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The Shelton (CT) PD is mourning the death of Sgt. Orville Smith, who died this week from complications from internal injuries he sustained late Saturday night when hit by a drunken driver as he directed traffic. **Sgt. Smith was an long time active member of the Shelton White Hills Fire Co. 5.**

On Sunday, Sgt Smith was doing better, was in very good spirits but then he took a turn for the worse. Smith and his police car were struck by drunk driver while he was directing traffic after a private fireworks event.

Sgt. Smith recently turned 64 and planned to retire next year with 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Smith of Oxford. **We mention this because not only was he a Firefighter-but also that he was "another" police officer struck down by a drunk, no different than a Firefighter could be struck-and has been-while directing traffic. Our sincere condolences.**

REMEMBER THE TOWN THAT LOVED THEIR LIBRARY BUT NOT THEIR FD? How'bout this:

You will recall that in May, we wrote an a SECRET LIST about how the very affluent Town of Westport (CT) voted for the Library budget and not for their FD's needs. Because we know you want to be kept up to speed on stuff like this, last night they voted to NOT support a 1.2 million dollar SAFER grant that would have added 8 firefighters to their department.

HERE is our original TSL on it:

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/news/fullstory/newsid/107913/layout/no>

Here is a follow up that happened last night:

<http://www.westportnow.com/index.php?v2/comments/28895/>

23 FIREFIGHTERS LAYED OFF IN LAWRENCE (MA):

Lawrence laid off 23 firefighters today in the latest move by Mayor William Lantigua to balance the budget. In addition to the layoffs, several fire officers were demoted and the Engine 9 firehouse was closed, the third firehouse in the city that has been shut down due to the city's financial crisis. "Lawrence is a busy city for fire and police," acting fire Chief Brian Murphy said yesterday. "We know it and we've told them, but it fell on deaf ears." The layoffs went into effect at 0800 this morning. Some high-ranking officials were demoted, including one captain to lieutenant and two lieutenants to firefighters.

The city will rely on MUTUAL AID to handle the load. For now.

ON THE OTHER HAND. New Orleans (LA) is hiring 78 Firefighters by using the SAFER Grants they received.

"BLOCKING" FIRE CHIEF PASSES:

You may remember Chief Robert Jenkins of the Rockaway Township (NJ) FD. He was the then deputy fire chief who was arrested and held in handcuffs following an argument with a New Jersey State Police trooper after he refused to move fire apparatus that was blocking/protecting the right lane of Route 80.

The charges were eventually dropped and it worked out with better communication in the end for all.

However, we are now sorry to advise you that the Chief passed away last night from Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) after a courageous two year battle. Chief Jenkins was also a career fire captain of several decades with the Picatinny Fire Department. Our condolences to all affected by his passing.

HERE is more about the initial incident from Curt Varone: <http://firelaw.typepad.com/fire-law/wrongful-arrest/>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

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The Secret List 7-8-10 / 2208 Hours

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