



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Minutes May 28, 2015 Douglas Fire Headquarters, 6:30 p.m.

Called to order by Chairman Coleman at 1900hrs.

Secretary's report had been emailed prior to the meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept. Voted unanimous

Treasurer's report had been emailed prior to the meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept. Voted unanimous

MEMA Update: Kristen and Bruce presented a list of upcoming classes including the EM 101 program for new EM's, and the 2015-16 Exercise Series. Also passed out literature on the Hazard mitigation grant.

DCR Update: Forest Warden Roy Liard advised that with the dry weather conditions to date, the district has responded to 62 brush fires since May 1, 2015. He advised that if any department would like to take a tour of the fire towers to please call and arrange a time.

Committee reports:

Training Committee: Recruit class update. Chief Parsons advised that the FF I/II written exam was taken and the recruit graduation is scheduled for June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at David Prouty High School.

Radio committee: No radio committee members were present. Chief Coleman did advise that he has met with the radio Committee Chairman and they have come up with a plan to finish the Comm Team training. Chief Hamilton will be working on that to finish before summer. Chief Coleman also advised that he will be appointing a Comm Team Committee, similar to the Tech Rescue Committee to oversee the operation of the Comm team and their deployment. More to come at the June meeting.

FCAM Update: Chief Cloutier was not in attendance. Chief Coleman advised that the FCAM meeting was yesterday and they had the installation of the new officers.

Homeland Security: Chief Kochanowski was not in attendance.

Tech Rescue Committee: Chief Bemis advised that they are wrapping up the final paperwork for the Operation BuzzER Exercise. The Final report has been e-mailed to the tech Team for review. The Chairman will e-mail a copy of the final report to the D7 membership. Chief Bemis advised that anyone that has not submitted their reimbursement for the BuzzER drill to contact her and she will assist you. The Tech Committee will be meeting with Team Leaders on June 3rd. to review the report and set a course of action for the summer.

Call Chief's/State Mobilization: Chief Wilson advised that there is nothing to report on the Call Chiefs Committee. He stated that this committee is essentially defunct. The Chairman will be removing this committee report from the monthly agenda until such time there is information to report on. Chief Wilson did provide an update on the 7B task Force activation to Leominster over Memorial Day weekend, both Saturday and Sunday. He said that he would be attending the next mobilization meeting to discuss his concern over the activation of the same group within a 24 hour period. Chief Wilson will provide an update at the June meeting.

EMS Committee: Chief Martell reported that Phillipston will be hosting an EMT-I transition course. For more information contact the Phillipston Fire Department.

Old Business: The chairman reported that the previous Tech rescue Awareness trainings in Sutton and Oxford were very poorly attended. The body decided to cancel the last session that was scheduled for June 15th in Spencer. Instead, the team coordinators will be asked to put together a video of the power point that could be placed on the website for training purposes. The Chairman will follow up with them.

New Business: Captain Wilson from the Leicester Fire Department was in attendance to update us on the SAFE Trailers. He stated that many of the broken items on the trailers have been repaired. They are waiting for some additional information on parts to make additional repairs. The trailers are being housed indoors at a building in Leicester. The Chairman advised that it has been decided that the trailers will remain at the location in Leicester and Leicester Fire department will coordinate the schedule. Any requests for the trailer can be made to Captain Wilson. The Chairman will be looking into the creation of a Google calendar on the district website to facilitate the scheduling of the trailers.

Brief discussion on creating a standardized MAY DAY policy for the district. Chief Zinther will be asked to coordinate and work with the E-Board to make a recommendation to the body at a future meeting.

Good of the Organization: Dive team will be training in Douglas on June 20th from 0800 – 1300 hrs. Training will include a mock activation.

Chairman advised that he will be working on the creation of the District Assist Team (DAT) over the summer. He will be setting the minimum criteria and seeking interested parties. The goal is to have the team up and running by September.

Discussion on placing the district's current standard recommended policies on the website. Those would include the Tech Rescue Teams first due policies as well as the districts Accountability policy. The Chairman will work with IT on that.

Next meeting: Millbury Fire Department, June 25, 2015

Adjourned at 2005 hrs.