

TRUMBULL CENTER FIRE DISTRICT

860 WHITE PLAINS ROAD

TRUMBULL, CONN. 06611



Annual Meeting Minutes May 19, 2026

Opening:

The Annual District Meeting of the Trumbull Center Fire District was called to order at 7:04pm, by Chairman Riggs.

Present:

- Ed Riggs, Chairman
- Alex Relkin, Commissioner
- Tom Dufficy, Commissioner
- Pat McCarty, Commissioner
- Paul Ruskay, Commissioner
- Sandra Mulligan, Tax Collector
- Teri Sclafani, Treasurer
- Rich Gregory, Chief
- Dave Tiago, Operations Manager

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order @ 7:04 pm, 3 attendees
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Riggs
- Moment of Silence for members who have passed
- Reading of Legal Notice by Chairman Riggs
 - Motion to accept Legal Notice as presented, by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor.
- Chief's Report – Presented by Rich Gregory, Chief (see attached)
 - Motion to accept Chief's Report as presented, by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor.
- Election of District Commissioners – Nominations made at April meeting:
 - Tom Dufficy for the term of 3 years, ending June 30, 2029;
 - Paul Ruskay for the term of 3 years, ending June 30, 2029.
- Motion for secretary to cast one ballot per nominee, made by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor. Tom Dufficy and Paul Ruskay have both accepted their respective positions and all in favor.

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- Adoption of the Budget
 - Tax Collection Report: motion to accept report as presented, made by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor.
 - Treasurer's Report: motion to accept report as presented, by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor.
 - Proposed Budget: motion to accept report as presented, by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor.
 - Anticipated Revenue: motion to accept report as presented, by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor.
- Setting of the Mill Rate: proposed mill rate of 1.33
 - Motion to accept, by E Riggs, second by A Relkin, all in favor.
- Vote on resolution to approve the District's 2026/27 operating budget
 - Motion to accept, by E Riggs, second from A Relkin, all in favor.
- Any Other Action
 - Resolution #1 - firefighter vehicle tax incentive program, presented by P McCarty (see attached); motion to adopt, by A Relkin, second from P Ruskay. All in favor.
 - Resolution #2 - firefighter fire tax incentive program, presented by P McCarty (see attached); motion to adopt by E Riggs, second from A Relkin. All in favor.
 - Motion to adjourn, by A Relkin, second from T Dufficy, all in favor.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm by Chairman Riggs. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00pm on June 2, 2026.

Minutes submitted by: S Mulligan, Secretary

Approved by: Trumbull Center Fire District Commissioners

TRUMBULL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., NO. 1, INC.

860 WHITE PLAINS RD.



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05/19/2026

Annual Report to Trumbull Center Fire District

Total alarms for 2025 was **651**, which is **61** calls less the previous year.

Year	2024	2025	Decrease
Alarms	712	651	61

Of the **651** alarms, **429** were in the Trumbull Center Fire District. Trumbull Center provided automatic aid to Long Hill **147** times, and Nichols **73** times. Out of town mutual-aid was provided to our surrounding communities **3** times. The decrease in alarms is attributed to the fact that there were no significant call producing weather events in that timeframe.

Notable incidents include a fatal structure fire in February of 2025 and a fatal tree cutting accident on White plains road.

With a steady increase of critical incidents, members from Long Hill, Trumbull Center, and Nichols have created the "Trumbull Fire Department Peer Support Team" and have been crucial in debriefing critical incidents while promoting firefighter mental health.

Over the past calendar year, we have increased our certification levels through the State of Connecticut Commission of Fire Prevention and Control: 4 members achieved firefighter I and are working to achieve firefighter II.

Members continue to train on a weekly basis improving their skills in structural firefighting, vehicle rescue, as well as engine, truck, and rescue company operations. The department has also contracted with Mission CIT, a third party fire service training company, further diversifying our training.

The Junior member training program continues to be a success. This program was launched and piloted by Firefighter Rocco Umbro and continues to grow with the support of our Officers and Senior Firefighters.

Our live-in program (comprised of fire science students from the University of New Haven) continues to provide round-the-clock staffing during the school calendar semester. I am pleased to report that one of our members will be interning locally and will continue to reside at station 2 throughout the summer.

Most importantly there were only minor injuries to firefighters at alarms or drills which resulted in no loss of time. Additionally, we have had 100% of our personnel who remain active have performed the minimum OSHA state training requirements, SCBA fit testing and firefighter physicals.

Our fire officers have again managed to meet NFPA requirements for PPE including all of our suppression personnel gear, the SCBA flow tests and air bottle hydrostatic testing. I would like to personally thank firefighter Megan Morra (SCBA liaison), Emily Shea (health and safety/fire reporting and statistics), and district Dave Tiago (district operations) for all of their hard work supporting our mission of compliance.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank the Fire Commissioners who continue to support the efforts of the members of the Trumbull Volunteer Fire Company both financially, and with their labor to provide the infrastructure, apparatus, and equipment needed to provide continuous and professional fire protection to the stakeholders of the district.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Gregory Jr.
Chief of the Department

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TRUMBULL
CENTER FIRE DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIREFIGHTER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX INCENTIVE
PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDING APPROVAL BY THE DISTRICT VOTERS**

WHEREAS, the Trumbull Center Fire District desires to attract and retain qualified firefighters to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, providing a targeted tax incentive for active firefighters is an effective way to encourage recruitment and retention of dedicated personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined it is in the best interest of the District to establish a Motor Vehicle Tax Incentive Program for eligible firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the program requires that participating firefighters meet specific eligibility criteria established by the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Trumbull Center Fire District as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the establishment of a **Firefighter Motor Vehicle Tax Incentive Program** pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth below.
2. Under this program, the District shall pay the motor vehicle taxes for **one eligible vehicle** per active firefighter from an appropriate line item in the annual Fire District budget.
3. **Eligibility Requirements:** To qualify for the incentive, a firefighter must:
 - o Be an active member of the Trumbull Volunteer Fire Company #1 Inc.; and
 - o Have their legal name appear as the registered owner on the Town of Trumbull motor vehicle tax bill for the qualifying vehicle.
4. The incentive is limited to **one vehicle per eligible firefighter** per tax year.
5. The Board of Commissioners shall develop and adopt written administrative guidelines and procedures to implement and oversee this program, including verification of eligibility, annual certification requirements, and any additional limitations or conditions deemed necessary.
6. This Resolution and the proposed Firefighter Motor Vehicle Tax Incentive Program shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Trumbull Center Fire District for their approval at the Annual Meeting (or a Special Meeting called for that purpose).

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Trumbull Center Fire District as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the establishment of a **Firefighter Fire Tax Incentive Program** pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth below.
2. Under this program, the District shall pay the fire tax (fire district portion of the property tax) for eligible active firefighters from Fire tax surplus.
3. **Eligibility Requirements:** To qualify for the incentive, a firefighter must:
 - o Be an active member of the Trumbull Center Fire District; and
 - o Either (a) reside within the boundaries of the Trumbull Center Fire District, or (b) reside within the Town of Trumbull with their name appearing as a homeowner on the property tax records for the qualifying residence.
4. The Board of Commissioners shall develop and adopt written administrative guidelines and procedures to implement and oversee this program, including verification of eligibility, annual certification requirements, and any limitations or conditions deemed necessary.
5. This Resolution and the proposed Firefighter Fire Tax Incentive Program shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Trumbull Center Fire District for their approval at the Annual Meeting (or a Special Meeting called for that purpose).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recommends approval of this Firefighter Fire Tax Incentive Program by the District voters.