



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Chiefs Meeting Minutes April 25, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. Auburn/Webster Elks, 754 Southbridge St, Auburn

Call to Order – 19:00 by Chairman Belsito

Pledge of Allegiance

21 in attendance from 13 Towns/Cities and 2 Organizations

Treasurer and Secretary Report

M – Chief Gauthier: to accept both as emailed

S – Chief White

V – Unanimous

MEMA: Kristen Jerome: Hazmat meeting in Leominster June 24th, not many signed up. EMD, extended HMDP to June 4th, 2019 EMPG grant rolling out in the summer, if interested in the Web EOC trainings reach out to her, 2019 All-Hazards Emergency Management Conference in Marlborough June 18th and June 19th, EMD meeting June 22 DFS bringing their drone.

DCR: Roy Liard: Update on fires for the season to date with the largest in Uxbridge, a wet season, hoping to add more patrolmen each year, the administration seems more receptive to it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Training: No report
- Radio: No meeting
- FCAM: No report

- Homeland Security: E-mail from Chief Kochanowski: Extra funds received from homeland which was added at a supplemental budget meeting for FFY19 funds. Some highlights to pay attention to is the addition of another \$50,000 to tech and dive equipment, which he pushed for and the b-list item for the Mobex was moved into a funded project. The items on the far right of the spreadsheet are projects that didn't meet the criteria but with adjustments could be added in the future as we have placeholders in those categories (include Southbridge Hostile Event Training, Worcester Fire Advanced StB & Res. Task Force). Message from Chief Normandin: Air/Light Truck radio is in; installation was not included. After some discussion, Chief Wilson offered to cover that cost.
- Tech Rescue
Chairman Belsito: May 30th, Joint Base Cape Cod, 1-day training, 16 signed up from D7, they will make sure the district doesn't get stripped of equipment during the drill and will notify everyone if equipment is moved around. 2019 Zodiac boat approved for swift water.
- State Mobilization: No meeting
- EMS: Chief DiFronzo: Proposal to allow one first responder and one EMT to do transfers was defeated at MCAB.
- Communication Team:
Chief DiFronzo: No meeting but looking to have people go to the Joint Base drill. The team did a great job in Uxbridge.

OLD BUSINESS

RIT TRAINING: E-mail from Chief Coleman: Looking to propose some training dates at the end of May for Chiefs to participate in a "Managing the Mayday" training. This will be a practical training session, not classroom.

TRADE SCHOOLS: Chief Messier: Bay Path approved, they reached out to all 10 towns, recruiting this year. Chief DiFronzo: BVT, working on a meeting with the Chiefs.

RESCUE UNIVERSITY 2019: Chairman Belsito: No update

PIO CLASS: No date yet

MASSPORT: Chief Fleischer: He spoke with Massport District Chief Drumm, they are going to discuss why they are not on State Mobilization Cards. He would like to attend our next meeting. Chairman Belsito stated he is more than welcome.

AIR/ LIGHT TRUCK: Chief Dupuis: They contacted Independent Compressor and discussed status of air unit. They then called Fire Tech and Safety (the Eagle dealer) and had them evaluate the system. They felt it is not as bad as was thought. Air sampling should be started. The unit is running better now. They marked and turned the bottles that are out of date. 40 to 50 bottles are still good.

NEW BUSINESS

CANCER SCREENINGS: Chairman Belsito: He read an e-mail from Representative Joe McKenna, it informed them the House budget included that not less than \$100,000 shall be allocated for a municipal program administered by the Fire Marshal for firefighter cancer screenings including advanced blood testing and imaging. He further stated that *while the bottom-line figure is not quite what I'd filed for, to have this language included at all is a step in the right direction.*

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Chief Fleischer gave a summary of the proposal to Homeland Security funds. The project would fund radios and repeaters that would tie together radios on Worcester's trunk system to the District 7 VHF radios and District 8 UHF radios. This is the quickest option, to add to 3 command vehicles that would respond out of Worcester on mutual aid. It would cover one DVRS and some other radios. There are many regional benefits to this project. The initial recommendation passed. This is a regional project; it only helps if they are on mutual aid. Homeland would like letters of support from various districts.

M – Chief Gauthier: To send a letter of support

S – Chief Wilson

V – Unanimous

TECH/ DIVE BUDGET: Chairman Belsito informed the group that the E-Board approved a line item to our budget of \$1,000 per year for consumables for the Tech/ Dive Team.

M – Chief Gauthier: To approve

S – Chief White

V – Unanimous

DISTRICT FIU TEAM: Chief Silver: Team going well, 8 call-outs. They are using structural gear right now, concerns with contaminating scene. He presented a list of proposed gear for the team, looking for suggestions on how to get it (helmet, rubber boots, brush style non-structural coat, lettering and delivery). The estimate would be \$7,500 for the current 11 members. Discussion followed. Chairman Belsito added the Tech and Dive Teams have paid for some of their gear. Chief Fleischer suggested applying for Homeland money. Chief DiFronzo felt there would be a better chance of getting Homeland money if they connected with districts 8 and 14. Chief Silver will go that route.

Good of the Organization

None at this time

M – Chief Gauthier: To adjourn

S – Chief White

V – Unanimous

Adjourned 19:40

Next Meeting: May 23rd, Auburn

Dates to Remember

May 6th & 7th – FPAM Educational Conference, Southbridge
May 10th – Legislative Breakfast
May 19th – Tri-State Firefighters Meet in Webster
May 19th – Tuttle Post Benefit at Haligan's in Auburn
June 17th & 18th – MEMA 2-Day Conference in Marlborough
October 25th & 26th – Rescue University in Grafton

**District 7 Chiefs
Meeting Sign-In
April 25, 2019**

Name	Affiliation
DAVID WHITE	NORTHBRIDGE FIRE
MICKY GAUTHIER	GRAFTON FIRE
STEVEN R. DUPRE	NORTHBRIDGE
GLENN JOHNSON	AUBURN
BOB WILSON	LEICESTER
RICH HAMILTON	MILLBURY
ALAN PLUTO	SUTTON
ROBERT LACHAPPELLE	NORTHBRIDGE

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Name	Affiliation
ED KNOPF	CHARLTON
Darin Anderson	North Brookfield
Roy Liard	DCR
Jon Belanger	oxford
MARK D. FRANZO	UPTON
MIKE DUPUIS	LEICESTER
GARY R FLEISHER	WORCESTER
David Messier	East Brookfield

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Name	Affiliation
Adam Cavare	Warren Fire
Scott Bridges	warren fire
Bob Silver	Millbrey Fire
Bonnie Roy	MEMA
Kristen Jerome	MEMA