



Town of Seymour

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

1 FIRST STREET, SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

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DATE: 7/20/26
TIME: 8:00 AM
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Regular Meeting
July 13, 2026
7:00 P.M.
Great Hill Hose

Attendance: Pete Sampiere, Christian Miller, Paul Wetowicz, Pat Keough

1. Call the meeting to order- meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. Pledge to the flag – All were led in the pledge to the flag
3. Public Comment – No comment
4. Chief's meeting minutes –Christian Miller/Pat Keough made a motion to approve Chief Minutes for July 2026. Vote: 4/0
5. Chief's Report: See attached Chiefs report
6. Commissioners' Meeting Minutes: June 2026
Pat Keough/Paul Wetowicz made a motion to approve Commissioner Meeting Minutes dated June 2026. Vote: 4/0
7. Correspondence – none
8. Financial Report: discussion and approval
Discussion was had on the Financial Report. Pat Keough/ Paul Wetowicz made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Vote: 3- yes, 0 – no, 1- abstain (Christian Miller)
9. Fire Marshal's Report: Pat Keough/Christian Miller made a motion to put the Fire Marshal report on file. Vote: 4/0
10. Building Maintenance – Great Hill – 2 AC units replaced. Door next to U20 was replaced. Leak was fixed. Firepit construction moving along. Truck floor drains are training slowly again. Tim Conners will work on it. Company engineers need to do what they're supposed to. Rodent issue: more openings need to be sealed.
Citizens Engine- Concrete floors fixed. Brick facade resecured. Question on if the bathroom out of order at C2- please follow up. Oil tank to be abandoned.
11. Unfinished Business: None
12. New Business:
 - a) Discussion/possible action on SFT16, SFT17, SOG No. JUN 1, SOG JUN 2, Junior Corp Emergency Vehicle Ride Form

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A 10 minute recess was allowed for the review of documents.

Discussion was had on each SOG. Paul Wetowicz/Christian Miller made a motion to accept all the modified SOGs Vote: 4/0

13. Executive Session: None

14. Chief Requisitions: Badge quoted in the amount of \$1542 to Badge and Wallet

15. Roundtable Discussion: None

16. Commissioner's Comments:

Pete Sampiere: No comment

Paul Wetowitz: No comment

Christian Miller: No comment

Pat Keough: No comment

17. Adjournment: Pat Keough/Christian Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm Vote: 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Chernesky



SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Christopher M Edwards
Chief of Department

July 13th, 2026

Chief's Report – July 2026

Chief Christopher Edwards

Truck 14 remains out of service due to significant damage sustained during the recent mechanical failure. The total repair estimate is approximately \$12,500. After working with our insurance carrier, I was able to secure \$10,500 in insurance coverage toward the repairs, significantly reducing the financial impact on the department.

Congratulations to our newest firefighters. Seven members successfully graduated from Firefighter I last month. All candidates passed the program and are now Connecticut-certified Firefighter I members. In addition, five new members joined Citizens' Engine Company during the month of June, strengthening our staffing.

Our annual testing cycle is now underway, including required apparatus, equipment, and member testing to ensure compliance with state and NFPA standards.

Chief officer responsibilities have been assigned as follows:

- **FD-2 (Deputy Chief Oczkowski):** Training
- **FD-3 (Assistant Chief Van Wart):** Apparatus and Maintenance
- **FD-4 (Assistant Chief Satkowski):** Physicals, Safety, Junior Corps, and Information Technology

The department recently conducted a six-hour Officer Development Program, with 20 officers and aspiring officers attending. The class focused on leadership, department operations, and officer responsibilities, and was very well received.

The next several months will be extremely busy with department and regional training opportunities, including:

- **August:** Big Water/Tanker Operations Drill
- **September:** Solar and Battery Energy Storage Systems (S.A.F.E.) Training
- **October:** Department Live Burn Training
- **December:** Incident Safety Officer Program

Congratulations to the newly elected Citizens' Engine Company line officers:

- **Captain Mike Blood (501)**
- **Lieutenant Nick Russell (502)**
- **Lieutenant Justice Cook (503)**

As of this report, the Seymour Fire Department has responded to **405** incidents in 2026. Based on current trends, we are projected to finish the year with approximately **750–800** emergency responses.

Several facility improvement projects have also been completed or are nearing completion:

- The concrete floors and brick walls at Citizens' Engine Company have been completed.
- Driveway paving at Great Hill Hose Company is scheduled to be completed next week.

Finally, I will be on vacation from Saturday, July 18, through Saturday, July 25. During my absence, the Deputy Chief and Assistant Chiefs will oversee the daily operations of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Edwards
Fire Chief
Seymour Fire Department