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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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The Host Community Reception Center (HCRC) rehearsal exercise was held on November 3rd at Norwich Technical High School. Along with invited City staff, representatives from Norwich Public Utilities, Norwich Public Schools, Uncas Health, and local city, state and federal organizations participated in the event. The HCRC will then hold an evaluated exercise on November 17th at the same location. These events are required by the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection (DESPP), the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), FEMA and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission since Norwich is a host community in the event of a nuclear emergency.

I attended the monthly SECOG and NCDC meetings. Staff and I met with the Golf Course Authority regarding budget items. I also held my monthly Department Head and Fire Chief meetings.

Negotiations continue with the City Hall Union.

The Fire Chief interviews have been scheduled for the end of November and the Fire Truck Bid was opened on November 5th. Six companies submitted bids. The bids will be posted on the City's website as soon as the review is complete.

Norwich Recreation Department held their 1st annual "Trunk or Treat" event at Brown Park on Friday, October 26th with approximately 800 people in attendance. Families and businesses along with the Norwich Police and East Great Plains Fire Department decorated their trunks or vehicles and gave out treats to over 500 children. A DJ provided entertainment and prizes were given out for the best decorated trunks and best and most creative costumes. Thank you to the sponsors and to everyone that donated their time and provided treats and prizes. The Recreation Department was thrilled with the outcome.

A safety training meeting was held on gas safety with representatives from the Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC. City staff included Chief Daley and Lieutenant Jacob Manke, Director of Training and Safety.

The CCM annual convention was held on October 30th and 31st. Staff and I attended several informative workshops and I also attended the Board of Directors meeting and Gubernatorial Debate.

I received notification from the U.S. Department of Justice that the Norwich Police Department assisted with the investigation of a former state judicial marshal who plead guilty to heroin distribution in the Norwich and New London area. Thank you for their assistance.

School tours were given to fifty one 2nd graders from Uncas School and 32 kindergarten students from Mahan School. Thank you to City Clerk, Betsy Barrett, my assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa and the Mayor's Secretary, Bonnie Cuprak for hosting the students and chaperones.