



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Agenda July 09, 2015 Millbury Fire Department - 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – 1902

Secretaries Report – Emailed to all

M Chief Parson to accept
S Chief Nestor
V Unanimous

Treasurers Report – Emailed to all

M Chief Parsons to accept
S Chief Nestor
V Unanimous

MEMA Update

Nothing to report

DCR Update

- Statewide Fire Danger Low
- Some changes to staffing an additional position was added
- Cutting projects for fire roads continues
- Towers will be up dependent upon weather as well as more towers up West Brookfield & Oxford
- Some teams from Mass may be going to assist across country – Warden from D-14 will cover
- Excess property – they are working to come get the equipment that needs to be returned – if you are in need of something contact them.
- Tree cutting projects are continuing – there are some issues with the Oxford site a lot of the problems are on private property
- Training available – If anyone is in need of training they are available

Committee Reports:

- Training Committee
 - No meeting
 - Recap of recruit training costs were estimated around 12k came in just over 6k
 - 7 out of 23 have failed different portions of exam
 - MFA class is in Nov please get your apps into MFA as soon as you can
 - D-7 has NO involvement with the class
 - Follow up on Seminar – still working on dates/times

- Radio Committee
 - Annual maintenance on the “Orange” system is being conducted. System is over 10 years old. Some problems have been found.
 - Additional fireground channels are being put together. They are trying to get this together once for programming.
 - Backup link being moved to Oxford tower

- FCAM Update
 - No updates

- Homeland Security
 - No meeting
 - Next meeting is in Sept.
 - \$125k allocated for tech equipment/structural collapse class

- Tech Rescue Committee
 - Approved 1 additional hour of training due to need to ensure everyone gets to actively participated in the evolution and time to clean up
 - Approved one additional training in April, to be a joint training with the dive team
 - Design of helmet decals has been submitted to Chief Bemis for committee to review
 - Accountability “Tags” are going to be given to team leaders to distribute (Dive and TRT)
 - Mock activation this past weekend with dive to test paging etc. Anyone who did not get page is getting identified and corrected in system
 - Meeting with dive team postponed and will be rescheduled

- State Mobilization
 - A review of the past Statewide Mobilizations was reviewed. Chief Wilson brought up our concern of being deployed two consecutive days in a row. Committee was in conflict on how to handle. Chief Wilson recommends if D-7 assets are requested to return to the same incident the following day, after a long duration of the first day, we inform the requesting District we are unavailable. While we made the response to Leominster happen, it was a stress on our people and equipment.
 - Chief Wilson also suggested we send our Comm Team with any activation to work with our people not necessarily work with the area we are going to.

- EMS Committee
 - NFPA stretcher – There are new changes to the accepted stretcher systems allowed in ambulances as of July 1, 2015. The Chair of the committee has reached out to the State and at this time there is no commitment from state.

Old Business:

- Standardized MAY DAY Policy (Chief Zinther created a DRAFT under review) All agreed in principle to the District-wide approach. Some questions revolved around some acronyms being used. The consensus was to follow DFS acronyms. Chief Coleman to follow up and make the adjustments.

M Chief Hickey – to adopt the Standardized MAY DAY Policy as presented following the final review and adjustments by Chief Coleman.

S Chief Vinson

V Unanimous

New Business:

- Hosting a District wide Lt. Exam
There are potentially 5 Towns that have a need and an interest. Perhaps 3 books for the reading list. Chief Coleman will send an email looking for interest and to finalize the exam.
- Communication Team Committee
Chairman Coleman outlined the formation of the Communications Committee. It is set up as the other committees. He is seeking to allow the Communications Committee to operate and make decisions in the best interest of the District. The Tech Committee and Training Committee already have approval.

M ChiefVinson – to allow the Communications Committee to operate as outlined

S ChiefGauthier

V Unanimous

- Worcester Pipe & Drum Band donation
We've used them for each graduation ceremony and they have always provided a group to come out.
There was some discussion and thought in giving them a donation for their efforts.

M Chief Kochanowski – to donate \$1000 to the Worc Pipe & Drum Band

S Chief Gauthier

V Unanimous

- Appointment of Nominating Committee for September election
It has been 2 years and according to the By-Laws we need to elect Officers to serve the District. The past Nominating Committee was comprised of
Chief Martel
Deputy Chief Normandin
Asst Chief Bucchino

M Chief Wilson to nominate the same Nominating Committee as in the past
S Chief Parsons
V Unanimous

- Audit Committee
It has been suggested to have an outside source review the financial records of the organization

M Chief Parsons to have the D-7 Officers look into cost estimates and present at the next meeting.
S Chief Lavoie
V Unanimous

Good of the Organization

- Chief Coleman will be working over the summer on the establishment and procedure for the District Assist Team
- Webster A.A.R. please rsvp
- Chief Goodale father passed away details to follow
- Dues are out and due
- Millville hiring FT FF/EMT
- Strike deployment to Webster to be reviewed

Next Meeting: September 24th – Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center

Adjourn 2024