MINUTES
Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS
August 13, 2026 – 5:00 PM
Litchfield Fire Department
258 West St ▪ Litchfield CT

Members Present: John Campbell, Michael Castelli, Sean Fogarty, Jack Hodges.
Members Absent: James Koser, J. Torrant, Fire Marshal Dave Rogers.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman J. Campbell opened the meeting at 5:02 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2026

S. Fogarty motioned to approve the 07/09 minutes, M. Castelli seconded and approval was unanimous.

3. Fire Marshal Report

July - There were 32 inspections, 15 Open Burning permits issued and five smoke detectors installed. There were no fire incidents, fire investigations, fire prevention, blasting permits or fireworks. Fast Lane's first estimate for the purchase a new fire marshal's vehicle was high. All July data was reported to NERIS. J. Hodges moved to accept the July FM report, S. Fogarty seconded and approval was unanimous.

4. Committee Report

None.

5. Interlocal Emergency Medical Services Committee

Committee's first meeting was on 09/22/25. With the nationwide decline in volunteers, there is an urgent need to develop a reliable emergency medical service program in town. Including a member from this committee was inadvertently overlooked. J. Hodges moved to appoint J. Campbell to the IEMSC, S. Fogarty seconded and vote was unanimous.

6. Pensions

a. Proposed Merit Service Pension Update
b. Pension Retention Review Process – Pay Per Call

The long-awaited pension update may be coming and E. Marriott or D. Morosani will be asked to attend the next meeting. Talks on the MSP modifications are now into their second year with still no adjustment to the $15 amount set in the 1980s.

7. Budgets – Department, Capital & Operating Budgets

The 5- and 10-year plans were reviewed. Have modifications ready for the next meeting. J. Hodges sent PW correspondence requesting assistance with repairing NFD's crumbling

stairs and sidewalk for their town building. PW was not interested in repairing. D. Carroll will consult with First Selectman D. Raap on a solution. NFD still has issues with the roof and downspouts and J. Hodges is having difficulty finding someone to provide an estimate. S. Fogarty suggested chiefs meet in October to update the truck list.

8. Update on Department Physicals

Bantam FD, E. Litchfield FD, Litchfield FD, Northfield FD, LVA

All Commissioners received updates.

9. EMS Business Report

The move to the new LVA building is expected at the end of September.

10. Old Business Report

P. Scully was sworn in as Deputy Fire Marshal. ELFD had water intrusion over the winter, A. Schmidt is meeting with First Selectman Raap to possibly use ARPA funds to fix. Budgets are approved every May and funds are available on 07/01. Better planning should have approved projects ready to go, with quotes, for July instead of delaying.

11. New Business Report

None.

12. Adjournment

M. Castelli moved to adjourn at 5:31 pm, J. Hodges seconded and vote was unanimous.

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John Campbell, Chairman Date
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