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public safety

During the fiscal year many hours were spent by the Board of Public Safety, screening and interviewing applicants to fill vacancies in both the Police and Fire Departments, with a total of 56 appointments being made between both Departments. With these appointments the end of this fiscal year finds the vacancy situation approaching normal in the Fire Department, but still existing in the Police Department. This situation will be one of the Board's primary concerns upon entering the new fiscal year.

Considerable time was also spent in preparing the 1961-62 budgets of the Police and Fire Departments. Beyond this time was spent on periodic hearings

and lengthy discussions concerning problems of the Police and Fire Departments along with problems concerning personnel of both Departments.

Police appointments during the fiscal period were: Captains, 5; Detectives, 2; Regular Patrolmen, 6; Regular Patrolmen reinstatements, 1; Supernumerary, 8; Special Police, 27.

There were 4 retirements, 5 resignations, and 1 suspension. There were 4 deaths, one the tragic death in line of duty of Patrolman David D. Troy.

Fire Department appointments were: Deputy Chief, 2; Fire Captain, 3; Regular Fireman, 2. There were 2 retirements and 2 deaths.

fire

The fire losses in the area served by this department show an increase from \$512,796.42 in 1959-60 to \$547,040.04 in 1960-61.

Due to the fact that there were no 4-alarm fires during the past year it was hoped that the fire losses in the area of the Stamford Fire Department would again be reduced but it was not to be. Instead the losses were increased \$34,243.62 over last year.

We in the Fire Department believe that the inspection program of the Fire Prevention Bureau has contributed greatly toward keeping fire losses down. And we also feel that the officers and firemen of the extinguishing service have done an equally fine job in preventing the small fires from becoming more serious. Then too, there are those people throughout the city who are aware of the meaning of losses by fire who make a substantial contribution toward keeping fire losses down. And we are not unmindful that there are times when Lady Luck plays an important role. During the past year we like to feel we enjoyed a measure of good luck.

12 Months	1st Alarms	2nd Alarms	3rd Alarms	4th Alarms	Total
7/1/59 to 7/1/61	812	5	0	1	818
7/1/60 to 7/1/61	845	2	1	0	848
Per Capita loss, 1959-60					\$8.15378
Per Capita loss, 1960-61					\$8.4147
Total number Ambulance calls during the past year—1,542.					

Careful planning relative to the placement of personnel, the synchronizing of various training programs, the scheduling of routine fire station maintenance programs, and the improved recording of all phases of the fire service has improved the efficiency of the entire department and provided cleaner and more pleasant working conditions at all stations.

During the past year all communications in the

Stamford Fire Department—Fire Alarm and Radio, and the inter-communications at all stations—have functioned with very little difficulty due to continuous preventative maintenance by the Superintendent of Communications and Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

During the past year the 19 pieces of Fire Apparatus, cars and other rolling equipment were maintained in good running order and were out of service for only minor repairs. Preventative maintenance by the mechanical department contributed toward keeping all rolling equipment in service.

On February 10, 1961, a second girl was added to the clerical staff in the clerk's office. This made three girls now in the Fire Department — one in the Chief's office and two in the clerk's office with an administrative clerk.

As of July 1, 1961, the total personnel in the Stamford Fire Department is 192—189 male, 3 female. As of this date all categories are filled except the following:

- a. Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarms
- b. Three Lieutenants
- c. Secretary in Chief's office on leave of absence — position being covered temporarily by clerk typist who in turn is being covered by a temporary clerk typist

The total operating budget of the Stamford Fire Department for the fiscal year 1960-61 is \$1,232,716.22, of which salaries accounted for \$1,073,468.32.

Working conditions were further improved during the past year by the action of the Civil Service Commission on June 6, 1961. The number of holidays allowed each officer and member of the department was changed from 6 to 11 holidays each calendar year. This was done with no personnel being added to the department. The maximum machine coverage at all times at all fire stations will be reduced between two

and four men at each station, but the minimum coverage will not be reduced unless sickness or injuries greatly increase.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

BELLTOWN:

The new fire house which was occupied beginning in July 1960 has received national recognition for excellence of design and has improved the efficiency and morale of the Department to an almost unbelievable extent.

During the year the Department answered 49 calls in its district and 4 outside the district. Of this total, 16 were non-fire emergency calls. There were 3 false alarms.

The total value of property involved in fires was \$322,700.

Headed by Chief Loveland and Fire Marshal Morris, fire prevention programs were put on at Belltown School, Newfield School, Dolan Junior High and Stamford Catholic High School and for the Boy Scouts.

GLENBROOK:

The Department program for the 1960-61 fiscal year included Fire Prevention, Rescue, Ambulance, First Aid and Oxygen Use Instruction. During the 1961-62 fiscal year the Department plans to increase the scope of Fire Prevention to include lectures and complete instruction, Civil Defense fire fighting and rescue instruction and the improvement of the fire alarm system in the district.

During the 1960-61 period the Department responded to 92 alarms. The Department answered 760 ambulance calls with total mileage of 8,439. The Department Fire Marshal made 586 inspections.

The Department hopes to improve and strengthen its equipment and facilities during the coming year.

LONG RIDGE:

The Department responded to 45 alarms during the 1960-61 fiscal period with an average of 16 men re-

sponding to calls. We issued 356 permits for burning.

Seventeen firemen completed a state-sponsored training course. The Company installed a new radio system at a cost of \$11,000. The former Kincaid property adjoining the fire house was acquired for a signal tender's quarters. The Company has on order a 750 G.P.M. Seagrave engine costing \$25,000 for delivery in the fall of 1961.

SPRINGDALE:

The Company responded to 44 fire calls during the fiscal period. The reported and estimated fire losses totalled \$10,905, of which \$7,405 was compensated by insurance settlement. 895 men responded to calls with an average of 20 men per call.

35 drills were held during the year with an average per-drill attendance of 29 men. The ambulance traveled 3,878 miles answering 261 emergency calls.

No major equipment additions were made during the year but all present equipment is in excellent condition. An additional piece of equipment is needed and the Company hopes that this can be acquired during the 1961-62 fiscal year.

TURN OF RIVER:

During the year 1,074 regular and special inspections and investigations were made and 966 permits were issued. The two companies answered 235 calls, of which 7 were false alarms. The value of property involved was \$619,000 with actual fire loss of \$33,783. Virtually all of this was covered by insurance.

The Department held 22 regular and 2 special drills and 2 first aid courses during the year. The average attendance at fires was 27; drill attendance averaged 41.

The total mileage of all apparatus was 8,022 or 1,020 miles more than during the previous fiscal period.

Under the direction of the Superintendent of Alarms all communications, alarms, and electrical equipment were kept in A-1 condition throughout the year.

police

The fiscal year witnessed the heaviest work load in the history of the Stamford Police Department. The Department investigated 18,857 complaints, made 2,261 arrests, aided 1,790 persons and investigated 1,097 motor vehicle accidents. In 437 of the accidents, 470 people were injured. In seven others eight people lost their lives. The investigations required 1,081 teletype messages and 2,285 photostatic copies of reports.

In the course of the year there were 28,312 radio calls to or from Police Department radio cars. Police vehicles accumulated 626,974 road miles, used 65,101

gallons of gasoline and 2,121 quarts of motor oil.

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division of the Stamford Police Department includes Patrol, Marine, and Youth Bureau sections.

The Patrol Section mans the radio cars, the foot posts and various traffic posts throughout the City. They are usually the first on the scene in emergencies and accounted for all accident investigations and for most arrests. This section filed with the Record Bureau over 11,000 reports and recovered 203 stolen motor