

## **HARTSDALE FIRE DISTRICT**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MEETINGS POLICY**

**ADOPTED MARCH 12, 2018**

Members of the Public attending the meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners will have the opportunity to address the Board of Fire Commissioners during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. While the law does not require the Board permit public comment at Board meetings, this Board has traditionally allowed and encouraged input from the public. However, we wish to remind all present that we require all speakers adhere to the following protocols to allow everyone a fair opportunity to be heard and to allow for the efficient operation of the meeting.

The following outlines the policy of the Board.

- Open Meeting Law only requires that the proceedings of the Board of Fire Commissioners be open to public observation.
- During the Public Comment section of the Agenda, the public will have the opportunity to address the Board in a civil manner.
- Speakers will be permitted to speak for no longer than three (3) minutes.
- In most cases, there will be no response from the Board during the Board meeting to keep the meeting moving efficiently.
- If a member of the public has a question, the question should be written on the form provided by the Hartsdale Fire District and submitted to the Fire District Secretary at the close of the open portion of the meeting. The Board of Fire Commissioners will make every effort to respond to submitted questions in a timely manner.