



## MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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### District 7 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 19, 2017 15:10 Auburn Fire Headquarters

**Present:** Chairman: Chief M. Belsito, Treasurer: Chief W. Kessler, Secretary: Chief R. Hamilton; Chief M. DiFronzo, Chief M. Lavoie, Chief R. Wilson, Chief, D. Kochanowski

**Tech/ Dive Rescue Teams Merge:** Chairman Belsito explained that he was approached by several Chiefs from District 14 regarding the inclusion of 6 towns from D14 that belong to the Central Homeland Region into the D7 Teams. He feels that if we have to include them into the payment reimbursement, we should also take advantage of their people and equipment, they have a lot of resources. Chief Kochanowski was also called by some D14 Chiefs. He feels that Homeland will fund more money later with a larger group. It seems the whole issue is not very clear whether they are looking for a single central team, if they only want to merge Tech or Dive, or just work together. It's unsure if those 6 towns (Shrewsbury, Westborough, Milford, Southborough, Northborough and Hopedale) are looking to get out of the District 14 group or if D14 is aware of what's going on. It was decided the Chairman should meet with Shrewsbury Chief Vuona to determine what the whole story is and what they want to accomplish.

**Combining D7 and D8 Structural Equipment Funds:** Chief Belsito reported Chief Sullivan will write a project justification for the D7/ D8 money.

**Central Location for D7 Chiefs Monthly Meetings:** Chairman Belsito received an inquiry regarding this, he will bring this up at the general meeting. Chief Lavoie offered the use of the Worcester training building on Grove Street.

**Central Location and starting time for D7 Board of Directors Meetings:** The consensus was to have them in Auburn at 3:00, if Auburn is willing to host.

**D7 future training opportunities:** Chairman Belsito received some suggested trainings for the district. Chief DiFronzo suggested that be forwarded to the training committee. The Board agreed.

**District Credit Card:** Chairman Belsito brought forward the idea that discussed at the last general meeting. Chief Kessler felt it was a good idea and doable, but should only be used for deployments. The Board agreed and Chief Kessler will research the process.

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

**Mayday Policy:** Chairman Belsito reported Chief Coleman is still working on it.

**District 7 PIO:** Chairman Belsito supplied a proposed job description for the position to all members. Some discussion took place and the members will review the proposal.

**Go Bag Presentation:** Chairman Belsito brought forward a request from Joe McKenna's office to give a 20-minute presentation regarding Go Bags available from the State. Chief DiFronzo asked if the Emergency Management Directors should also be invited. He will talk with Kristen regarding this. Other than that, the Board was OK with it, as long as it wasn't a vendor's presentation.

**Upton Air/ Light Truck:** Discussion on the status of the truck. Leicester had agreed to take it, when it was offered to the District, and they are waiting on the completion of their new station. Upton has called the Chairman looking to get it moved out of the Upton Station. Chief Kessler offered to house it in Uxbridge, once their new station is completed, until Leicester's new station is open. A new MOU with the District will have to be done.

**City Ambulance Strike Team:** Chief DiFronzo reported the card is now up on the D7 website. After some discussion, he offered to re-send the form to request to be on the notification list for district activations.

**Worcester Tanker Strike Team:** Chief Hamilton presented two new cards for the strike team. At the drill held recently, it was determined that an addition engine on each team would help, in case Worcester needed to set up a draft site to fill tankers. There was also a change because Grafton's Tanker is out of service and they would be willing to send an engine, if Uxbridge could provide the tanker. The Central card was also beefed up to include an additional engine and tanker. Chief DiFronzo felt Worcester should decide what gets sent. Chief Hamilton explained that at the drill, Worcester requested we add units to the cards, as we know what's available. Chief Lavoie will take the proposal back and see if everyone is in favor of the changes.

Motion to adjourn by Chief DiFronzo and seconded by Chief Kessler: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 15:50