



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Chiefs Meeting Minutes February 27, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. Auburn/Webster Elks, 754 Southbridge St, Auburn

Call to Order – 19:00 by Vice-Chairman Parsons

Pledge of Allegiance

24 in attendance from 16 Towns/Cities and 2 Organizations

Treasurer and Secretary Report

M – Chief Gauthier: to accept both as emailed

S – Chief Wilson

V – Unanimous

NEW WEST BROOKFIELD FIRE CHIEF: Vice-Chairman Parsons introduced Clayton Edwards, the new Chief in West Brookfield.

MEMA: Kristen Jerome: ICS-300 class in Southborough, PIO class (full) in Worcester, Cert Train-the-Trainer, Commodity Points of Distribution (CPOD) course in Sturbridge, all classes on the website, Application and Notification of Funding for CERT grant sent out today with the time extended, a new staff announcement should be made at next month's meeting.

DCR: Roy Liard: Seasonal staff starts 3/15 (one FF I) and 3/29 (others) and are scheduled until 10/3, FF II vacancy, please share with your staff, experience preferred, spring season is looking normal, please call if they can be of any help at your calls, 8 fires for 5 ¼ acres last week, requests for Smokey can be made through Roy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Training:* No report.
- *Radio:* Chief Fleischer: No meeting.
- *FCAM:* No report.
- *Homeland Security:* Chief Normandin: Approved tech gear, next meeting 3/9

- *Tech Rescue*: Chief DiFronzo: Met with D14 Swiftwater, he read the minutes from their last meeting which discussed training the members have, quote for some training, need to decide how many actually need boat operator training, not sure all members will need that.
- *State Mobilization*: Chief Wilson: Meeting yesterday was cancelled because several districts didn't have cards updated, our district cards are done and will be close to the same as what they were, question on the hand crews and what tools are needed and how will they get there, disaster cards were eliminated, District Warden Laird is working on some training for the hand crews through DCR.
- *EMS*: Chief Normandin: FCAM committee meeting week of 3/16, he asked about an alternate as there is none right now, Chief McDonald offered, as it's the Chairman's appointment he will be informed, various CMed openings discussed.
- *Communications Team*: Chief DiFronzo: No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY: Chief Grasso and Chief McDonald explained some options, Chief McDonald gave a PowerPoint presentation: They recommend using the Passport system, can be the Tacron or by others, tags are standard with 4 each, Oxford will use 8, the driver's tag can be turned upside down if not color coded, tags can go inside helmet to protect them, if they are on the bottom of the helmet brim they can melt, colors for rank, EMS, etc., they use last name, first initial and number, command board can be homemade or purchased commercially, various levels of accountability, Towns nearby using this system: Dudley, Oxford, Upton, Worcester, Marlborough, Milford, Northborough, Southborough. Pricing: \$600 for 50 personnel tags and 30 apparatus magnetic tags, \$849 for the command board, \$198 for the tripod, \$2,100 for the Tacron board & Passport kit.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Worcester SCBA: Chief Fleischer: Worcester Fire is replacing all of their SCBA with MSA G1 units. They are offering the existing SCBA, some for free and some at a cost, they have 27 Scott X3 Pro 2013 edition (to be sold), 75 Scott AP75 2007 edition, 25 Scott AP50 2004 edition (free), and spare bottles, should be available in June.

M – Chief Gauthier: To adjourn

S – Chief Fleischer

V – Unanimous

Adjourned 19:40 hrs.

Next Meeting: March 26th in Auburn

Dates to Remember

April 3rd Jeff Mitchell Surprise Retirement Party, Halligans in Auburn 7-11 pm
July 12th – Muster and parade, Webster, 175th anniversary

**District 7 Chiefs
Meeting Sign-In
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Name	Affiliation
[Signature]	SOUTH BUCKLE
JOHN GRASSU	STURBRIDGE
ROY LIARD	DCR
JIM WILSON	Roads Committee
Kristen Jerome	MEMA

**District 7 Chiefs
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Name	Affiliation
Micky Gauthier	GRAFTON
Bob Wilson	LEICESTER
Paul Normandin	Southbridge
RICH HAMILTON	MILLBURY FIRE
Francis King	MILLBURY FIRE
GARY FLEISCHER	WORE, MA
Bob Passas	Spencer
Bill Kessler	Mendon

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Name	Affiliation
Dave Messier	East Brookfield
Jim Bain	East Brookfield
Scott Bridges	Warren
Adam Lavoie	Warren
Clayton Edwards	W. Brookfield
Dan SANTOS	W. BROOKFIELD
Jacob Nunnemacher	Sutton FD
Glenn Johnson	Auburn
Laurent R. McNeal	Oxford
Jon Belanger	Oxford
Mark DiFranco	UPTON