



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018 15:10 Auburn Fire Headquarters

Present: Chairman: Chief M. Belsito, Vice-Chairman: Chief R. Parsons, Treasurer: Chief W. Kessler, Secretary: Chief R. Hamilton; Chief M. DiFronzo, Chief S. Coleman, Chief K. Vinson, Chief R. Wilson, Chief M. Lavoie

Central Mass Tech Team Consortium: Meeting held in Westboro, Chairman Belsito will forward the changed agreement with the meeting agenda next week. The group discussed the three districts forming a steering committee to begin talks. Chief DiFronzo brought up the review of SOG's to be sure everyone is working the same way. We also need to discuss how Worcester will fit into the District 7 team. Chairman Belsito said D14 has different minimum requirements. This process will take a while.

Homeland Security Funds FY18: Chairman Belsito update the Board; We will not be attending the "Vigilant Guard" MOBEX. After discussing it at the Homeland meeting and with others, there is just too much going on right now and the commitment to the planning meetings is intense, being several meetings a week. Also discussed, was the Homeland Security outlook of Districts 7, 8, and 14. The low bid for the structural collapse trailers was rejected for not meeting bid specs. It will be awarded to another bidder, probably by May before we see the trailers. Chief DiFronzo is working on getting an active shooter training program first, before we plan a drill, for fire and EMS. After that we can involve the police and school. It could possibly be a train-the-trainer type program.

District Meetings: Chairman Belsito: The response from the Chiefs was to pay for a portion of the meal. Last month the meal was about \$18 per person, discussion was to charge \$10 each and the district could cover the balance. The by-law committee will meet to discuss this and the proposal to allow a captain to be a proxy vote. A presentation about *Facebook Nextdoor*, similar to a CodeRed, will be presented at a meeting. A presentation by FirstNet is scheduled for the next meeting.

Air/ Light Truck: In service at Leicester's new station.

D7 future training opportunities: Dr. Griffin is booked. Brian Sheridan will do a short presentation on the Dive Team at the next meeting. They are working on some other trainings. Per Chief Wilson; Roy Jones is coming in March 21st at 6:00 for a Task Force / Strike Team Leader training, should be 3 to 4 hours long, RSVP to Chief Wilson or Chief DiFronzo. If a Chief sits on a Task Force or Strike Team card they should attend.

District Credit Card / Outside Audit: Per Chief Kessler; paperwork is in process, he is waiting on some additional forms. He also has a company that he trusts to do an audit, that he doesn't do any other business with. Motion by Chief Coleman seconded by Chief DiFronzo; To use Theresa Connor for the Audit: Unanimous.

Mayday Policy / RIT ID bands: Mayday policy completed and sent out by Chief Coleman. Chief Coleman will have RIT band pricing for next Thursday's meeting.

District 7 Explorer Groups: Asst. Chief Silver will give an update at the next meeting.

Regional TIC AFG grant by Worcester: Grant submitted.

Dispatch Names: Millbury, Grafton and Spencer are changing to Fire Alarm, Leicester is not. No update on the others.

Retirements – Bugle Award: Chief Coleman stated he has 4 on order.

Pascoag RI LODD: Chief Kessler gave a summary of the services, Sunday 2 to 6 pm. He discussed coverage with them as some District 7 towns work closely with them. The thought of having a strike team cover was not favored as most towns don't have mutual aid agreements with Pascoag. It was decided the towns that normally respond (Uxbridge, Millville, Douglas and Blackstone) would fill the RI stations and towns within D7 that aren't the normal mutual aid to those that sent cover companies would cover the D7 towns. RI was looking for 4 engines and 1 ladder to cover Harrisville and Oakland-Mapleville. Chief Kessler will co-ordinate the event and send out an IAP.

Active Shooter / Fire Drills: Chief Coleman brought up for discussion the incidents where a fire alarm was pulled during an active shooter incident. Some discussion took place. He will talk with the State Fire Marshal regarding that issue with the Active Shooter training the MFA does.

E-Board Meetings / Chiefs Get-togethers: Discussion held on frequency of meetings and about having some chief only breakfast or lunch gatherings: The group was undecided on the E-Board meetings but were in favor of the chiefs only gatherings. Chairman Belsito to work on both.

Website: Chief DiFronzo; The strike team and task force cards are up-to-date on the D7 website.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Coleman and seconded by Chief Kessler: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 16:20