



South Fire District

Randolph Road

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

1968-69

Dedication May 18, 1969

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Woodrow Wilson Middle School Band

Sebastian Lombardo, *Director*

COMMISSIONERS

Wilbur G. Batty, *Chairman*

Chauncey J. Copeland

Louis B. Daniels

Sebastian H. LaBella

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Michael P. Milardo, *Chief*

William J. Gallitto, *Ass't Chief*

DRIVERS

Sebastian G. DiMauro

Richard C. Burgess

Anthony P. Catanzaro

Joseph J. Passinese Jr.

VOLUNTEERS

Joseph S. Pagano, Deputy Chief

Michael Salafia, Sr. Capt.

Joseph J. Passinese Sr., Jr. Capt.

Samuel K. Michaels, Sr. Lieut.

John W. Welch, Jr. Lieut.

Anthony V. Spada, Secretary

Arthur T. Schaffrick, Ass't Secretary

Arndt, Robert

Kelly, Michael

Russo, Frank

Borent, Raymond

LaMarre, Howard

Russo, Louis

Bousquet, Paul

Lapadula, George Sr.

Russo, Salvatore

Burgess, Robert

Leone, Sebastian

Rzasa, John

Butler, Robert

Lewis, Richard

Rzasa, Bruno

Caruso, Vincent

Maloney, Robert

Salonia, Salvatore

DiDato, Joseph

McGinley, Ronald

Scionti, Ben

DiModica, Sebastian

O'Connell, John

Spada, Louis

Dunham, Edward

Pandolfo, Anthony

Spencer, Andrew

Festa, Charles

Passinese, Angelo Jr.

Stielau, William

Golba, Bill

Passinese, Mario

Whitmore, Steward

Hall, Francis

Pattavina, Sebastian

Wilson, Wayne

Henderson, James

Pontrelli, Anthony

HISTORY

The South Fire District of the City of Middletown is responsible for Fire Protection in an area of 25 square miles in the South and South-east section of Middletown.

The Department traces its history back to 1915, when as the Russell Fire Brigade, it was organized by Rusco employees primarily to fight fires at the Russell Manufacturing Company. Gradually the role of the brigade expanded and in 1930 a Protective Association was formed for the South District. This Association continued until 1957 as the fire fighting force supported solely by voluntary donations. In that year, a referendum was held in which the residents of the South District voted to form an independent Fire District, financed by a separate fire tax. A five-man Commission was set up.

The Department, headed by Chief Michael P. Milardo, also has five full-time paid men and fifty Volunteer Firemen. It has three grade A. pumpers, two jeeps, station wagon and a fiberglas boat (used in drowning accidents). A one hundred foot aerial ladder truck is on order and should be available by August 1970. One piece of apparatus is at our East Main St. station, adjacent to Russell Division of the H. K. Porter Co., Inc. All other equipment is housed at the new Headquarters Building on Randolph Road.

PROGRAM

INVOCATION Reverend R. Russell Peery

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN Lewis B. Daniels, Jr.

REMARKS Mayor Dooley
Commissioner Chauncey J. Copeland

TOUR OF BUILDING

Refreshments served at conclusion of program

SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wilbur G. Batty, *Chairman*

Augustus Hasbrouck

Edward B. Fillback, *Secretary*

Sebastian H. LaBella

Michael P. Milardo, *Chief*

Sebastian T. Leone

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Sebastian J. Passanesi, A.I.A. Architect

Quinlan & Giannoni, Engineers

Monarca, Aresco, and Mazzotta, Inc., Contractor