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Wallingford Fire Department
75 Masonic Drive
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Chief:

The City of Stamford is currently undergoing a Charter Revision. In this context it is reviewing the current language with regard to the delivery of fire and rescue services within the community. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to answer the following questions as they relate to the delivery of fire services within your community and return this questionnaire for our consideration.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

1. Is the fire delivery service in your community a "combined service," i.e., comprised of career and volunteer firefighters? If your answer to the foregoing is "No", do not go any further.

Yes

2. Do you have multiple fire districts/houses within your community? If so,

a. How many districts/firehouses? N/A Districts 5 Firehouses

b. Are some districts/firehouses exclusively covered by career firefighters and some by volunteer firefighters? YES NO

c. Are some districts/firehouses covered by a combination of career and volunteer firefighters?

YES NO

i. In districts/firehouses in which there are both career and volunteer firefighters, do they all answer to the same command structure and take direction from the same supervisor(s)? YES NO

ii. Who makes the decision with regard to staffing and allocation of resources for the individual fire districts/firehouses with career and volunteer firefighters?

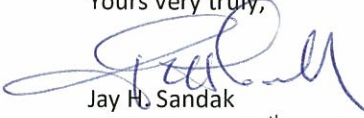
3. How long have has your community had a combined fire delivery service? 40 Yrs.

4. Are there any Charter provisions which address the combined fire delivery service within your community? YES NO

5. If so, please attach a copy of the pertinent provisions.
6. Do you have a single individual who has direct responsibility for BOTH the career and volunteer firefighters within your community? YES ___ NO
7. Do you have a single set of standard operating procedures ("SOP") for both the career and volunteer firefighters? YES ___ NO
8. Do you have a uniform training program for both the career and volunteer firefighters? YES ___ NO
9. Do the volunteer fire companies have their own "chiefs"? If so, do they have command of both volunteer and career firefighters within their district/firehouse?
YES - VOL STATION CHIEF REPORTS TO CAREER LT ON SCENE
10. Please comment on how the combined fire service is working within your community.
GOOD, VOLUNTEER ELECT OFFICERS THIS CAN BE A PROBLE BUT HAS BEEN WORKING

11. If you are willing to receive any follow-up inquires, please provide your name and contact information:
 NAME: CHIEF PETER STAMBLE
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WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Thank you for assisting us as we review the Stamford Charter with regard to our combined fire service program in Stamford.

Yours very truly,

 Jay H. Sandak
 Co-Chairman, 17th Charter Revision Commission

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6 the public peace, prevention of crime, apprehension of criminals, regu-
7 lation of traffic, protection of the rights of persons and property, and
8 enforcement of the laws of the state, and the ordinances of the town, and
9 all rules and regulations made in accordance therewith. All members of
10 the department shall have the same powers and duties with respect to the
11 service of criminal process and enforcement of criminal laws as are
12 vested in police officers by the general statutes. The constables appointed
13 in accordance with Chapter IV, Section 4, of this charter shall have none
14 of the foregoing police powers, but nothing herein shall limit the
15 functions of special constables appointed in accordance with the provi-
16 sions of the general statutes.

17 (a) The Chief of Police: Powers and Duties.
18 The mayor shall appoint and may remove, subject to the provi-
19 sions of the Connecticut General Statutes, a chief of police who shall
20 appoint and may remove, subject to such rules and regulations as may be
21 adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter XVI of this charter, all
22 other officers and employees of the Police Department. The chief of
23 police shall assign and reassign all members of the department to their
24 respective posts, shifts, details, and duties. He shall make rules and
25 regulations concerning the operation of the department and the conduct
26 of all officers and employees thereof. He shall be responsible for the
27 efficiency, discipline and good conduct of the department and for the care
28 and custody of all property used by the department. Disobedience to the
29 lawful orders, rules and regulations of the chief shall be grounds for
30 dismissal or for other appropriate disciplinary action.

Section 3. Fire Department

31 The Fire Department, which shall consist of the regular and volun-
32 teer divisions, shall be responsible for the protection of life and property
33 within the town from fire and for the enforcement of all laws, ordinances
34 and regulations relating to fire prevention and fire safety.

(a) The Fire Chief: Powers and Duties.

35 The mayor shall appoint and may remove, subject to the provi-
36 sions of the Connecticut General Statutes, a fire chief who shall appoint
37 and may remove, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted
38 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter XVI of this charter, all regular
39 officers and paid employees of the Fire Department. He shall assign and
40 re-assign all members of the regular division to their respective posts,
41 shifts, details, and duties. He shall make rules and regulations concerning
42 the operation of the regular and volunteer divisions and the conduct of all
43 officers and paid employees thereof. He shall be responsible for the
44 training, efficiency, discipline and good conduct of the regular and
45 volunteer divisions and for the care and custody of all property used by
46 the department. Disobedience to the lawful orders, rules and regulations

of the chief shall be grounds for dismissal or for other appropriate disci-
48 plinary action.

Section 4. Fire Marshal, Powers and Duties

49 The council shall appoint a Fire Marshal and such deputy fire
50 marshals as may be necessary, who shall exercise all duties, powers, and
51 functions as provided in the Connecticut General Statutes. In making
52 such appointment, preference shall be given to a member of the regular
53 volunteer fire department of the town. Each local Fire Marshal shall
54 be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the Clerk of the
55 town, and shall continue to serve in that office until removed for cause.
56 Such clerk shall record his acceptance of the position of local Fire
57 Marshal and shall report the same in writing to the State Fire Marshal
58 within ten days thereafter, give the name and address of the local Fire
59 Marshal, and state the limit of the territory in which the local Fire Marshal
60 is to serve.

Section 5. Civil Defense

61 The mayor shall be Director of Civil Defense, or shall appoint any
62 resident elector of the town to be Director of Civil Defense, and he shall
63 appoint an advisory council of resident electors to assist him, in accord-
64 ance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided
65 that the mayor may name any resident elector as his deputy director of
66 civil defense when in his opinion it becomes necessary to do so.

Section 6. Dog Warden

67 The mayor shall appoint and may remove a Dog Warden whose
68 duties shall be as provided in the Connecticut General Statutes.

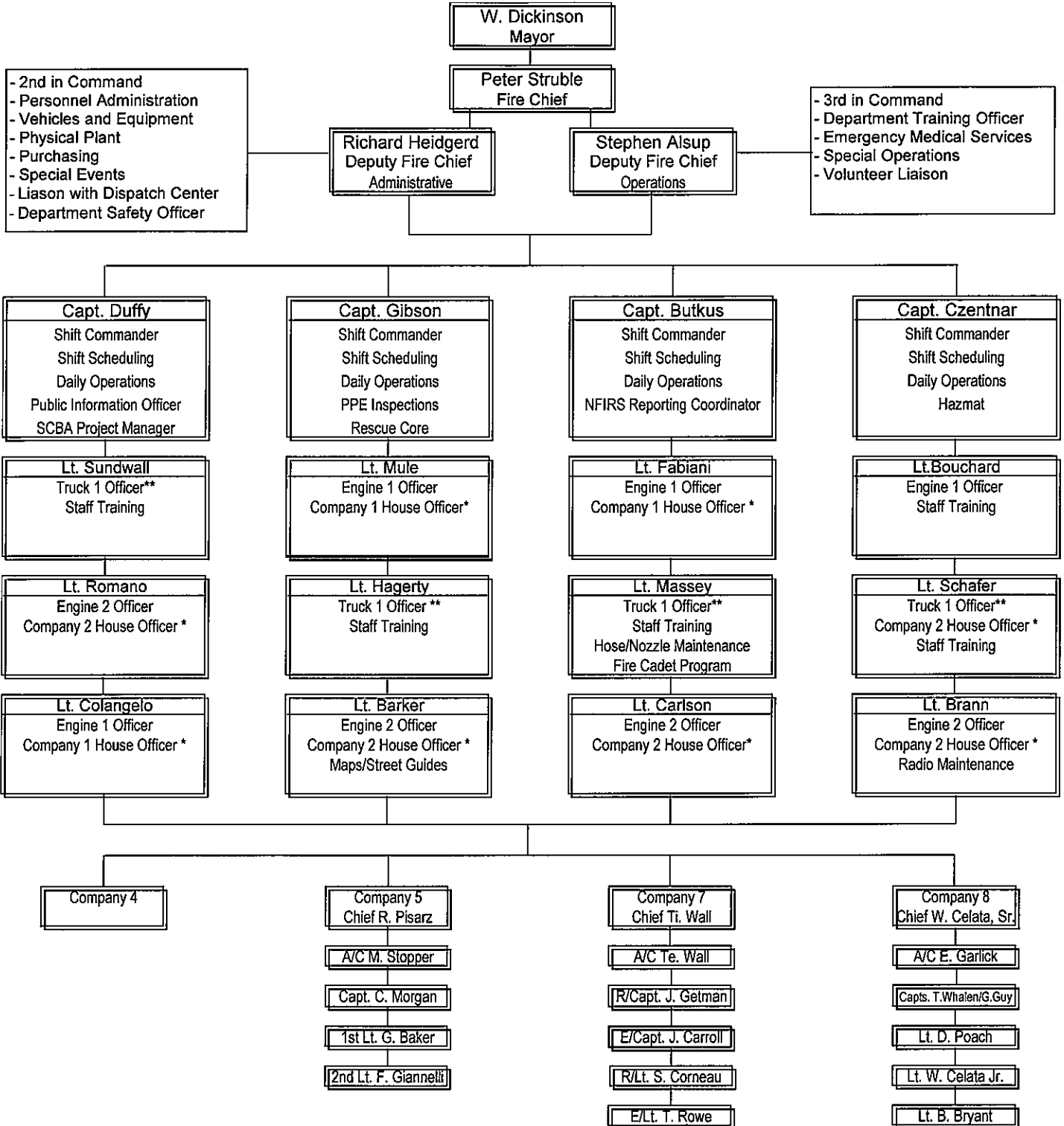
CHAPTER XI. EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Section 1. Department of Education

There shall be a Board of Education which shall be responsi-
ble for the conduct of the education system of the town in accordance with
the provisions of the charter and which shall have all the powers con-
ferred and imposed by the General Statutes on Boards of Education in
order to the control and management of schools.

The board shall consist of nine resident electors elected as provided
in Chapter II, Section 2, of this charter.

Annually, on or before the last day of September, the board
shall prepare and submit to the mayor a report of the Department of Edu-
cation for the preceding fiscal year, and said report shall include in de-
tail the amount of each unexpended or uncontracted-for portion of any s-



* House Officers supervise and participate in daily house duties including maintenance, equipment readiness, preparing reports, prefire planning and coordinating daily work schedules. These Officers also supervise their personnel during training activities. They represent the first line of supervision in the Fire House.

** Medic personnel report to Truck 1 Officer while in station and on fire scenes. They report to the IC when T-1 is not on scene.