



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Minutes October 25, 2018 - 6:30 p.m. Auburn/Webster Elks, 754 Southbridge St, Auburn

Call to Order – 19:00 by Chairman Belsito
Pledge of Allegiance
24 in attendance from 20 towns/cities and 1 organization

Treasurer and Secretary Report

M – Chief Gauthier: to accept both as emailed
S – Chief Kochanowski
V – Unanimous

MEMA: Kristen Jerome was unable to attend tonight, Chairman Belsito read a report from her. Next EMD meeting November 15th 9:30 am, at the Holden Public Safety Facility. If anyone needs any sandbags, sent her an e-mail.

DCR: D7 Warden Roy Liard: 3 ½” of rain recently. He will be out of town November 10th to 17th, he will notify the district as to who is covering for him. Call or e-mail him if there’s anything you need or any surplus equipment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Training: Chief Vinson: Working on the FDSS pump class, an e-mail will go out to the district to see what interest there is in the MPO class. Should be about \$2,500 for a class, maybe split half with the department. Training Committee voted to host another Dr. Griffin class in the late winter or early spring, about PTSD and firefighter suicide. The district could pay for the class and the individual would pay for their meal, possibly at the Auburn Elks. The last class had 90 to 100 people. They will check what dates are available. They would like to have a training calendar of EMS classes, and also a roster of good instructors. Chief Vinson will send an email out to the district.

M – Chief Coleman: To book Dr. Griffin to come back out

S – Chief Gauthier

V – Unanimous

- Radio

Chief Hamilton: Reminder to fill out and return fact sheets for the field comm units. Next meeting November 8th in Oxford. Assisted Northbridge Fire, they now have a crossband repeater up with their new high band frequency, working with Douglas to get their new high band on with a crossband repeater. Last town left will be Mendon.

- FCAM

Chief Coleman: Another meeting was held regarding OSHA. Update on the PATs test, the repairs have been made and they are scheduling tests again. No new update on the Treasurer. Next meeting November 21st in Charlton.

- Homeland Security

Chief Kochanowski: Adam Menard is leaving, no project manager, it will be posted for 14 days. Andrew Loew will be filling in for now, there will be no disruption. Cybersecurity will be the next priority but will continue to support Dive, Tech etc.

- Tech Rescue

Chairman Belsito: All District 7 towns are on the list now. The consortium is going good with Districts 7, 8 and 14. Working good with Tech, just met with dive and swift water, it will be a good merger. The Tech Team recent activation in Millbury went well. Chief Hamilton gave a brief description of the accident that happened at Wheelabrator when a scaffolding failed inside a boiler stranding the workers. We didn't want to put our members at risk. The Tech Team did a great job, everyone left safe.

- State Mobilization

Chief Wilson: No meeting.

- EMS

Chairman Belsito read a report from Chief Normandin: *There has been no EMS FCAM meetings. There is one scheduled in December. Meeting is to discuss Mobile Integrated Health Care (MIH) Program with the Director of OEMS. CMEMS Corp. Dr Marc Restuccia is retiring after MANY years of service as the Region 2 Medical Director. The executive board of CMEMS met last week and interviewed 2 candidates for his replacement. I will be making a recommendation to at the corporate meeting next week to approve and appoint the selected physician that will replace Dr Restuccia. There will be a formal announcement after the meeting next Thursday Nov 1* Side note: *My appointment to Chief most likely will be Nov 5 at the Town Council meeting. Also, Lt Joe Hulyk will be appointed my Deputy Chief at that time also.* Chief Coleman added information about Mobile Integrated Health Care and that they are looking for a guidance document for it. He will work with Chief Normandin on it through FCAM.

- Communication Team: No update

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM: Nothing to report

RIT TRAINING: Chief Coleman: Overall successful, 27 attended from 10 communities, shared a lot of ideas. Captain Brigham will put together a comprehensive report for the district. It was a success.

CHALLENGE COIN: Chief Coleman: Ordered

TRADE SCHOOLS: Chief Coleman: Banner ordered and flyers will be made. We should put together a small working group, that will include Chief Messier. This will be an advertising year.

SAFE TRAILER: Chairman Belsito had a proposal for a service contract, it would be \$5,750 annually. He then read the minutes from the last meeting regarding the trailer. It was determined we don't need a service contract, just fix what needs attention when it goes there. Chief Wilson stated we may want to put together a list of everyone who's certified to operate it, and maybe only allow those people to sign the trailer out.

AUDIT LETTER: Chairman Belsito read a letter from the auditor, we should have the audit results in November, it also stated the district is in good hands with Chief Kessler.

RESCUE UNIVERSITY 2019: Chairman Belsito: Still in progress, they are meeting November 8th about it, should be a good training.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE CHAPLAINS: Chief Coleman: There are some new chaplains out there, he suggested everyone invite their chaplains to the next meeting. The Chaplains used to have a quarterly lunch meeting, they would like to try to get back to that.

Good of the Organization

CHIEF LAVOIE: Gave an update on his mother's condition. She had a cardiac arrest but has come around nice, she is home and recovering. He thanked the district for the support during that time. He also reported the Warren Dispatch Center will be decommissioned November 1st at 9:00 am. Everything will move to Rutland Regional. The frequencies and phone numbers will stay the same. The county radio may be delayed a little. Chairman Belsito stated the district was glad to hear the update on his mother.

SURVEYS FOR CHIEFS: Chief Coleman reminded everyone to please fill them out.

MEAL COUNT: Chief Hamilton reminded everyone the meal count for the monthly meeting has to be in by the Sunday night before. The number has to be called in Monday morning, when they order their food. We had 8 that signed up late and we had to call to make an adjustment.

M – Chief Kochanowski: To adjourn

S – Chief Parsons

V – Unanimous

Adjourned 19:40

Next Meeting: December 6th, Auburn

Dates to Remember

None at this time

**District 7 Chiefs
Meeting Sign-In
October 25, 2018**

Name	Affiliation
Kent Vinson	Douglas
John Furno	Douglas
Roy Lind	DCR
Bill	millville
Bill Kessler	Uxbridge
Steven R. Dupre	Northbridge
RICH HAMICTON	MILLBURY
Mark R. White	Sutton

