

**TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
SAFETY COMMITTEE
Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the Town of Southington Safety Committee was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, Southington, Connecticut.

Members present: John Weichsel, Fire Chief Harold Clark, John DeGioia, Dave Lapreay, Richard Lopatosky, James Paul, Mark Sciota, Capt. Gregory Simone, Police Chief Jack Daly, Cindy Wall and Steven Wlodkowski.

Others present: John Kauffman, CIRMA Sr. Risk Management Consultant

Members absent: Mark Beal and Domenic Perone

- I. Roll Call:** Chairman John Weichsel called the meeting or order at 1:30 pm. Quorum was confirmed.
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting:** Mark Sciota made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting as submitted; seconded by Fire Chief Clark. Carried unanimously.
- III. Old Business:** None.
- IV. Review of Accidents and Corrective Action:** Injury reports number 18 through 37 were reviewed.

#10-18 Firefighter was advised about working near soot and ashes. He was wearing his helmet and gear. They do have face shields and goggles. He's back to work.

#10-19 A patrolman was bitten by a 17 year old suspect while making an arrest. We know in the future she's a biter. She was arrested on both counts. No time lost. Back to work.

#10-20 A patrolman was bitten while making an arrest. Officer completed his shift.

#10-21 A police cruiser struck by a third party. Officer lost 32 days of work but is back at work now because of a neck injury.

#10-22 Police altercation on bike trail. Left lower leg injury. No lost time from work.

#10-23 Routine back pull. Person advised about lifting and a truss. Employee out of work. CIRMA suggested an investigation be done to see if employee is capable of performing the job description.

#10-24 Chief Clark advised the employee was advised about wearing hearing protection. Everyone will be provided hearing protection and instruction. No time lost from work.

#10-25 An autistic child was crawling on the floor during a program. Employees have been advised to be watchful in the future. No time lost from work.

#10-26 Employee injured lower back while moving a TV at transfer station. Employee was advised to seek help when moving heavy items at the transfer station. No lost time.

#10-27 Fireman at motor vehicle accident stepped in a hole and twisted his ankle. He was out for a day or two and came back with no permanent disability.

#10-28 Officer lost control of cruiser on Meriden Avenue/Belleview Avenue. Cruiser did a 180 degree spin. Complained of upper back and neck pain. Lost no time from work and the matter was taken care of administratively.

- #10-29 Officer doing off duty construction assistance observed road rage incident. He attempted to assist and while doing so twisted his knee. No time lost from work. He worked the rest of that road construction job and came to work that afternoon for his shift.
- #10-30 Highway employee attempted to free a rock in the tailgate of the truck and got his thumb broken. He's back to work now after doing some light duty work around the shop.
- #10-31 No lost time from work. Injured thumb. All firefighters were reminded they have to report injuries.
- #10-32 Policeman injured is back trying to subdue a very large person they were transporting for treatment. No time lost.
- #10-33-Truck driver slipped off ladder and fell and scraped his elbow and injured his lower back. No lost time.
- #10-34 Carpal tunnel pain. CIRMA will take a look at the work station and make suggestions.
- #10-35 Highway employee stepped on a grate in the garage and twisted ankle and fell against truck. Out of work for two weeks. Area with the grate has been filled in and eliminated.
- #10-36 Result of motor vehicle accident when cruiser was struck in the rear by another vehicle. Officer currently out of work. Will report after his doctor's next appointment.
- #10-37 Ambulance call. Possible exposure to TB. No time lost from work. Follow up routinely will be done with physician.

V. New Business – None

VI. Miscellaneous – CIRMA Representative Kauffman suggested getting together with the administration to discuss programs the Town could take advantage of for the police department, fire department and public works department.

VII. Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion was made by Mark Sciota to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Richard Lopatosky. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gianoni
Acting Secretary