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Winstead Fire Department  
27 Elm Street  
Winstead, CT 06098

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.

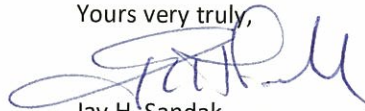
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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.
2. Do you have multiple fire districts/houses within your community? If so,
  - a. How many districts/firehouses? 1 Districts 4 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?  
FIRE CHIEF
3. How long have has your community had a combined fire delivery service? 100 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?  
NO, 1 FIRE CHIEF
10. Please comment on how the combined fire service is working within your community. EXCELLENT. ALL WORK TOGETHER - NO PROBLEMS  
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11. If you are willing to receive any follow-up inquires, please provide your name and contact information:  
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WINSTED, CT 06098

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, 17<sup>th</sup> Charter Revision Commission

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