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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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The purchase orders have been issued for the 5 fire trucks for the City's Volunteer Fire Departments. The amount is within the 3.2 million bond approved by voters in 2017.

I announced the appointment of veteran Firefighter Tracy Montoya as the City's new Fire Chief after a detailed and extensive process. Tracy's Swearing-In Ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 in Council Chambers with a reception immediately following in Room 335. Chief Montoya is a 27 year veteran of the department and was the top candidate out of 19 applicants. I am looking forward to working with him in his new capacity as Fire Chief.

I attended the Board of Directors meeting at Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), and the monthly Southeastern CT Council of Governments and SEAT meetings. I also had the pleasure of attending the 34th Anniversary Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Luncheon that was held at Norwich Free Academy.

The Human Resources Department has scheduled mandatory *Reasonable Suspicion Training* sessions for employees in a supervisory capacity. Four sessions have been scheduled for the last week of January.

Norwich Youth & Family Services was awarded a \$7,000 grant through Norwich Public Schools Extended School Hours Funding. They will partner with the Norwich Police Department for the second year to create opportunities for students to build positive relationships with the Police and the community. The full press release is posted on the City's website.

The Norwich Police Department has issued a community survey with the help of the National Police Foundation and the National Law Enforcement Applied Research & Data Platform. The survey is intended for all Norwich community members and will help provide the Norwich Police Department with important data related to community engagement. All responses are kept confidential and it will be on the website until April 13, 2019.

The School Facilities Committee survey is also on the City's website. They are still looking for input from the community on the priorities for the future educational facilities in the City. The survey is also on the Board of Education's website.

The City's Lock Box tax payments as of Friday, January 18th were 840 payments totaling \$1,107,410.87. Payments at Norwich People's Bank branches were 160 payments totaling \$215,627.11. This produces shorter lines at the Tax Office and allows the City to invest the money more quickly.

I have attached the Department Head Reports with the addition of a report from Norwich Community Development Corporation (NDCD) for quarter ending December 31, 2018.