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District 7 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 13, 2018 14:00 Auburn Fire Headquarters

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

Central Mass Tech Team Consortium: Chairman Belsito updated the board of the team. Tech Bill #S2614 passed. The consortium is going well. Tech team accepted common SOG's. Swiftwater and Dive Team should also work with Districts 8 and 14, a sub-committee should be formed. They discussed a possible deployment to hurricane areas. The group felt they were not ready to go out of the state yet. Chief Coleman asked if there should be a "Central Region Tech" committee. He felt that would make a group to be able to handle any issues. There could be 3 from each district (7, 8 and 14), for a total committee of 9 chiefs to be able to make decisions. Chairman Belsito stated there have been meetings that chiefs from each group have attended. He will bring the idea to the group. Chiefs Parsons mentioned the possible deployment would be a good reason to have a chiefs committee.

Homeland Security: Chairman Belsito update the Board; We will not be attending the Vigilant Guard Mobex. The District also took delivery of some of the structural collapse equipment and trailer, but not all of it. Wide area search training is still up in the air, they are working on it diligently. He asked for thoughts on submitting a PJ for an active shooter drill. Chief Coleman said FCAM has a group working with law enforcement on combined trainings. He felt we should wait until they work it out before we do anything. Chief Normandin stated Homeland is not accepting anymore vehicle requests.

D7 future training opportunities: Chief Vinson: Himself, Chief Coleman, Chief Belsito and Captain Brigham met as a RIT sub-committee to standardize procedures (softening the target, etc.). Chief Coleman added that we have a plan. The RIT train-the-trainer at the MFA has been overhauled. It's a good program but doesn't match the national model. We will host RIT weekend 10/20 and 10/21. Each town should send 2 or 3 of their best, but no chiefs. They will discuss current practices and put together an outline of standard practices. It can be hosted in Auburn. Chief Coleman will send out an E-mail. Chief Vinson stated they are checking on pump training, now that Chief Ford is gone (he had offered to put together some classes). There was also a question in regards to a Lieutenant being on the training committee. The by-laws will be researched by the Secretary.

Outside Audit: Chief Kessler: The audit is going well, they hope to have it ready by the next meeting.

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FCAM: Chief Coleman: discussed an e-mail from Michael Flanagan, MA DLS regarding OSHA. (The Secretary will forward to the district for those that didn't receive it). The whole issue was being discussed to try to work something out before bringing it the Governor for complaint of unfunded mandates. The PATs funding is OK now. Gear extractor program is still being worked on. Update on the FCAM Treasurer status was discussed.

TIC Grant: The thermal imager regional AFG grant submitted by Worcester was denied.

FC-1 Status: Chief Hamilton gave an update, the truck is nearly ready, they've done a great job.

Challenge Coins: Chief Coleman working on it with another other one. He will have the artwork ready by the next general meeting.

Trade Schools: Chief Coleman met with Bay Path. A class can not be held currently. They may be able to have a Fire/Emergency club. This group should be involved with the community. They will use this year as a planning year. Someone can go in and talk with a group of kids. He will try to create a draft syllabus. No one has approached Valley Tech yet.

Para-Tech Training: Chairman Belsito asked if the district would be willing to pay \$2,250 (that would be 100%) or even half the cost of one spot for each Tech Team member for the upcoming Para-Tech training in November (\$150 per spot, 15 team leaders). After discussion it was decided to bring it to the full body for a vote. Chief Kessler was asked to put together a budget.

Structural Collapse Trailer Chevron Striping: Some discussion took place. Chief Hickey will look at the quotes that were done for it and it will be brought back to the next E-Board meeting.

Rescue University: Chairman Belsito is organizing this event. The last one took place many years ago in Walpole. He is hosting one at the Wyman-Gordon Plant in Grafton 10/25 & 10/26/19. The event is coming together, but there will be a cost. They are getting many donations to keep costs down, there will be 10 stations set up. He was looking for District 7 to be a sponsor. He has some sponsors already (IBA is picking up the equipment, United Rentals is donating tents, etc.). Firematic will have a web sign up. First priority will be to District 7 members, then 3 months after it will open to others.

Motion: Chief Coleman seconded by Chief Vinson: For D7 to sponsor the event: Unanimous

Chief Goodale Retirement: After discussion it was determined he didn't retire, he just left Upton.

Strike Team Areas: Chief Kessler brought up staffing problems in the East 2 area. Millville, Mendon and Blackstone can't generally send a piece as requested, properly manned. Discussion followed.

Motion by Chief Parsons and seconded by Chief Coleman: To move Douglas to West 2 and Uxbridge to East 1 and to re-visit it later. Unanimous.

Safe Trailer: Chief Parsons brought up recent issues. We need to discuss procedures. He suggested each winter we ship the trailer to Bullex and have them go through and check everything.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Normandin and seconded by Chief Parsons: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 15:50

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