



# MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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## **District 7 Meeting Agenda May 4, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. Dudley Fire H.Q.**

### **Call to Order – 18:55**

Martin Dyer introduced from Worcester Fire as the new Deputy Chief

### **Secretaries Report**

M – Chief Kochanowski to accept as emailed

S – Chief Belsito

V – Unanimous

### **Treasurers Report**

M – Chief Kochanowski to accept as emailed

S – Chief Belsito

V – Unanimous

### **MEMA Update**

No report

### **DCR Update**

For the month of April – 31 fires 25 class A's 5 Class B's 1 Class C

Excess Property Program – Back on for needs. Contact Chief Liard

## Committee Reports:

- Training

No meetings have been scheduled

Thoughts on outside instructors

Input has been sought – No response – Please respond

If thoughts aren't heard, the committee will review and decide

- Radio

Port Radios with Worc Fire Freq have been issued to Mut Aid Dept and Comm Units

Went to Homeland Sec Council for new FC 1 it is moving through the process. It will be sent to SIEC for review

- FCAM Update

No report

- Homeland Security

Projects have been moving through that have been approved

- Tech Rescue

Structural Collapse training has been completed for D7 / D8. 15 from D 7 hoping for 4 more in the fall class in Western Mass in October

Swift Water Rescue has been completed

June will be LGS Dive Recert for the team

\$50k approved for dive equipment

D7 Tech Comm will be meeting with D8 Tech Comm for upcoming items

Looking to purchase a structural collapse trailer

Sept is the MOBEX drill – Sept 16 8p to Sept 17 8a

Dive team Coord is now FF Brian Sheridan from Auburn

Wide Area search class – 3 day class hoping for Nov / Dec

- State Mobilization

- No meetings
  - Run Cards have been updated
  - Disaster Cards to be sent out and filled

Task Force problem – On May 2, 2017 a request was made from Fitchburg to individual towns for tankers to respond to Princeton. Because of training and education those towns recognized a problem and notified Southbridge (D7 Control) of the request and what to do. Fitchburg then called Southbridge for assistance in getting more tankers. There was confusion as to what type of request was being made. It at some point became a Task Force request. The official procedure was then followed and the proper equipment was assembled and sent to Princeton. In speaking with the coordinators from D8 they had requested from Fitchburg (D8 Control) a strike team from D7. There was also some type of request made by Princeton to D8 Control to get as many tankers as possible. The D8 Coordinators will review the situation and look to correct their process.

- EMS

- No meeting
  - Be reminded of the Carfentynal concerns of exposure

- Communication Team

- Rescheduled training
  - There have been a couple of activations – Things have gone well.

**Old Business:**

Regional Hearing Officer

Please notify Chief Hickey if you have a hearing officer that would like to participate

Homeland request for upgrade to Field Comm 2 radios

All of the equipment and costs have been approved. The request will now be submitted to MAPC to obtain the equipment.

**New Business:**

Vote on Bylaw Changes

After a review by the attorneys, a draft of the bylaw changes was sent (emailed) to all.

**M** – Chief Kochanowski to accept the attorney’s recommendations to change the ByLaw as emailed

**S** – Chief Belsito

**Y** – Unanimous

### Adding Team Leaders to Strike Team cards / Training

Chief DiFronzo recommended having a training program to increase the number of Team Leaders. All in attendance agreed with the idea. The training will be delivered sometime in the fall. It was decided that this training would be for Captains and above.

### Discussion on the old SAFE Trailer

Capt Wilson (Lei) indicates it hasn't been used in 1 ½ years. There are some repairs that are needed. Is looking for direction. The chiefs present requested a cost estimate of the repairs needed to "get up to speed". Once received, a decision will be made as to whether or not to continue.

It was mentioned that DFS may have money for a new trailer. Further research/details are needed.

### MOBEX

Drill is Sept – 100% attendance is expected – Chiefs will be contacted to ensure attendance

### Large Area Search Response

With this request becoming more common, fire chiefs have been asked to assist police agencies. The District has sent the Tech Team with Disaster Strike Team. All chiefs are reminded that this is a police type of incident. Be sure to coordinate all requests and assets with them.

### **Good of the Organization**

Task Force Activation to Princeton – Discussed under Mobilization.

Tech Team was recognized by CMEMSC for Grafton Incident. Chief Bemis accepted and it came with \$100

Tri State Firemen's Meet – Webster May 21, 2017

CMEMSC letter – not sent yet – still coordinating with the other Districts

Legislative Breakfast May 30 in Shrewsbury

FIU for the District – looking for next step. Some Chiefs have shown an interest for a committee. Chair to appoint the committee.

**Next Meeting:** May 25<sup>th</sup>, Sturbridge

**M** – Chief Gannon to adjourn

**S** – Chief Kochanowski

**V** – Unanimous

**Adjourn: 20:14**

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