

**NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT # 10
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #10
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

This past year, 2012-2013, has been another successful year for the District and we are excited to be headed into the 100 year of fire protection for the residents of North Thompsonville. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with the district's residents and our department's membership!

As a district, we continue to maintain and improve the station. This past year brought the replacement of the station's alarm system and continued work on the replacement of HVAC system.

To that end, we received the bids back on the HVAC replacement. All of the bids came back well over the \$100,000 allocated in the Capital Improvements budget. Recognizing the need to replace these units, which were installed with the expansion of the station in 1992, the Commission continues to work with Chief Provencher, Deputy Chief Maxellon and the architect to control the cost of replacing these units. If this project is approved the district's voters under Article 5 at the Annual District Meeting, the commission will proceed with financing and future repayments of the portion that exceeds the capital allocation.

In our continuing efforts to improve the District's fleet of vehicles, this year's budget includes funding for the replacement and sale of the department's 2001 Ford Duty Officer if approved as presented under Articles 3 and 4. Additionally, we have authorized the replacement of the generator on Engine 42, allowing it to run the engine's necessary equipment. We also continue to have discussions about the financial impact of replacing the Tower and hope to develop a plan to incorporate this into the coming budgets.

Another focus of the Commission has been firefighter safety and the use of technology. In addition to the ongoing training of the district's Firefighters, this past year brought the addition of a second thermal imaging camera. While earlier than planned, we also moved forward with the replacement of most of the department's radios to improve the functionality with the Town of Enfield's digital re-tooling. This year's budget also continues the replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and SCBA bottles, replacement of older attack/supply hose and upgrades to the audio visual equipment in the department's gym, pending district approval.

The District continues participation in the inter-local agreement with commissioners from all the Fire Districts to share information for the betterment of all Fire Districts in the town of Enfield. Included in the proposed budget is \$5,000, our district's portion of the costs for the inter-local to move forward with site mapping of land the State of Connecticut has offered to the town's fire districts for a possible fire training facility on Shaker Road.

The Friday and Saturday evenings shifts providing coverage from 5 PM to 12 AM has provided the District with exceptional coverage and has been most beneficial to residents of our District regarding fire calls and emergency medical calls.

This year, we are requesting approval of the proposed budget of \$1,449,000 which includes both operational and capital improvements to maintain our exceptional fire service to the District and the town of Enfield. This proposal includes a mil rate of 3.05 mils, an increase of .15 mils.

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The Board of Fire Commissioners worked diligently with the Chief and Secretary/Treasurer in coming up with this year's proposed budget and feel that the mil increase is necessary to maintain a healthy fund balance while properly funding for the protection of the district's residents.

The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Officers and all members of our department, Secretary/Treasurer and fellow Commissioner's for their time and dedication on behalf of all the residents and taxpayers of our district. Our District continues to be a highly successful department which we are all very proud.

We would also like to welcome Commissioner Howard Coro to the Board of Fire Commissioners following his election at last year's annual meeting. Howard joins the Board following 40 years of service with the department, where he retired with the rank of Captain.

All residents and taxpayers of our district are encouraged to contact any member of the Board of Fire Commissioners or the Chief of our department if they have any concerns regarding our fire service.

We are looking forward to the coming year and the continued success of our district.

Respectfully submitted:

Board of Fire Commissioners:

Ralph E. Jensen Sr.	Chairman
Edward N. Deni	Vice Chairman
Jason M. Jones	Commissioner
Paul F. Cannone	Commissioner
Howard G. Coro	Commissioner

NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF / FIRE MARSHAL

The North Thompsonville Fire Department responded to 502 incidents during the calendar year of 2012. A breakdown of incidents by type is:

9 Structure Fires	3 Vehicle Fires	110 Miscellaneous & Service Calls
12 Brush & Incidental Fires	69 Mutual Aid Calls	230 Medical Calls
21 Hazardous Materials Incidents	44 False Alarms	

This is a decrease of 148 incidents when compared to last year. The dollar loss due to fire was approximately \$132,750. This amount represents almost \$32,000 more than last year. There were no civilian injuries and injuries to five firefighters that were minor. During 2012 the North Thompsonville Fire Marshal's office conducted plan reviews on a number of projects and have also been busy with the required annual building & hazmat inspections. One hundred and forty five properties were inspected for violations of the Connecticut Fire Safety code to which abatement orders issued when violations of this code were found. Most of these inspection were conducted by Lt. Kevin Peritz and I appreciate his efforts on this. If your home needs smoke detectors please contact any member of the department so that we can make sure you get your "free" detectors installed.

Once again we had several "weather Emergencies" which occurred during this past year which kept your firefighters on call and responding to numerous incidents. The first, Super Storm Sandy in October certainly threatened to be a problem, however, we had relatively few incidents. Then this past winter we had several significant snow storms including a blizzard in February which we had our crews on stand-by for over thirty hours. In 2012 your firefighters spent over 2,900 hours at incidents and an additional 4,100 hours in training for the benefit of you our residents and taxpayers.

The department continually looks for new able bodied volunteers who would like to become members of the department. Being a firefighter is a time consuming but tremendously rewarding position. If you have an interest please consider joining the fire department, you will be glad you did. We provide all training; you just need to provide the time.

In conclusion, I would once again like to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of this department who give unselfishly their time and dedicate themselves to a tremendous amount of training and response to incidents at all hours of the day and night. I would also like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for the commitment they have made to the District as well as District Secretary-Treasurer Jim Niner and Deputy Chief's Doug Maxellon and David Laponese. All of these people work diligently on behalf of our fire district and make my job as fire chief much easier. I would also like to express my appreciation and thanks to the spouses and significant others of our firefighter since without your help we wouldn't be able to do this job. Lastly, I would also like to express my gratitude to the other Enfield Fire Districts, Enfield Police and Enfield EMS for their cooperation. In this day and age it is absolutely critical to work closely together with our partner responders to improve success at incidents and have a higher degree of safety for all responders and the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl F. Provencher

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Fire Chief / Fire Marshal

NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #10
TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

The accounting firm of Viola, Chrabascz, Reynolds & Co. LLP of Enfield was hired to perform the annual audit of the financial records of the District for year ending June 30, 2012 as prescribed by the State of Connecticut State Statues. Pages 14-17 of this report were taken from the audit report. Page 15 is the balance sheet showing the General Fund Balance of \$616,212 with liabilities of \$121,593 leaving a balance of \$494,619 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2012. Report also shows the assets for the district of \$3,568,358 with outstanding liabilities of \$1,019,409 a net asset of \$2,550,161 which indicates the district is in good financial shape. Page 17 shows a breakdown of the actual income and expenses by major categories setup by the accounting firm. The planned budgeted expenses exceeded budgeted income by \$115,163 when the budget was approved. The report shows the incurred expenses ran \$180,035 less than planned budgeted expenses. This was a result of not spending the \$100,000 budgeted for the HVAC replacement project due to unforeseen circumstances, the remaining under run of \$80,035 shows the Board of Fire Commissioners and Chief Provencher do their very best in keeping expenses under control.

Current fiscal year 2012-2013 as of April 30, 2013 shows revenue over budgeted revenue by \$14,587. Expenses are under budget by over \$300,000 which is normal due to some large expenses being occurred during May and June. This information is provided on page 9 of this report.

Page 10 displays the Appropriations for the current fiscal year and the proposed appropriations for fiscal year 2013-2014. The total appropriations less the capital expenditures is operating expenses; the year over year increase of \$66,560 is primarily covered by the requested increase in the mil rate .15 expected to generate an additional \$64,137 of tax revenue. The difference between projected income and expenses of \$37,683 will be taken from the general fund.

Page 11 displays the activity and balance in the pension plans for both the Volunteer Plan for the volunteers and Money Purchase Plan for the full-time employees.

Page 12 is a copy of the Warning for this meeting published in the JI on May 10, 2013.

Page 13 shows the district grand list for the last five year period as provided by the Town of Enfield Assessor's Office. This is the basis of developing the tax revenue.

I would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners, Chief Provencher and all the members of the department who continue to make my position as Secretary/Treasurer a pleasant experience.

James E. Niner
District Secretary/ Treasurer