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January 24, 2011

Mr. Brian Rooney, Fire Chief
City of Bridgeport, Fire Department
30 Congress Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: Inspection #310789631
41 Elmwood Avenue (structural fire)
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Dear Mr. Rooney:

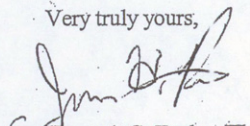
Enclosed you will find citations for violations of Connecticut's Occupational Safety and Health Act which may have accompanying proposed penalties.

Also enclosed is a booklet which explains your rights and responsibilities under the Act. As indicated on page 6 of the booklet, you may request an informal conference with me during the 15-working-day notice of contest period. The informal conference provides an opportunity to resolve disputed matters pertaining to the citations without the necessity of recourse to the contest period litigation process.

Please be advised that when an informal conference is scheduled, it is mandatory that page 3, **Notice To Employees of Informal Conference**, be posted.

If you have any questions about the enclosed citations, penalties, abatement dates, CONN-OSHA program or informal conference, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


Kenneth C. Tucker III
Program Manager

Facility Name: City of Bridgeport Fire Department
Inspection Site: 41 Elmwood Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605
Issuance Date: 01/24/2011

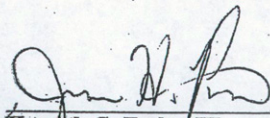
Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number 310789631

Citation 1, Serious = \$ 5000.00
TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES = \$ 5000.00

Please remit payment promptly to this Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above.

Make your check or money order payable to: "Commissioner of Labor". Please indicate CONN-OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

CONN-OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.


Kenneth C. Tucker III
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State of Connecticut
Department of Labor
Division of Occupational Safety & Health
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Wethersfield, CT 06109
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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
Fire Chief Brian Rooney
City of Bridgeport, Fire Department
30 Congress Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Inspection Number: 310789631
Inspection Date(s): 07/28/2010-01/20/2011
Issuance Date: 01/24/2011
CSHO ID: Z1073
Optional Report No. 570

Inspection Site:
41 Elmwood Avenue (structural fire)
Bridgeport, CT 06605

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Act. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violation(s) referred to in this Citation by the date(s) listed and pay the penalty(ies) proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and state holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty you mail a notice of contest to the State of Connecticut, Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of the Citation(s) be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. The Citation(s) must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and state holidays), whichever is longer. **The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.**

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Director during the 15 working day contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal

conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the page 4 Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest - You have the right to contest the Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.

Penalty Payment - Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Labor". Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

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Notification of Corrective Action - For violations which you do not contest, you should notify CONN-OSHA promptly by letter that you have taken appropriate corrective action within the time frame set forth on the Citation(s). Please inform the CONN-OSHA office in writing of the abatement steps you have taken and of their dates, together with adequate supporting documentation, e.g., drawings or photographs of corrected conditions, purchase/work orders related to abatement actions, air sampling results, etc.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 180 days after the discrimination occurred with the CONN-OSHA office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the CONN-OSHA office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and state holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data - You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to your inspection will be available 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at WWW.OSHA.GOV. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Division of Occupational Safety & Health

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 01/24/2011. The conference will be held at the OSHA office located at Division of Occupational Safety & Health, 38 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT, 06109 on _____ at _____. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

State of Connecticut
Department of Labor
Division of Occupational Safety and Health

Inspection Number: 310789631
Inspection Dates: 07/28/2010 - 01/20/2011
Issuance Date: 01/24/2011



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Facility Name: City of Bridgeport Fire Department
Inspection Site: 41 Elmwood Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

31-372-101

Section 31-370(a) of the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Act: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that the employer did not follow their existing Standard Operating Procedures regarding "Maydays".

Location:

(A) Bridgeport Fire Department - 41 Elmwood Avenue

(1) The employer did not follow existing Standard Operating Procedures regarding "Maydays" on July 24, 2010:

Feasible means of abatement:

- (1) The employer should ensure that if "Mayday" calls on the fire ground are in question, clarification should be made onsite ICS and with off site dispatch to ensure the safety of firefighters, including accounting for all firefighters on scene.
- (2) Retrain all employees on existing "Mayday" Standard Operating Procedures.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

03/14/2011
\$ 1000.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

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Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

31-372-101

1910.101(a): The employer did not determine that compressed gas cylinders under his control were in safe condition to the extent that can be determined by visual inspection. Visual and other inspections were not performed as prescribed in the Hazardous Materials Regulation of the Department of Transportation (49 CFR parts 171-179 and 14 CFR part 103). Where those regulations are not applicable, visual and other inspections shall be conducted in accordance with Compressed Gas Association Pamphlets C-6-1968 and C-8-1962, which are incorporated by reference.

Location:

(A) Bridgeport Fire Department

- (1) Hydrostatic testing was not performed on all SCBA air cylinders that were worn by firefighters who perform interior structure firefighting.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

03/14/2011
\$ 1000.00

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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

31-372-101

1910.134(e)(1): Medical evaluations were not provided to employees to determine the employee's ability to use a respirator, before the employee is fit tested or required to use the respirator in the work place:

Location:

(A) Bridgeport Fire Department

- (1) Employer did not ensure that medical evaluations were performed on employees who wear self containing breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/14/2011

Proposed Penalty:

\$ 1000.00

Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious**

31-372-101

1910.134(f)(2): The employer shall ensure that an employee using a tight- fitting facepiece respirator is fit tested at least annually.

Location

(A) Bridgeport Fire Department

- (1) Annual fit testing was not performed on firefighters who wore self contained breathing apparatus while performing interior structure firefighting.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/14/2011

Proposed Penalty:

\$ 1000.00

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Inspection Site: 41 Elmwood Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605

Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

31-372-101

1910.134(g)(4)(iii): The employer did not ensure that each employee engaged in interior structural firefighting operations used SCBAs.

Location:

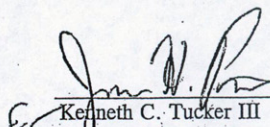
(A) Bridgeport Fire Department - 41 Elmwood Avenue

- (1) The employer did not ensure that all firefighters wore self contained breathing apparatus while performing all aspects of interior structure firefighting on July 24, 2010.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

03/14/2011
\$ 1000.00

SPECIFIC ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION IS
REQUIRED FOR ALL SERIOUS CITATIONS AND ITEMS


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