



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Agenda April 24, 2014 Millville Senior Center, 40 Prospect St. - 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – 1905

Motion to suspend the regular order of business to allow special guests to present first.

M Hickey
S Parsons
V Unanimous

MEMA Update, Kristen Jerome

May 6th EMD meeting Holden 9:00am to 11:00am or 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

May 20th Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance meeting Holden 9:30am to 11:00am.

May 28th -29th, 2 Day Statewide Emergency Management Conference at the DCU Center.

Training, MEMA now has “NIMS City” used for training exercises. Moldable to each type of city/event. Contact MEMA for further information.

DCR Chief Celino

With the recent resignation of Warden Bush, the interim plan is for Scott Basset (D 4 Warden) to oversee day to day operations of District 7. For requests go through MEMA, 508-820-2000
Anyone who had trainings sessions scheduled please contact Chief Celino or Warden Basset.

DCR will be posting the position to replace Warden Bush.

To date, there have been 350 fires statewide totaling 530 acres. This is about average for the year.

If resources are applied quickly fires will remain small, soil moisture is still pretty wet just below the surface fuels/

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The Federal Excess Property Program is available for anyone needing equipment. Also, the District Wardens are confirming their records of what equipment is out there.

VFA is still available for those communities eligible.

Marshall Coan

DFS along with MFA are providing a Statewide presentation to all of the Fire Districts just as an update as to what's going at DFS/MFA and what assets and divisions are available to each community.

There is a bill in the legislature to allow a "no bill" to a true accident of a homeowner. Since we encourage the public to call us for Haz Mat type calls, it seems to be counterproductive to charge the homeowner for a true accident. Please reach out to your legislatures to support this.

There is a bill on Smoke Detectors. This is designed to capture those homes built prior to 1975 and are not captured in current legislation. This bill has been on the "hill" for a while, please contact your legislatures to support this.

Secretaries Report

M To accept as presented/emailed Chief Hickey
S Dep. Chief Furno
V Unanimous

Treasurers Report

M To accept as presented/emailed Chief Hickey
S Dep. Chief Furno
V Unanimous

Committee Reports:

M Due to the late hour, motion to suspend the Committee Reports unless there is something important needed for discussion/action Chief Hickey
S Deputy Chief Furno
V Unanimous

- Training Committee
- So. Worc. County Radio Committee
- Back Up Control Point Committee
- FCAM Update
- Homeland Security
- Tech Rescue Committee

District Information

First session of training is complete. Second session is finishing up. A total of 24 hours per student has been approved for reimbursement for each session.

Please get reimbursement requests in faster. The time it takes to coordinate all of the proper filing is time consuming and time sensitive. All Chiefs with students in the program are strongly encouraged to get your paperwork in as quickly as possible. A second email has been sent with an updated reimbursement form and what other items are needed for full reimbursement. If all of the items are not received you run the risk of not being reimbursed.

State Information

- Call Chief's Committee
- State Mobilization Next Meeting is May 7, 2014 in Milford 10:00am.
- EMS Committee

Old Business:

Officers Training Survey to be discussed at May training meeting perhaps utilizing DFS resources

Discussion regarding CMED automatic response during MCI no further information at this time

Update on Radio Committee Merger - The 2 boards met to discuss the merger of the groups. After some very good discussions where all parties are interested in providing the best communications to our District, the D7 Officers proposed having the Radio Committee draft a merger proposal putting all of the elements they feel are important to their organization/committee. The next meeting of the Radio Committee is scheduled for May 15, 2014. It is their hope to have this "draft" document ready for that meeting for their group to make any adjustments that may be necessary. If approved, the document will be forwarded to the District for their review.

Update on District Tracking Program - Lt. Kokernak from Sterling is still "finalizing our side of the operation. Should be going "live" very soon.

New Business:

Homeland Security request from Webster Fire Chief Hickey spoke on a proposal he is looking for District support on. Webster was able to procure a 22ft boat (a retired Coast Guard vessel) through the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP). The boat does not have any functioning motors. They are looking for support for 2 motors to properly run the boat. The total cost for the motors is about \$23,000. The boat would be available to any community that may need it. The boat is also capable of pulling "haz mat" booms across waterways that the normal boat may not be able to.

M Chief Bemis, to have the District provide a letter of support to Homeland Security for the purchase of the motors.

S Chief Kochanowski

V Unanimous

Acceptance of Bylaw changes. A review by Chair Parsons on all proposed changes was read.

M Chief Vinson, to accept all changes as proposed
S Chief Nestor
V Unanimous

Good of the Organization

D7 Graduation was held and all that attended had a great evening. Special recognition to Chief Parsons and to all who helped make it a great success.

The Worcester Pipe & Drum Band comes out every year and is a huge asset for the night.

M Chief Bemis to have the District provide a donation to the Worcester Pipe & Drum Band
S Chief Gannon
V Unanimous

The Officers of D7 met with the FCAM Officers to discuss District issues and credentialing.

M Chief Goodale to support the D7 Officers meeting with Fire Service Commission on our behalf
S Chief Vinson
V Unanimous

Radio for FC 30. This unit does not have the ability to communicate from the front of the truck with any of the communities in D7. The Radio Committee has appropriated half the cost of a radio system similar to the one installed in the MVU. They are looking for the match dollars to put a radio in the truck.

M Chief Kessler to have D7 pay for half the cost of the radio system for FC 30
S Chief Vinson
V Unanimous

The Forcible Entry Prop is in. Chief Coleman will be providing additional information in the near future.

Chief Goodale reports the air bottle testing has been completed

Next Meeting: May 22, 2014 – Millbury Fire HQ

M Chief Hickey to adjourn
S Chief Kochanowski
V Unanimous

Adjourn 2130