

**The Board of Fire Commissioners
Portsmouth Fire Department**

Station 1
August 20, 2003

Portsmouth, NH
1900 hours

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 1907 hours. Commissioner Gamester led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Commissioners Hughes, Wentworth and Gamester; Chief LeClaire; Deputy Chief Achilles; Acting Deputy Chief Griswold; Firefighter McQuillen, President Local 1313; Lieutenants: Pease and Waite; and Firefighters: Gionet, Murphy and Wade.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes of July 16, 2003 made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

III. Reports:

A. Fire Chief's Reports:

Motion made to accept Chief's Reports 03-033 through 03-037 by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

B. Other:

IV. Old Business: None.

V. Presentations of Written Communications:

Motion made by Commissioner Gamester, to accept and place on file, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Connors thank you note, seconded by Chairman Hughes, unanimous.

VI. New Business:

Chief LeClaire noted the City Council's approval of \$128,000 keeping 14 firefighters on during night shifts. This money was accepted as a supplemental appropriation, which will be included in next year's budget.

Invitation made to Councilor St. Laurent to come visit the station(s) and ride along to scenes to learn more about what the firefighters do. Has not yet accepted offer. At the recommendation of the Commission, an open invitation extended to all City Councilors and Mr. Braciano to come and learn more about "their" fire department. Chief LeClaire agreed.

Minutes for August 20, 2003 continued:

Commission welcomed in Firefighter Brian Wade. Ff. Wade began his tour on August 11, 2003.

VII. Recognition of Groups of Individuals: None.

VIII. Public Hearings: None.

IX. Non-public Session:

Motion to enter into Non-public Session made by Chairman Hughes at 1916 hours, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

Motion to come out of Non-public Session with no votes taken, made by Chairman Hughes at 1950 hours, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

X. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 1952 hours made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth, unanimous.

Richard Gamester, Clerk