



## *North Stonington, Connecticut*

### **Emergency Services Operations Committee special meeting**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Dial: 1.646.558.8656**

**Meeting ID: 501 572 362**

1. Meeting called to order at 4:07pm

Attendees: Tricia Cunningham, Carl Johnston, Jim Tuttle and Sarah Nelson, Charlie Steinhart joined at 4:50

2. Approval of April 22<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Motion called by Carl Johnston to approve the minutes from April 22, seconded by Jim Tuttle and unanimously approved.

3. Review Committee Scope

- Aligned on demographic data points for benchmarking of other town services
- Benchmarking Guidelines
  1. Sample size target: 5 CT Towns + 2 – 3 Outside of CT for reference
  2. Focus on towns with similar demographics
  3. Focus on towns in NE that have similar cost of living
  4. Account for any out of state difference (ie. state funding)

4. Improvement Opportunities

- Benchmarking – Identify towns with the following demographics.
  - Fire Department
    - Town population
    - Town square mileage
    - Population per square mile
    - Towns staffed by volunteers (entirely and with partial staff augmentation)



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- Towns with only one central fire station
- Towns without or limited city water
- Departments with similar calls per year
- Towns with similar fire load
- Towns location related to the interstate
- Towns with high hazard traffic (ie. Casino)
- Department budget
- Ambulance Department
  - Town population
  - Town square mileage
  - Population per square mile
  - Towns with similar age demographic
  - Towns staffed by volunteers (entirely and with partial staff augmentation)
  - Departments with similar calls per year
  - Towns location related to the interstate
  - Towns with high hazard traffic (ie. Casino)
  - Department budget

### 5. Next Steps & Actions

- Sarah & Tricia to use Advance CT website to narrow identify ~30 towns of similar demographic for review at next meeting
- Next meeting scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

### 6. Public Comments

- Public comments were made by selectman Robert Carlson

### 7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Jim Tuttle, seconded by Carl, unanimity approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm