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Bristol Fire Department Promotes Firefighter Alan Rudolewicz to Lieutenant

(BRISTOL, CT) –

At Thursday's Fire Commission meeting, Firefighter Alan Rudolewicz received an official commendation for actions he took on December 2, 2019 when the Bristol Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at 55 Gaylord St. According to the incident report filed by Deputy Chief Mark McCarthy, crews arrived at the 9 story apartment building and made their way to the top floor to investigate. While on the 9th floor additional information was received reporting light smoke and water on the 8th floor.

Firefighter Alan Rudolewicz descended to that location to investigate, finding smoke and water in the area of Apt. 813. Firefighter Rudolewicz communicated his findings to command and entered the apartment to further investigate. At that time, Firefighter Rudolewicz located and removed a victim, dragging him to a safe location in the hallway. Additional crews arrived to continue the search in the apartment and extinguish the remaining fire. Firefighters treated the victim until Bristol EMS arrived. The victim was transported to Bristol Hospital in stable condition with burns. "These quick actions, communications and individual effort by FF Rudolewicz led to a success rescue," noted Acting Chief Robert Poggio.

"Firefighter Rudolewicz has been a strong, contributing member of the Fire Department since the day he was hired," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "And to top off for the week for him, the new Fire Lieutenant promotional list was published today (2-28-2020) and Al is #1 on the list. He will be officially promoted at a special Fire Board meeting on Monday at 6pm, and begin his new duties at Forestville's Engine 3 on Wednesday as part of the D Group platoon."

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