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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I attended the State of Connecticut Emergency Planning and Preparedness meeting that was held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Golden Street on August 7th. This was a training session for representatives from Public Works, Fire Departments, Board of Education and NPU. Participants received a packet of information from the State of CT along with a resource DVD for future reference in the event of an emergency.

I attended the Special Education Round Table Session and also had the pleasure of participating in the East Great Plains 75th Anniversary Parade.

I met with the Fire Chiefs and staff regarding the Fire Truck specifications for the approved bond. The Mayor and Aldermen Nash and DeLucia were also in attendance. The Mayor and I also met with Bob Mills from NDCD for a monthly update.

I met with the four Battalion Chiefs regarding the transition at the Fire Department when Chief Scandariato retires. The department will be holding a retirement ceremony and reception on Friday, August 31st at Fire Headquarters for Chief "Scan" to wish him well and thank him for his 13 years of service to our City.

Pension negotiations were held for Dispatcher's and will be continued in September.

I received 2 press releases from the U.S. Department of Justice crediting the Norwich Police for their assistance in the guilty plea of a Norwich cocaine distributor and in the sentencing of a New London man for his role in Southeastern CT heroin trafficking ring. Congratulations to the officers that assisted in these cases.

The State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services has notified my office of the approved 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program. My assistant has notified the Norwich organizations that applied of their approval via email. The complete list is available on the States website at www.ct.gov/drs. Businesses wishing to sponsor an approved NAA program must submit their applications directly to the DRS beginning September 15, 2018 through October 1, 2018.

The first Narcan training session for City employees was held on August 7th. Fourteen employees attended and another session is scheduled for August 23rd at City Hall. Additional training sessions will be held for interested Norwich organizations and can be requested through the Norwich Youth and Family Services Department.

Otis Library will be hosting a Digital Bookmobile at Brown Park on Tuesday August 28th from 10 am to 4 pm. This high-tech bookmobile tours Norwich America and is a community outreach vehicle for public libraries and schools to promote their digital catalog of eBooks, audio books and streaming video to their communities. The event is free to host and attend and all are invited.