



**SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
445 Randolph Road
Middletown, CT 06457**

June 12, 2020

To all South Fire District Residents,

As you may recall, the previously scheduled Special Election to fill a Commissioner vacancy was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this point in time, we feel a pressing need to move forward with the Special Election so as to allow the Board to operate at full capacity. After careful consideration, during the regular meeting of June 8, 2020, we voted to reschedule the Special Election. However, in light of the widespread practice of social distancing and the fire house being temporarily closed to the public, we were yet again challenged with finding a way to hold the election while maintaining our commitment to protect the health and safety of our staff and residents, but also to continue to allow your important voice to be heard.

The Special Election will be held on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020 from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** at the fire house, however in a modified way. Eligible voters will cast their ballots at a vehicle drive-thru style election, as follows:

- Voters will enter the back parking lot via Randolph Road, where they will be directed to the designated spot to cast their ballot. A tent will be set up for protection from possible inclement weather.
- Voters will stop at the designated spot where a poll worker will check a proper form of identification.
- Voters will be handed a ballot and a pen. Voters will need to remain in their vehicles while they fill out their ballot. Marked ballots will be handed to a poll worker who will insert the ballot into the electronic voting machine within eyesight of each voter.
- After the ballot is cast, voters will exit the parking lot via Lee Street.
- Poll workers will clean and sanitize each piece of equipment a voter handled while casting a ballot and will wear personal protective equipment including masks and gloves.
- Signage and safety cones will be used to help direct traffic.

A legal notice outlining important details of the voting process, including voting by absentee ballot, will be published in the Hartford Courant and in the Middletown Press on 6/16/20. It will also be posted on our website, www.southfiredistrict.com, and on the South Fire District Facebook page.

Thank you for your understanding and trust during these extraordinary times. Stay safe, stay healthy, and feel free contact us at sfdadmin@southfiredistrict.com with any questions and/or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

Mary Bartolotta, Chairwoman
Deborah Kleckowski, Co-Chairwoman
Geen Thazhampallath, Secretary
Sebastian Giuliano, Commissioner

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