



CITY OF DANBURY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

19 NEW STREET

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

**Geoffrey R. Herald
Fire Chief**

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**Testimony of Geoffrey Herald, Chief, City of Danbury Fire
Department**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE PUBLIC
HEARING**

FEBRUARY 10 2009

Good morning Senator Stillman, Representative Dargan and
honorable members of the Public Safety and Security
Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to appear before
you.

I am Geoffrey Herald, Chief of the City of Danbury Fire Department.

I am before you to speak in support of House Bill 5570: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DANBURY FIRE TRAINING FACILITY AT PLUMTREES ROAD. I ask that you designate the City of Danbury Fire Training Facility a State Regional Fire School. The following Regional Fire Departments are supporting this petition: Brookfield, Sherman, New Fairfield, Bethel, Ridgefield, Botsford, Sandy Hook, Stony Hill, Bridgewater, Georgetown, and Southbury.

Since September of 2001, the need for regional response to emergencies has become ever more apparent. Fire and Emergency services now provide much more than fire prevention and suppression activities. We respond to unknown substances, emergency medical calls, public service and natural disasters.

Response to the threat of terrorism with the use of Weapons of Mass Destruction will fall to the local Fire Service as well.

In addition to responding, there are increasing demands made of the Fire Service for training and certification from agencies as diverse as the FAA to OSHA, from local to State and Federal mandates. As a result, Firefighters across the State spend increasing time in the classroom learning how to deal with these and other issues.

Very few departments can fully meet all possible needs with today's limited fiscal and infrastructure capabilities. There are no regional fire schools in the area. As the Danbury area has grown, the need for a facility in our region has also grown significantly. If granted, the Regional Fire School designation will have many benefits to the cities and towns of the region. Having a Regional School where the many required programs can be presented locally saves in travel, costs and reduces wear and tear on vehicles. Importantly, it will save time as the closest Regional School is an hour away.

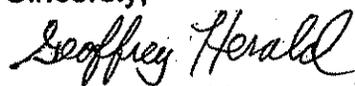
The state Fire Commission on Prevention and Control has partnered with the regional fire schools to provide modern thorough training to our Fire Services. By providing a venue where Departments can train together, the region will gain from common instruction, experience, knowledge and understanding. Through interaction and mutual exchange of ideas at a Regional Fire School facility, we will learn one another's potential and capabilities. This symbiosis will assist in the mutual aid responses and cooperation on the emergency scenes in our region and State.

During the last year and a half, I have gathered much support for the proposal. The Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials unanimously voted to support the petition at their meeting of 17 October 2008. In addition, we have the support of regional Fire Chiefs and the Fairfield County Fire Chiefs Association. At their meeting of 23 October 2008, the Education Committee for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association voted to support the proposal. A number of corporate entities have also endorsed the proposal. These include Boehringer-Ingelheim, Bedoukian Research and Western Connecticut State University. (Please see copies in the info packet)

As we move toward greater regionalization, training with our mutual aid partners will become ever more critical. Adoption of H.B.5570 will assist in reaching this goal.

Thank you for your time in this matter. If I may be of assistance, please contact me at 203-796-1550.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Herald

Chief, Danbury Fire Department

Connecticut State Firefighters Association Education Committee

Mission Statement

The Education Committee of the Connecticut State Firefighter's Association is made up of representatives from the Regional Fire Schools, The Connecticut State Firefighters Association, the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control and the Connecticut Fire Academy and is organized in a collaborative effort to support the firefighters in the State of Connecticut by:

- **Promoting the regional fire schools as a means of providing fire fighter and fire officer training at the local level;**
- **Supporting the efforts of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control to provide quality training through the Connecticut Fire Academy;**
- **Developing and promoting short and long range plans for capital improvements to the State's regional fire schools;**
- **Developing recommendations for standardizing the delivery of fire fighter and fire officer certification training at the state's regional fire schools;**
- **Coordinating training initiatives between the regional fire schools and the Connecticut Fire Academy;**
- **Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas relating to fire fighter training in the State.**

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**MINUTES OF THE 10/17/2008
HVCEO MEETING
AT BROOKFIELD, CT TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel.....First Selectman Robert Burke
Bridgewater.....Alternate Robert Brown
Brookfield.....First Selectman Robert Silvaggi
Danbury.....Alternate Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel
New Fairfield.....First Selectman John Hodge
New Milford.....Mayor Patricia Murphy, Vice Chairman
Newtown.....First Selectman Joseph Borst
Redding.....Alternate Selectman Donald Tackas
Ridgefield.....First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Secretary-Treasurer
Sherman.....First Selectman Andrea O'Connor, Chairman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

HVCEO representative to King's Mark Peg Daley, Lynn Waller of Danbury, Richard Harrall and Michael Looney of Harrall Michalowski Associates, Carla Iezzi of Conn DOT, Newtown Planning and Community Development Director Elizabeth Stocker, Danbury Fire Department Chief Geoff Herald, Dirk Perrefort of the News Times, Newtown Emergency Management Director William Halsted, David Stevenson of Bethel, and from the HVCEO staff Camille Acquanita, David Hannon and Jonathan Chew.

CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrea O'Connor at 12:35 PM, after which attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS AND REPORTS

Minutes and Financial Statements: On a motion made by Pat Murphy and seconded by Bob Burke, the minutes of the meeting of 9/19/2008 were unanimously approved. Concerning the financial statement for 9/2008, on a motion made by Bob Silvaggi a second by Jon Hodge the statement was unanimously approved.

Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning: Alliance Chairman Rudy Marconi gave the members a report on Alliance legal and fund raising activities in opposing the FAA proposed shift of incoming LaGuardia Airport jet traffic from New York State to Greater Danbury and western Connecticut.

King's Mark Plan Update: HVCEO's representative to King's Mark, Peg Daley of Newtown, provided a report. She requested that members comment on the draft King's Mark Five Year Work Plan, distributed at the meeting. Upcoming volunteer activities, including this weekend's ramp installation in northern Brookfield, were reviewed.

REGIONAL FIRE PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FACILITY

Danbury Fire Chief Geoff Herald addressed this issue. He noted that there are nine designated "State Regional Fire School" training facilities in Connecticut, but none near our area (Torrington, Waterbury, Fairfield). He stated that Danbury is seeking such a designation for its Plumtrees Road training facility from the Legislature, and is asking for HVCEO support of this action.

Chief Herald then distributed a letter to each municipal representative requesting their signature on a petition to the state in support of the designation. 2A

Chief Herald stated that surrounding municipalities are already using the Danbury training facility, there is an obvious mutual advantage for area fire departments to work together, and that Danbury's policy would be to expand such regional cooperation after the state designation of regional training facility is obtained. A regional oversight board is planned.

As an example of current intertown cooperation he noted that Danbury calls upon Ridgefield for fire emergency support assistance about 25 to 30 times per year. Also that in recent years the current Danbury training facility has provided training to thirteen neighboring communities. Having a regional school would allow all the departments in the area to have a better working relationship, Chief Herald said, also that this on-going cooperation will save each municipality both time and money.

Some practical advantages of the state designation are that state grants for capital improvements and training programs may be received, and state training teams are more available for visits to our area.

The presentation was followed by considerable discussion of the proposal. Then on a motion made by Joe Borst and seconded by Bob Burke, it was voted unanimously to place HVCEO on record as in support of the proposal, request each member to sign the petition on behalf of their respective towns, and place this item on the HVCEO Legislative Agenda for discussion at the legislative breakfast on 12/5. Chief Herald was then thanked by the chair and members for his visit.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

There was discussion by Dave Hannon of a DEMHS memo he distributed from Thomas Varnini concerning the upcoming 11/10/2008 semiannual meeting of the DEMHS Area 5 Emergency Regional Planning Team, that team comprised of municipal chief elected officials. The memo outlined a "Proposed Operating Structure for the Regional Emergency Operations Plan" which will recognize the supplemental role of emergency planning on the basis of regional planning organization boundaries, this action favorable to us.

There was also a discussion of the DEMHS request to municipalities for approval of resolutions for emergency management and homeland security grants.

GREATER DANBURY HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT

The draft report on this subject was presented by Richard Harrall and Michael Looney of Harrall, Michalowski Associates in Branford. The same presentation will be given by them to the Danbury Housing Partnership on November 6.

Copies of the report were distributed to members for their review and comment, with additional copies being mailed to planning commissions, housing partnerships and housing authorities.

UPDATE OF REGIONAL PLAN: CHAPTER ON THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

Jon Chew made a PowerPoint presentation on this draft Regional Plan chapter. Copies were distributed for members review and return. Members discussed some of the points presented and advised as to review procedures with town staffs.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Education Committee

Meeting minutes

October 23, 2008 – 19:00

Wethersfield Fire Department
Company #3, Kelleher Court

The meeting was called to order at 19:16 with the following representatives present:

Burrville Fire School – Richard Winn, Robert Norton, Jr.
Eastern Connecticut Fire School – Al Hawkins, Les Shull, Eric Deschamps
Fairfield Regional Fire School – Chris Tracy
Hartford County Regional Fire School – Chet Haber, Mike Jepeal
Middlesex County Fire School - Fred Dudek
New Haven Fire Academy – Chuck Howitt
Stamford Regional Fire School – Tony Conte
Valley Fire Chiefs' Regional Fire School - Peter Wols, Jr.
Wolcott State Fire School - Paul Perrotti, Steve Veneziano
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – Rich Nicol
Connecticut State Firefighters Association - Charles Stankye, Jr., Scott Potter
Connecticut Fire Academy – Jeff Morrissette
Guest: Don Ouillette - Ct. Department of Public Works
Guest: Mark Omasta - Danbury Fire Department

Minutes of the September meeting were distributed. Chief Herald was omitted from the attendance list for the September meeting. Motion by Chet Haber seconded by Rich Nicol to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion Carried.

1. Status of properties acquisitions

Eastern Connecticut Fire School - Don indicated that there had been some correspondence via email between personnel from D.P.W. and Rogers Corporation. Everything seems to be on track for the property transfer. This will probably take place spring of 2009.

Valley Fire Chief's Regional Fire School - The sales agreement for purchase of the Beacon Falls property has been forwarded to O.P.M. for review. This could be ready for action at the December bond commission meeting.

Hartford County School - Still remaining question about additional acreage in order to accommodate the project. Commissioner Curtis indicated that the additional one quarter acre shouldn't be a problem. Tectron has a contract for the Hartford design. They had promised a sketch in six weeks. More than six weeks has passed and there is still no sketch.

2. Other projects status

New Haven Regional Fire Academy - Design CDs are complete. Du Bose Associates has turned over all of their documentation on the project. The Engineer is two months behind schedule with the pre construction documents. The project won't be ready for bond commission action until well into 2009.

Burrville and Fairfield schools - Mid November for advertisement for "criteria architect" to facilitate the design-build process. D.P.W. has begun to utilize the design-build process for other projects.

Chris Tracy commented favorably on his experiences with the design-build process.

Jeff Morrissette reported that he has received some questions about the five year plan from personnel from O.P.M.

3. Other items from membership

Bonding bill - The general opinion of those present is that we should lobby for the additional \$40 million for the 2009 legislative session. This committee needs to line up sponsors and co-sponsors.

Peter Wols asked if we thought that the \$40 million would be enough.

Don Ouillette responded that he felt that the project could be successfully completed with the additional \$40 million.

Paul Perrotti introduced Steven Veneziano as the new Director of Training for the Wolcott School.

Because of the state deficit there is a proposal to eliminate \$200,000 from the firefighter training funds. This would require special legislation. Jeff Morrisette reported that of the Firefighter I students certified during this past fiscal year, 400 of them never sought reimbursement through the training account. That equates to \$100,000. There were less than 800 firefighters certified to the Firefighter I level. Less than half have applied for and received the reimbursement funds from this account. Jeff also reported that the money allocated for the recruit school was near 100% utilized by municipalities. Under the current system the reimbursement must be paid out within one year of certification.

Jeff also reported that the CFPC web site will include information on the progress testing for Haz-Mat Operational Certification level. Mike Jepeal noted that the practical skills testing process is working quite well. There was a brief discussion about the logistics of the hazardous materials testing.

There was also a discussion about class A building construction. Most engineering firms dealing with burn building construction are recommending that lining systems should only be installed at the ceiling and should not extend down the walls. The wall application of these systems seems to hold too much heat in the burn room for the safety of the trainees.

Mark Omasta asked the committee how the members viewed the attempt by Danbury to become a regional fire school.

Chris Tracy made a motion that this committee resolve to support the effort by Danbury Fire Department because: 1. the Danbury region is not well served by the existing system of regional fire schools. 2. the fire service demographic in the Danbury area needs reasonable access to a training facility 3. since the Danbury Fire Department has made their facility available for regional use they should have access to state budgetary support. Chet Haber seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous support.

4. Next meeting date

December 4, 2008 at Wethersfield Company #3

Submitted by Al Hawkins

BROOKFIELD VOL. FIRE. DEPT.
Candlewood Company, Inc.

P.O. BOX 296
BROOKFIELD, CT 06804-0296
(203) 775-2440

Gary Gramling
Chief of Department

Stephen O'Reilly
President



December 10, 2008

Chief Geoff Herald
Danbury Fire Department
19 New Street
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear Geoff,

Enclosed are two (2) signed letters in support of the State Regional Fire School in the City of Danbury.

One letter is signed by myself and Mr. Robert Silvaggi, our First Selectman, and the other letter is signed by Chief Joseph Frengs, Brookfield Fire Company and Mr. Silvaggi.

Sorry it took so long!

Happy Holidays to you, your officers and firefighters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Gary Gramling". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Gary Gramling, Chief

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Where as the State has encouraged regionalization to assure better use of resources and

Where as the State has passed the Intrastate Mutual Aid System, Public Act 07-56 and

Where as establishing this Danbury facility will contribute to the safety and well being of our region, communities and citizens we do support and encourage this petition.

Date: 10/22/08

Fire Department:

Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department
Candlewood Company Inc.

Chief: Gary Gramling

Gary Gramling

Municipality:

Brookfield

Chief Elected official:

Robert G. Silvey

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Fire Department:

Brookfield Fire Company

Chief: Joseph Francis Jr

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Municipality:

Brookfield

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Robert G. Silveira

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Date: 11/1/08

Fire Department:

Stony Hill Vol Fire Dept.

Municipality:

Bethel

Chief:

Kenneth R. Lawrence

Chief Elected official:

Robert E. Burke

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Date: 2/6/09

Municipality: Roxbury

Chief Elected official: Barbara Henry

The Bridgewater Fire Department, Inc.

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(860) 354-5967

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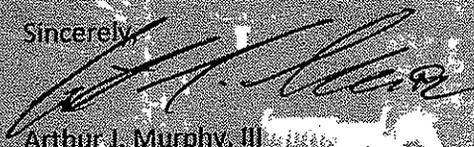
October 15, 2008

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department, I would like to express our support in the recognition of the City of Danbury Fire Training Facility as a State Regional Fire School. We appreciate Chief Herald's work in opening the fire school to benefit the greater Danbury area. In a small volunteer department the hardest thing to do is find time to train. Having a training facility ten minutes away as opposed to forty-five minutes away will allow for more frequent and convenient training. It says a lot that the area's biggest career fire department is opening its doors to the area volunteers and we need to take advantage of the opportunity.

We look forward to supporting and using Danbury's facility in the future. We urge you to support Danbury Fire in reaching this goal.

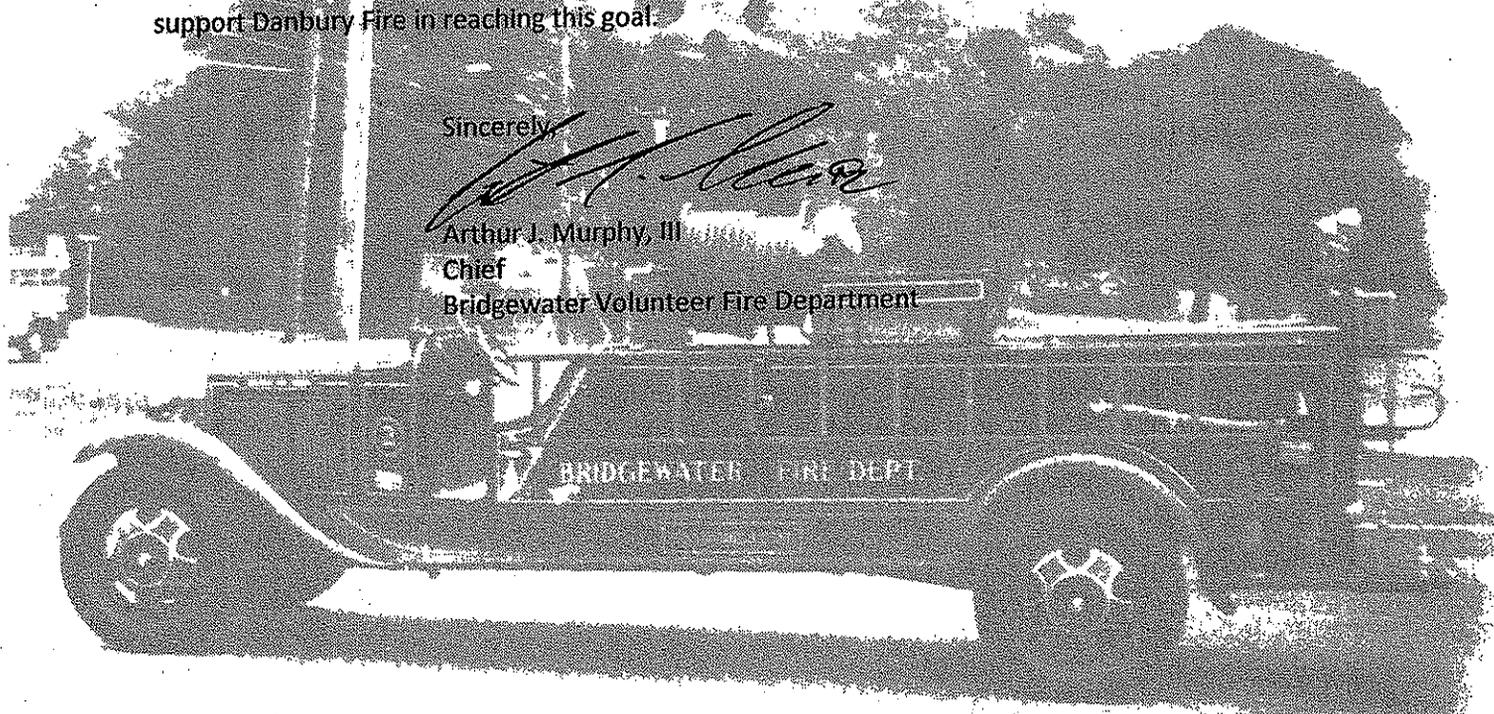
Sincerely,



Arthur J. Murphy, III

Chief

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department



BRIDGEWATER FIRE DEPT

BRIDGEWATER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

100 MAIN STREET SOUTH

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Date: 10-14-08

Fire Department:

Bridgewater Fire

Chief:

[Signature]

Arthur J. Murphy, Jr.

Municipality:

Bridgewater

Chief Elected official:

[Signature]

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Date: 10/17/08

Municipality: Ridgefield

Chief Elected official: Randy M...

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Date: 10/17/2008

Municipality: Sherman

Chief Elected official:

Andrea Conner

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Date: 10/21/08

Fire Department:

NFVFD

Municipality:

Chief:

E.M. [Signature]

Chief Elected official:

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Date: 10/7/08

Fire Department:

Georgetown Volunteer Fire Co.
6 Portland Avenue
PO Box 544

Georgetown CT 06829-0544
Chief:

Michael Hebeck Chief

Municipality:

Georgetown Fire District

Chief Elected official:

[Signature] Commissioner

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Date: 10/6/08

Fire Department:

Sandy Hook Vol Fire + Rescue

Municipality:

Newtown

Chief:

Bill Halstead
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Chief Elected official:

Joseph E. Brist

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Date: 10/4/2008

Fire Department:

Botsford Fire/Reserve

Municipality:

Chief:

Wayne [Signature]

Chief Elected official:

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Date: 10/8/06

Fire Department: Bethel Volunteer F.D. Municipality: Town of Bethel

Arthur F. Ingram

Robert E. Burke

Chief:

[Signature]

Chief Elected official:

Robert E. Burke

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Date: 10/28/08

Fire Department:

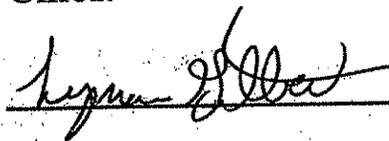
Municipality:

Southbury Volunteer Firemens Association

Southbury, CT

Chief:

Chief Elected official:





LYMAN GILBERT

MARK A.R. COOPER

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Date: 30 Sept 08

Fire Department:

City of Danbury

Municipality:

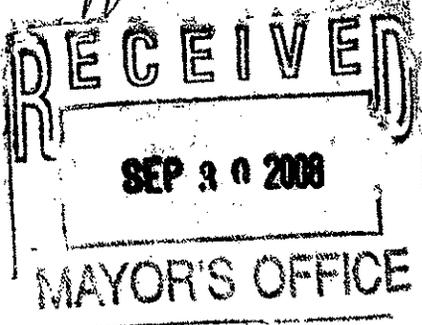
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February 6, 2009

Geoffrey R. Herald
Fire Chief
City of Danbury Fire Department
19 New Street
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: State Regional Fire School

Dear Chief Herald;

Thank you for informing me of your desire to have the City of Danbury Fire Training Facility designated as a State Regional Fire School.

I fully support the need to have such a facility in this area. A regional fire school, will support the needs of the local communities in an effort to respond more effectively and efficiently together to emergency situations. Such a facility will promote the collective efforts of the local communities and provide an opportunity for essential collaboration among emergency response agencies in this area of the state.

I appreciate Danbury's willingness to step up to address this unmet need. We have always enjoyed a tremendous working relationship with the Danbury and Ridgefield Fire Departments and understand the benefits achieved from mutual training and collaboration. I am confident that a Regional Fire School will provide a venue through which many local communities can benefit from the interaction and exchange of ideas that this training center will facilitate.

I strongly support this effort and believe the greater Danbury community and our region of the state will benefit from it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary McConnell-Meachen".

Mary McConnell-Meachen
Executive Director, Environmental Affairs & Safety



January 6, 2009

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Fire Chief
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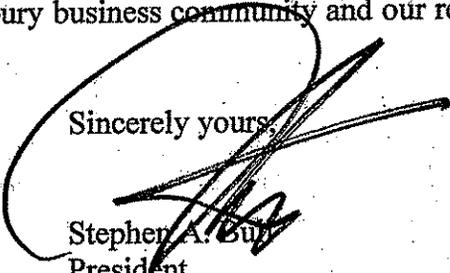
Dear Chief Herald:

I am writing to express the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce's strong support for designation of the City of Danbury Fire Training Facility as a State Regional Fire School. This designation would provide additional capability to the Danbury facility in the training of emergency responders in our region.

The designation of Danbury's facility as a State Regional Fire School will offer greater opportunity for collaboration between responding agencies in this portion of the state. It will also provide more effective, efficient training for these fire responders.

This proposal will assist organizations with direct public safety responsibilities. It is also clearly in the best interests of the greater Danbury business community and our region of the state as well.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen A. Sullivan
President

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January 19, 2009

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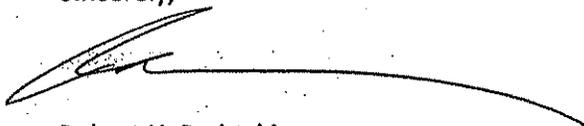
Dear Chief Herald,

Thank you for your letter informing me of your desire to have the City of Danbury Fire Training Facility designated as a State Regional Fire School.

I think this is an excellent idea, and I enthusiastically support it. The Danbury Fire Department has demonstrated to us its skill and professionalism on several occasions and so I am confident that would do a great job managing such a school.

As you know, Bedoukian Research has donated \$50,000 toward the Danbury Fire training facility because we understand its importance. Using the facility and personnel for the training of regional emergency responders would greatly benefit the community and the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Bedoukian
President

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Frank J. Kelly
President and Chief Executive Officer

January 19, 2009

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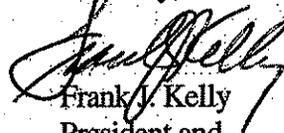
Dear Chief Herald:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated January 8, 2009 regarding the petition of support for a Danbury regional training facility to be shared by our area emergency services providers.

Mutual aid and partnering with others in the public safety community and beyond through the exchange of knowledge, skills and abilities in a training atmosphere is a best practice that has proven results.

The multi-faceted training and exercise activities that are to be conducted in a collaborative atmosphere that you describe in your letter will likely yield better preparedness for large fire related incidents that may occur in our community. As such, regional response and coordination of emergency services activities including continuing training and education is an initiative that we support.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Kelly
President and
Chief Executive Officer



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
JAMES W. SCHMOTTER, PH.D

January 13, 2009

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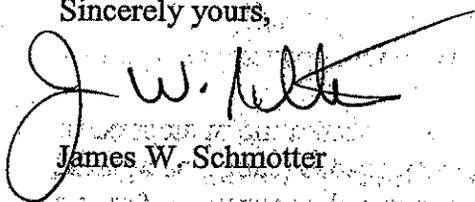
Dear Chief Herald:

I am writing to express my support for designation of the City of Danbury Fire Training Facility as a State Regional Fire School. This designation, as I understand it, would provide additional capability to the Danbury facility in the training of emergency responders in our region.

As we have learned in emergency management simulations that we at Western Connecticut State University have conducted with Danbury's Fire and Police Departments and other agencies (and as NIMS practices indicate), coordinated responses are essential to effective emergency management. The designation of Danbury's facility as a State Regional Fire School will offer greater opportunity for collaboration between responding agencies in this portion of the state. It will also provide more effective, efficient training for these fire responders.

This proposal will assist organizations with direct public safety responsibilities, such as we at Western. It is also clearly in the best interests of the greater Danbury community and our region of the state as well. It has my strong endorsement.

Sincerely yours,



James W. Schmotter

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February 6, 2009

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RE: Support of State Regional Fire School

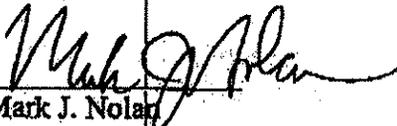
Dear Chief Herald:

I am writing this letter in support of having the City of Danbury Fire Training Facility designated as a State Regional Fire School.

As a landlord in the greater Danbury area, I understand the need for our emergency responders to be continually updated with new technology and to stay abreast of current training techniques.

If I can be of any other assistance, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,
NOLAN ENTERPRISES

By 
Mark J. Nolan