



## MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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### **District 7 Meeting Agenda February 25, 2016 Charlton Fire HQ - 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Call to Order – 1905**

#### **Secretaries Report**

M – to accept as sent Chief Parsons  
S – Dep Chief Furno  
V – Unanimous

#### **Treasurers Report**

M – to accept as sent sent Chief Parsons  
S – Dep Chief Furno  
V – Unanimous

Chief Kessler reports that we have a large sum of money in checking looking to see what the body wishes.

M – Chief Belsito to place \$20,000 into interest bearing acct to be split into separate expiring accounts  
S – Chief Kochanowski  
V – Unanimous

#### **MEMA Update**

There are some up coming EMD meetings / Quarterly Cert meetings handouts given

ICS 300 can be scheduled if there is an interest

WebEOC is going version 8 . . .trainings to be delivered

Kristen will look into additional GPS handheld trainings

[Auburn-Blackstone-Brookfield-Charlton-Douglas-Dudley-East Brookfield-Grafton-Leicester-Mendon-Millbury-Millville-Northbridge-North Brookfield-Oxford-Southbridge-Spencer-Sturbridge-Sutton-Upton-Uxbridge- Warren-West Brookfield-Webster-Worcester](#)

## DCR Update

Start Mar 20 / 27 there will be 3 seasonal positions.

Towers will be staffed as often as possible

Looking for a host Dept (if interested) to sponsor the S130/131 class

Need better data collection for federal system. Most do a great job now, please continue, if DCR should need additional information, they will be contacting you.

Swearing in of Wardens to provide enforcement authority still on-going.

Smokey the Bear is available for whatever people need

Excess property program is still available, contact Warden Liard

## Committee Reports:

- Training

Fire Instructor I to be held . . .Oxford

Training calendar to be developed for all to see upcoming trainings throughout the District

District wide seminar . . . The Committee is interested in having Deputy Chief George Healy be a guest speaker. His fee = \$2500 + travel expenses

M – Chief Cloutier to look into putting this together District to pay fee

S – Chief Kochanowski

V – Unanimous

- Radio

Finishing updates to all District assets

Radio systems seem to be operating normal

- FCAM Update

Professional Development to be held again at DCU for next year

D7 Tech Rescue was complimented on performance at this year's conference

New Public Records Law being worked on for better understanding and interpretation.

There is a 14% cut at DFS not sure what areas will be affected.

Working on a case in W. Brookfield in reference to Sec 48-42.

March 16 FCAM next meeting in Webster.

- Homeland Security
  - PO issued for tech and tower equipment
  - Portable heaters approved for purchase. They are available to communities if needed.
  - Homeland Monies may become competitive statewide hoping that doesn't happen. It would eliminate regional councils.
  - Swift water classes are out to bid
- Tech Rescue
  - Team performed well at FCAM. State leaders were at the conference and were impressed
  - Rapid deployment boat was approved after meeting the criteria outlined
  - Equipment has been ordered for tech and tower should be in shortly
- State Mobilization
  - No report
- EMS
  - Affiliation Agreements are a problem for Advanced EMT's at ST. V's
  - EMS Committee asked to look into creating a template agreement for all to use
- Communication Team
  - Policies and Procedures were passed out to the members
  - Finalizing activation procedure

**Old Business:**

- Regional Hearing Officer
  - Six communities are interested. Chief Coleman will notify the group and they can work together

## **New Business:**

- **IamResponding for special teams**

Chief DiFronzo spoke on the District purchasing IamResponding for the notification and tracking of the specialty teams (Tech/Dive/Comm). The system would be extremely beneficial to the Tech Team as they are trying to put together a tiered response model.

There are benefits to paying for the plan for years in advance if the group decides to go ahead with the purchase.

**M** – Chief Parsons to purchase IamResponding 5yr plan

**S** – Chief Kochanowski

**V** – Unanimous

- **Request for Pan Mass Challenge Donation**

Capt Sellers will be riding in Pan Mass in remembrance of families. He is looking for \$500

**M** – Chief Kochanowski to donate \$500

**S** – Chief Bemis

**V** – Unanimous

## **Good of the Organization**

District web site training tab has fire extinguisher prop / safe trailer / we will add Training and Forcible Entry. This is to check on availability of those assets.

Chief Belsito suggested the District look into assisting the Grafton Canteen Unit into getting newer vehicle

District Assist Team on-going

Opening still avail on training committee – Asst Chief from Milbury offered to be on the committee

Questioned was raised if the SOP for RIT is finished ? There was a question about proper wording in the document to be consistent with the DFS program. No one was sure if it had been researched and confirmed. Chief Coleman to finalize.

**Next Meeting:** March 24th – Dudley Fire HQ

**M** – Chief Belsito to adjourn

**S** – Chief Bemis

**V** – Unanimous

**Adjourn 2012**