

# Cromwell Fire District

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## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **Special Board of Commissioners' Meeting**

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

**5:30 PM**

**Coles Road Firehouse  
105 Coles Road  
Cromwell, CT**

A Special Board of Commissioners' meeting was held on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 5:30 PM, at the Coles Road Firehouse, 105 Coles Road, Cromwell, CT to consider and act upon Special Fire District business.

Commissioners Lee Brow (President), Jason Hinners, Charles Epstein, Robert McIntyre and Roger Rukowicz attended. Also attending were Executive Director Julius Neto and Fire Chief Jason Balletto. Commissioners Mertie Terry, Chip Darius, Robert Donohue and David Colligan were absent.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, by President Brow.
- II. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Rukowicz, seconded by Commissioner Hinners and unanimously approved to accept the agenda as submitted.
- III. Public Comment. There were no public comments to report.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Lieutenant Exam List. There is a list of five individuals. The candidates needed to have an overall score of 70%; 50% oral and 50% written. The person that has the #1 spot on the list respectfully declined the offer but requested to stay on the list because he may want to be considered in the future. Because the #1 person declined, the #2 person will be offered the position.

Chief Balletto thought it was in the best interest of the District to promote effective Monday, October 3, 2022, and also discard the list after October 3, 2022. The reason for doing that would be because they already had one person decline the position, offering the #2 person the position. If there are other lieutenants that leave within the next month or so, testing would need to be done anyway because the other three on the list did not have a combined score of 70%. There would be a better opportunity during the next cycle for more people to take the test.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Rukowicz, seconded by Commissioner Hinners and unanimously approved to accept the Lieutenant Exam list as submitted by the Executive Director. The list will be valid but can be discarded at any time. Typically the list will be valid for one year with an option to extend for a year.*

- B. Discussion and Possible Decision on Alan Dominy for Lieutenant. Cory LaFontaine requested to be bypassed but stay on the Lieutenant list, giving the opportunity to the #2 person. That would be Alan Dominy. The Commissioners agreed that Alan Dominy is a good solid candidate for the Lieutenant position. He has the skills, knowledge and personality for the position.

*A motion was made by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Hinners and unanimously approved to authorize the Executive Director to offer the Fire Lieutenant position to Alan Dominy with an effective date of October 3, 2022.*

- C. Discussion and Possible Decision on Fire Personnel Wearing Cromwell Fire Department Patch NOT Cromwell Fire District Patch. The fire apparatus has the Cromwell Fire Department patch on it, but the personnel are firefighters. The President believes they should be wearing the same patch that is stated on the side of the apparatus. He wanted to request a motion to officially make a policy that all uniformed personnel in Cromwell will wear a patch that says Cromwell Fire Department instead of the Cromwell Fire District. The Cromwell Fire District consists of the Board of Commissioners and District Offices.

Commissioner Epstein had mixed feelings about it. The Fire Department Personnel work for the Cromwell Fire District. He suggested waiting to make a decision on this until after the election because there could be personnel changes to the Board. He thought it should wait to see if there are new Commission members. The President did not think this had anything to do with the Commission. Commissioner McIntyre feels they should be wearing Cromwell Fire Department patches because of the continuity. If the group were to wait until there might be a new commission, then the other items on this agenda should wait also. Commissioner Rukowicz agreed with Commissioner McIntyre. Regarding expense to switch patches, it would be \$7 to remove and \$7 to add patches. People will not receive new uniforms, but going forward all uniforms and patches issued will have the Cromwell Fire Department on it.

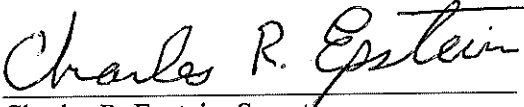
*A motion was made by Commissioner Hinners, seconded by Commissioner Rukowicz and unanimously approved that all uniformed firefighters for the Town of Cromwell will wear a Fire Department patch as opposed to a Fire District patch.*

Uniform shirts that have embroidered patches will have to be turned in and reissued. The Chief noted that funds were allocated for the part-time and career firefighters with a class B uniform to put their own badge and name tag on. They did not get into detail on patches. The volunteers that are brought in, will be the only ones that will need to replace patches. Officers will get the light blue Class B shirt. Firefighters will get the dark blue Class B shirt. Any patched item will go from Cromwell Fire District to Cromwell Fire Department.

- V. Commissioners' Comments. There were no further comments from the Commissioners present.

- VI. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Hinners and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM.

ATTEST:

  
Charles R. Epstein, Secretary

Nancy Deegan  
Recording Secretary