



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Minutes February 26, 2015 Charlton Fire Headquarters, 10 Power Station Rd. 6:30 p.m.

Called to order by Chairman Coleman at 1900hrs.

Secretary's report had been emailed prior to the meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept.

Treasurer's report had been emailed prior to the meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept.

MEMA Update: Kristen and Bruce presented the "Hazard City" prop that is available to all departments through MEMA. They will come out and facilitate a drill for your community. For more information or detail contact Kristen Jerome at MEMA.

DCR Update: Forest Warden Roy Liard advised that the Charlton and Mendon fire towers will be up this year. He is working on getting the West Brookfield tower staffed from time to time. He also has a seasonal opening that he is hoping to fill with someone from the district. He will keep us posted on the advertisement.

Committee reports:

Training Committee: Recruit class update. At 26 students, they lost 1. Chief Parsons reported the class is going very well and this is a good group of recruits.

Chief Kessler reported that the training committee met recently and discussed what training route the district would begin to take once the recruit class came to a close. He asked that if anyone has any ideas for future programs or speakers they would like to see please contact any member of the training committee.

The chairman asked the committee to begin to look at possibly hosting a training dinner with a well-known speaker similar to D8.

Radio committee: Comm class is nearing the end. Mark Cady suffered an injury and we need to make contact with him to see how we will be closing out the class.

Chairman asked the status of the tree issue in Mendon. All town officials have approved the tree work and the MSP will be going out to bid for a contractor.

FCAM Update: Chief Cloutier stated that the last FCAM meeting was a shortened one because it was at the professional development conference.

Chief Cloutier updated the members on the Community Paramedicine program that it may be shifting gears and going to wind up in the hands of the hospitals. The Chairman asked Chief Cloutier to ensure that we passed on to the FCAM EMS Committee that we would like to see language that would keep the transporting of patients with what is outlined in the service zone plan.

The next FCAM meeting will be held on March 18, 2015 at the Masonic Home in Charlton.

Homeland Security: Chief Kochanowksi stated that the next Homeland meeting will be held on March 3, 2015. D7 is on the agenda to appear before the training sub-committee to present our proposal for funding on the “Operation BuZZer” drill. Chief’s Bemis, Belsito, Cloutier and Coleman are planning on attending the meeting.

Tech Rescue Committee: Tech Rescue Committee met this past Monday to discuss the planning for the “Operation BuZZer” drill in Charlton. The drill is scheduled for April 14th in Charlton with an operational period from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Chief’s need to check with their team members to ensure they will be present for the drill. This drill is mandatory for all team members to be “cleared” to respond with the team.

Call Chief’s/State Mobilization: nothing to report. Meetings cancelled from weather.

EMS Committee: Chief Martell reported that the committee is still discussing a schedule of Continuing Education around the district. The Chairman reported that they are still trying to schedule a meeting with the representatives of Don Wicher to discuss a merger.

Old business:

The Chairman asked for input on scheduling a series of Tech Rescue Presentations around the district geared towards educating the company officers and department members of the capabilities of the Tech rescue Team. It was decided that we would group strike team areas together and host the sessions around the district. Classes will start at 1845 hrs. The dates and locations are;

Monday May 4, 2015 – Sutton Auditorium

Monday May 18, 2015 – Oxford Fire

Monday June 8, 2015 – Spencer Fire

The Chairman said they are still working with the representatives of the Don Wicher Association for a meeting date to get together.

The Chairman announced that there are still seats available for the “Working with the Media” class that is being sponsored by the District on April 6th & 7th. He will be sending it out to D8 & 14 as well to try and fill the seats. Motion made and seconded to give a \$500.00 honorarium to Kristen Carosa from WMUR channel 9 for her participation in the class. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made and seconded to spend up to \$550.00 for student handouts and food for participants. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Chairman advised that the officers met with the officers of D8 on Monday February 23, 2015 for what will be our annual meeting. We discussed the future of the tech rescue teams and a potential merger if the state legislation is passed. We also planned a communications drill for Saturday April 4, 2015 at 0900 hrs. The focus of the drill will be to test the movements of the strike teams as well as the communications system. Comm Units will be used to cross patch D7 & 8 units. The radio committee has been tasked with coordinating the details of the drill.

Good of the Organization:

Sturbridge Fire Department will be hosting an NFA class on April 16 & 17 titled "Decision Making for Initial Company Operations". You can register through the MFA website. The course is on-line now.

Holden Fire Department will be hosting a 5K road race as a fundraiser on March 28, 2015.

A reminder that the DEP will not extend the burning season due to the weather. It was advised that departments begin to spread the word in their communities.

Dudley will be hosting an NCCR class in April or May. They will keep us advised on the details.

Next meeting: Dudley Fire Department, March 26, 2015

Adjourned at 2030 hrs.