and details activities of the Department.

This month we were pleased to promote Doug Zaniewski from Firefighter to Lieutenant. Doug joined our Department in 2007 and also serves as Asst. Chief of Seymour Volunteer FD. He holds two Bachelor of Science Degrees from the University of New Haven in Fire & Arson Investigation and Fire Administration.

We also celebrate the retirement of Captain Dave Easter after 33 years of service with Danbury Fire and wish him many healthy, enjoyable years with his new baby granddaughter.

**Public Education / Prevention / Public Relations**

Building familiarization was conducted at the new hotel in Rivington. Truck met with representatives from two different solar companies doing the solar install on the roof of the Mall. C30 Walked through NVCC new classroom building at 7 West Street. Helicoil plant was toured with assistance from Volunteer Captain of Engine 3, Charlie Coakley.

Took tour of new Cue Restaurant at 2 Pembroke Road and noted outside propane tanks and wood-fired smoker, fire panel and KX, electrical panel, attic access, etc.

Headquarters hosted the Mayor's Citizens Government Academy and provided a tour of HQ and rides in the Truck company's tower ladder.

**Suppression / Response Activities of Note**

Engine 24 assisted at a call at Colonial Ford, where a man had fallen off a retaining wall and landed between the wall and a parked car and was wedged and couldn't breathe. Two DPD Officers freed the man and revived him. TAC 1 with Lt. Mourges responded to a man stricken with a heart attack while riding a motorcycle on Main

Street. The TAC 1 crew worked diligently to aid the man, and did actually revive him from cardiac arrest, however the man subsequently passed away.

Crews responded to the MVA with fatalities that required extrication on Mill Plain Road on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, a 71-year-old male was lost in the woods off Olympic Drive and was rescued. An injured hiker with a broken ankle was rescued off Deal Road on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Command and Staff Activities**

- Participated in a promotional Oral board for Naugatuck FD
- Zoning Board Meeting for HQ addition
- Meeting and tour for a potential Firefighter candidate
- FD/PD softball benefit game
- Swearing in for Lt. Zaniewski
- Salvation Army Breakfast
- Grassroots Academy Golf Tourney Fundraiser
- New Pond Farm fund raiser Golf Tourney
- Many prep meetings for the Ribbon Cutting
- Friends of Local Heroes Luncheon
- 9/11 ceremony at Elmwood Park
- Volunteer Fire Council meeting
- City Council meeting
- Dispatch oversight meetings with IXP and the PD
- Monthly EMS/Dispatch steering committee

### **EMS/HazMat – Coordinator Rey Rodriguez**

EMS/HAZMAT Wednesday

Firefighters while performing their duties in the field are potentially at risk from diseases transmitted either by contact with body fluids, such as blood or airborne particles.

Cross-trained firefighters that provide pre-hospital care, as first responders are likely to encounter a variety of patients suffering from a wide range of illnesses under many different conditions. The possibility of contracting an infectious disease is real if the proper precautions are not taken.

For the month of September, EMS Wednesday has focused on a review of the proper precautions to reduce the potential of an occupational exposure to a disease. Included is a review of the departments Infectious control policy and the OSHA standard 1910:1030.

Firefighters have been assigned the online Fire Rescue 1 module as well to insure a complete educational experience.

Regional HazMat

Four Entry Rae Photo Ionization Detection meters have been sent to the manufacturer to be serviced. These meters were deployed on the following apparatus:

- Engine-22
- Engine -25
- Engine-26
- Truck Co.

## **Training – Training Officer Steve Rogers**

### *Volunteer Division*

#### Fire Fighter One

Fire Fighter One course has begun in earnest. We lost one Brandon Ralston (one of our students) in a tragic accident last week, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his family. There are currently 25 students participating in class.

### *Career Division*

#### ICS Training

Fire crews continue assigned online courses through Fire/Rescue.com. In addition there have been multiple training sessions at the Fire School in extrication, truck operations, pump operations and bail outs.

#### Hydrants

The Hydrant program will continue until the end of October.

#### PRE-Plans

Danbury Fire is organizing methodology on how to digitize pre-plan activities through Fire House software.

#### Meetings and events:

- Aug 23 – Engine Company operations at Fire School
- Sept 2 – Purple-K demo at Fire school
- Sept. 7,9,12,14,16,19, 21and 23 – Fire Fighter One program at Fire School
- Sept 12 – Lt. Zaniwski swearing in
- Sept 13 – Company operations training with E-22 and E-24
- Sept 13 – Durkin’s awning
- Sept 15 – ARFF training at Westover AFB
- Sept 2,9,16 – Attended NVCC class at fire HQ
- Sept 19 – Redding Live Burn
- Sept 22 – NWCMED Board of Directors meeting
- September – Multiple days Fire School Grand opening prep

## **Apparatus / Equipment – Superintendent Joe Cavo**

The “e-DRAULIC” Hurst tool Cutter from Squad-1 was damaged at the fatal auto accident on Mill Plain Road and needed new cutting blades. These were replaced by the dealer and this tool was returned to service. With vacations and in service apparatus needing our attention, Old Truck-1 at the fire school is still out of service due to an undetermined hydraulic issue. We are hopeful that we will have some time this week to look into the problem; we will keep you posted with any progress we make on it. We took E-23 out of service with a defective starter, upon replacing the starter it was noticed that the ring gear was heavily damaged. With the help of a

technician from Stewart Stevenson, we removed the transmission and replaced the flywheel ring gear and placed this unit back in service.

Other repairs completed:

- Replaced Condenser fans E-26 air conditioning
- Serviced, replaced heater hoses E-23
- Serviced 16FE, rotated tires
- Repaired rear door on TAC-1, brake inspection and rotated tires
- Replaced battery in TAC-1 and 01CT
- Serviced E-25, pump service, replaced entire exhaust system (turbo back)
- Replaced pump shift valve E-22 (10PA2)
- Repaired ladder controls Truck-2
- Serviced Trk-1
- Serviced App1
- Serviced 11FT

### **Community Risk Reduction Office of the Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Jim Russell Inspections**

This month we inspected 237 apartments. We also did 65 misc. inspections, 19 liquor inspections, 39 places of assembly, 35 businesses, and 5 educational occupancies. There were 3 health care inspections and 20 mercantile inspections. We have also been working with the UNIT and Health Department to find illegal living spaces, and overcrowded apartments.

#### **Plan Reviews**

Our team continues to spend time doing plan reviews. This month we spent 28 hours reviewing plans for the Danbury High School Addition, the Danbury Fair Mall, 7 Backus Ave, 3 Great Pasture Rd, Boehringer, Danbury Hospital, and several others.

#### **Fire Investigations**

This month we had 2 building fires, 8 rubbish/garbage/grass or other types of fires. We also had 1 boiler malfunction, and 1 vehicle fire. Investigations were done on all fires per CT State Statutes.

#### **Training**

This month we attended 34 hours of continuing education training. We also trained on using our Fire Extinguisher Training Prop. This prop uses propane to simulate a real fire, and uses special fire extinguishers to put out the fire. It gives people a real feel for using a fire extinguisher in a safe and clean manner. We taught 130 employees at UTC how to use fire extinguishers in their homes as well as in the work place.

#### **Ongoing Projects**

Kennedy Flats Apartments has completed building #1 and is working on completing Building #2. Building #2 is moving along very well and is the last building to be completed in this 374 unit project. Completion of this project should be sometime in November of this year.

Danbury High School has just completed installing a brand new Fire Alarm System, and finished up the sprinkler system also. They have started phase 4 of the project, which is a 63,000 sq. ft. addition in the rear of the school.

**Staff**

This month we attended the Taste of Danbury with a booth in which we handed out fire prevention materials and answered questions of all types regarding fire safety. We also had our remote controlled fire truck with Sparky the fire dog at this event. The children loved it.

Fire Marshal Russell attended a two day course at the Connecticut Fire Academy having to do with Community Risk Reduction. Several of our team attended a continuing education course on upcoming code changes.

**Upcoming Events**

On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be at the Grand Opening of our new Training Facility at our Fire School on Plumtrees Road. We will be demonstrating several of our training props and talking about fire safety. We will have plenty of safety tips for children and families.

**Department Statistical Reports**

**Community Risk Reduction**

Monthly inspections	630
Abatements issued	0
Violations issued	2
Complaints	7
Fire Investigations	9
Fire Safety Programs	7

**Public Safety Answering Point**

Total 911 calls	3115
Cellular 911 calls	2280
Abandoned 911 calls	323
Admin calls received	875