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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 February 28, 2006 to March 28, 2006 and details some of the activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- ❑ A Group participated in the Annual Safety Exhibit which was held on the 18th of the month sponsored by Danbury Hospital.
- ❑ The crews continue to work with Stew Leonard's and Home Depot and show the Engines and equipment to the public.
- ❑ C-Group E-25 conducted a Fire Safety Lecture/Tour for the Head Start Class at King St. Primary School.
- ❑ Firefighters Mark Miquel and Tom Corbett attended a safety program at the Stamford F.D. on Back to Basics.
- ❑ Lieutenant Lorinda Arconti continues to meet with Jackie DiNardo on plans for the MADD Mock Crash that is presented each year at area High Schools.
- ❑ Several packs of Tiger Cubs visited our crews during the month.
- ❑ Pre-incident planning continued on site inspections at Children's Choice Daycare, Lowes, Broadview Jr. High, Bob's Store, and BRT Project on Crosby Street, Pope John Paul II Healthcare Center, Lee Farms, Boehringer Ingelheim, Watson Labs, Kennedy Place plans, Magnet School, Old Court House, and 19 Main St.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- o On March 9th we responded to a small fire on Merrimac St. The resident was cooking and a small fire ensued which spread to the cabinets above the stove. The resident used the hose connected to the sink to put the fire out. There was slight damage done to the stove and cabinets and smoke throughout the home.

- o On the 15th we responded to a fire on Saddle Rock Rd. Upon arrival E-25 encountered heavy smoke and fire coming from the left side of the upper floor of the home. They were able to make a rapid attack on the fire and brought it under control within minutes saving much of the home. This fire brought out the importance of our Department keeping E-25 stationed at the old fire station during construction. There is no doubt in our minds that if they had been stationed at another location the home would have been a total loss.

- o On March 17th we responded to a fire on George St. Upon arrival we were met by the home owner who stated that she was not sure if her son was out of the building. We immediately made a complete search of the building without finding the boy. Shortly the boy appeared stating that he had been at the store with his friends. Due to the balloon construction of the building the fire spread quickly. The fire was extinguished but not before there was heavy fire and smoke damage to most of the house. The Red Cross was called to assist the occupants.

- o We had two extraordinary extrications this past month. The first one was on Sugar Hollow road and it involved two vehicles which collided head on. The driver of one of the cars was pinned in the car. The car had to be cut entirely away from her. The occupant received continuous first-aid by the medics and EMT's. The extrication was a success and the victim was removed to the hospital.

- o The second extrication involved a car which ran head-on into a bus on I-84. The car was in the wrong lane. The driver of the car was killed instantly by the accident. Our personnel spent several minutes getting the bus door open so that the passengers could be taken care of. We used the shuttle bus from Danbury Hospital to transport the patients to the ER. Thankfully there were no serious injuries to the occupants of the bus.

Emergency Medical Services/Haz Mat - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS certifications requirements of Fire Department First Responders. These classes held while on duty allow firefighters to stay current with pre-hospital care techniques and to maintain sharp practical skills. The focus of this month's EMS Wednesday has been to prepare all Firefighters to take the State EMT - B certification test. The State of Connecticut requires that EMT-B's have 25 hours of continuous education every three years and EMT-Intermediates have the same amount of classroom hours every two years. The Danbury Fire Department's First Responder personnel receive 24 hours of emergency medical training every year far surpassing the state and national requirements

The Danbury Fire Department First Responder Program is a key part of the EMS system, cross-trained firefighters that have the knowledge of these lifesaving skills are rapidly deployed to an Emergency Medical call, this advanced life support training coupled with the Danbury Fire Departments community education programs like CPR training and the "File of Life" has increased the patient survival rates in the City of Danbury.

Community CPR

On Friday morning March 24, 2006 EMS Coordinator Rodriguez held a community CPR Class for teachers and staff of the Alternative Education Center on Locust Ave. The class focused on the lifesaving skills of CPR and the familiarization and use of the Public Access AED's that have been deployed in the school system. This cooperative effort between the Board of Education and the Danbury Fire Department has served to make Danbury a safer place to live and work

Communcations/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Communications Division
Activity Report -February 27 to March 3, 2006

911 System

Recently technicians from SBC installed updated maps in the 911 computers. This update was done as a part of the routine maintenance provided. Major data changes to this map data is a large scale correction of street numbering. The previous version had the street numbering on the wrong side of the street.

Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications

At a meeting held in New Haven on March 21st a number of funding initiatives were unveiled as approved by the state legislature.

1. Capital Expense Grants

- a. Funded regional emergency communications centers and funded municipalities with populations in excess of 40,000 may apply for funding from the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of reimbursing such municipalities for expenses related to information services, durable goods, architectural services, building materials, restoration services and labor needed to accommodate new equipment in existing buildings.
- b. On or after March 3, 2006, the Department of Public Safety, Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications, shall establish a Capital Expenditure Fund, for the purposes of providing capital expense funds, as define above, for funded regional centers or municipalities. The amount will be funded at 12.5 percent of the total funding of the above entities and shall not exceed 25% in year two.

2. E911 Training Fund

- a. Section 28-24-8 of the Regulations of the State of Connecticut provide for the establishment of a training fund for the purpose of reimbursing costs for ongoing training for Public Safety Answering Points.
- b. Funds are to be calculated at .10 per capita.
- c. Any funds not used within the fiscal year cannot be rolled over. Similarly any request that exceeds the

annual allotment cannot be carried over to the following fiscal year.

- d. This fund greatly increases the funds available to each PSAP and the scope in which these grants can be used.

Dispatchers

With the retirement of Dispatcher Doran, the department is currently engaged in the promotional exam process to fill Doug's slot and to establish a current promotional list.

Training

Critiques were held on the different crews that took part in the two major fires of the month, Saddle Rock Rd. and George St. Critiques were also held on the two extrications that took place during the month.

Six members of the Department took the Safe Driver Class which was given by CIRMA at Danbury High School on the 23rd. All City Departments were represented at the class. The class ran from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs.

Much time was spent by members of the Department to get ready for their EMT Refresher and Recertification Test. The test was held on Monday the 27th.

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

The division continues to work on the sand and salt effect on our ladder truck. We have been informed that a modification has been agreed upon between Pierce and Onan engineers as to the best way to rectify the generator problem. We will keep you posted on the progress.

Last month we reported that the Apparatus Division along with the assistance of the Communications Supervisor were conducting an inventory of portable radios and started the conditioning of portable radio batteries. This "conditioning" is vital to our firefighters safety by giving them the ability to communicate effectively while operating "on scene" by determining which batteries can remain in service.

Through this testing it has been determined that we need to purchase new portable radio batteries as the original batteries are meeting their life expectancy.

All of the Departments BioSystem meters have been span gas calibrated. We are still waiting for a remedy to the problems we have been experiencing with the meters and static electricity. Much dialog has occurred between our Division and Field Services (our Dealer). We have been assured that BioSystems engineers are currently working on a permanent solution. This problem in no way affects the reliability of these gas meters.

All of the SCBA'S that were sent to the factory for repairs have been repaired and are now back in service. The parts for the "in house" repairs have arrived, and as time allows will be repaired by the Apparatus Division.

The 2006 Ford Expedition has been evaluated for content and layout. We are currently working with the Communication Supervisor and have solicited bids for the installation of equipment, emergency lighting, compartmentation, radios, MDT's, and portables. We also are awaiting the arrival of quotes for the lettering.

Truck 1 experienced a couple of problems this month, some were ladder related and some were in the trucks power plant. We had also scheduled a factory recall to be done which included some updates to the fuel and injector systems.

The Apparatus Division Fit tested our six new recruits for their SCBA face pieces. We also outfitted them with SCBA's as well as spare bottles and PASS alarms before they started at the Fire Training Academy.

We had an instructional session with representatives from the Danbury Police Department in the use of the Fire Departments Fit Tester. We have loaned our unit to them for their use in fit testing their members.

Good of the Organization

Our six new recruits started at the St. Fire Academy at Windsor Locks. The six are: Gary Bruce, Keith Sellick, Theodore Mourges, Adam Hughes, Michael Sedgewick, and John Whitehead.

On Sunday the 2nd of April the DFD will play the DPD in the annual hockey game. The proceeds this year will go to the Brian Simon Scholarship Fund and the Christopher Lyle Scholarship fund.

On the 5th Firefighter's Local 801 ran a fund raiser for Christopher Lyle at Molly Darcy's. They raised over \$13,000 towards Christopher education. Chris's Dad Doug died last summer while returning from vacation.

The Dispatchers Test is scheduled for March 27th.

The Fire Department Staff Officers held their quarterly meeting on Friday the 24th. The Officers and department heads were brought up to date on all Department activity since our last meeting.

Lts. Gary Arconti and Plank continue to organize the Union Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on June 5th at Richter Park.

All Fire Stations have begun their Spring Clean up.

On the 25th FF Karl Freundt retired after 34 years of service. We all wish Karl and his family happiness in the future.

March 29th is the retirement dinner for Ed Vachovetz. Ed retired in January after 26 years due to an injury.

Members of the Department marched in the AOH St. Patrick's Parade on the 19th of the month.

On the 23rd we hosted three local Girl Scouts during "Run your City Day".

We continue to meet bi-weekly on the new E-25 construction. Hopefully by this time next month we will be able to report that the new station is ready for occupancy.

Dates of Importance

April 2nd - The annual hockey Game DFD vs. DPD.

April 6th - Red Cross Community Heroes breakfast

- April 21st - Salvation Army Breakfast - Ethan Allen Inn
- April 27th - Rotary Club Firefighter and Policemen of the Year Dinner

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	14
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	2
Rescue/EMS	234
Hazardous Condition	27
Service Calls	29
Good Intent Calls	46
False Alarm/False Calls	74
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	2
No Report/Incomplete	7

Total Fire Calls..435.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 578 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	578
No patient EMS Calls	96
BLS Patient Calls	243
ALS EMS Calls	227
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	2
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	17

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 2528 with a daily average of 74.35 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	435
EMS Response calls.	578
Abandoned Calls	398
911 Hang Ups	537
Admin Calls Received	673
Cellular 911 Calls	931

Note - Since multiple 9-1-1 calls are received for many responses, call volume is reflected as a total. Multiple calls received are recorded on individual fire reports and not on CAD generated totals.

Attached please find graphic displays for Fire Response Breakdown, Company Response, Volunteer Company Call and Response Statistics, and EMS Transport Activity Statistics for the reporting period.

If additional information or clarification is needed, please contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Siecienski".

Peter J. Siecienski
Fire Chief

DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES						2006		
	March Response Statistics							
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response		
E-3	35	0	0	0	9	0%		
E-4	10	0	0	0	17	0%		
E-5	32	0	2	3	19	16%		
S-6	44	0	1	17	26	41%		
S-7	47	0	6	7	34	28%		
E-8	39	0	3	8	28	28%		
E-9	31	0	1	2	28	10%		
E-10	41	2	5	10	24	41%		
E-11	15	0	4	2	9	40%		
E-12	26	0	2	3	21	19%		
E-13	14	0	2	4	8	43%		
E-14	6	0	1	4	1	83%		
Totals	340	2	27	60	224	26%		