



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Minutes September 22, 2016 Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center - 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – 1900hrs.

Secretaries Report

M – Chief Parsons to accept as emailed
S – Chief Kochanowski
V – Unanimous

Treasurers Report

M – Chief Parsons to accept as emailed
S – Chief Kochanowski
V – Unanimous

George Rogers and Kevin Shaunessey from NGRID gave a short presentation on the new First Responder app put out by NGRID. The app will allow first responders to take photos and provide information direct to the control center.

MEMA Update

No report

DCR Update

D7 Warden Liard reported that the towers will remain up for the time being. Also gave report on the number of fires in the district.

Committee Reports:

- Training

The committee reported that the session with Dep Chief Healy on 9/17/16 was completed and was a success. The committee will continue to focus on bringing more officer training to the district.

- Radio

Deferred to Comm Team Committee Report

- FCAM Update

Chief Cloutier reported that there was a meeting in Deerfield last night. The collective purchasing committee is looking at including PPE and there was a presentation given by the Tech Rescue Committee. DFS announced that Dave Ladd from the Haz Mat Division was retiring as well as Hayden Duggan was leaving DFS. He will still be available to people as from the On-Site Academy.

- Homeland Security

Chief Kochanowski reported that Homeland approved a total of \$171,500 for equipment for D7 to be used for structural collapse equipment. They also approved another \$315,000 for training District 7, 8 and Weston MA. This money will be used for training, OT and backfill for structural collapse. Homeland also approved an additional \$100,000 for the dive team. \$50,000 for D7 and \$50,000 for D8.

- Tech Rescue

Tech Committee reported that both teams continue to train and the committee is gearing up to schedule the structural collapse training for the team. They reported that 4 members from D7 will be attending an 8 day upcoming structural collapse training at Westover Air Force Base.

- State Mobilization

No meeting

- EMS

- No report

- Communication Team

Discussion related to the replacement of FC1 housed in Sutton. The vehicle is currently OOS and is not worth repair. Motion to authorize spending up to \$20,000 for the purchase of a new field comm and equipment.

M – Chief Hamilton

S – Chief Belsito

V – Unanimous

Old Business:

Chairman reported that Chief Hickey is still working on the Regional Hearing Officer. The Chiefs were asked to inquire if there are any hearing officers in the district now that may want to serve. They were asked to contact Chief Hickey.

New Business:

Chief Coleman announced that there will be district sponsored promotional exam on Saturday May 6, 2017. Any department interested in participating please contact Chief Coleman.

Good of the Organization

There will be an Active Shooter Drill at the Auburn Mall this Saturday 9/25/16. Two Ambulance Strike Teams will be activated through the control point.

CMDART is hosting a large animal rescue class 10/29/16 in Uxbridge.

Chief Coleman reminded the district that this will be his last year as Chairman. He encouraged those who may be interested to consider a run for September 2017.

Next Meeting:

October 27, 2016 – Spencer

Adjourn 2040 hrs.

M – Chief Cloutier

S – Chief Belsito

V – Unanimous