

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

April 24, 2012

DRAFT FIRE SERVICE PROPOSAL

The Stamford Charter is revised to reflect the following:

1. Fire Service for the City of Stamford shall be provided by the “Stamford Fire Department” which shall consist of both career firefighters who are employees of the City of Stamford and volunteer firefighters who are members of one or more of the duly established volunteer fire departments/companies operating within the boundaries of the City of Stamford according to state law.
2. There shall be a single chief of the Stamford Fire Department who shall be responsible for all firefighting services, allocation of human and physical resources, training of all personnel and establishment of all standard operating policies for the Stamford Fire Department. In addition there shall be an Assistant Chief for Career Services reporting directly to the Fire Chief who shall be responsible for all career firefighting services and personnel and an Assistant Chief for Volunteer Services reporting directly to the Fire Chief who shall have responsibility for all volunteer firefighting services and personnel. The Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Assistant Chief for Career Services shall be appointed by the Fire Chief. The Assistant Chief for Volunteer Services shall be appointed by the Fire Chief from a pool of candidates approved by a majority vote of the volunteer chiefs of the volunteer departments/companies operating within the boundaries of the City of Stamford.
3. The volunteer Chiefs of the various departments/companies, shall, subject to the supervision and direction of the Fire Chief of the Stamford Fire Department, have primary responsibility for firefighting services within

their respective fire districts as defined on the Fire Service Map on file with the City Clerk and shall have primary responsibility for all personnel assigned to the volunteer departments/companies, and equipment and facilities owned by the respective volunteer fire departments/companies.

4. There shall be a single Fire Marshal for the entire City of Stamford.
5. The Fire Commission's duties shall apply to the entire Stamford Fire Department.