



## MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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### District 7 Meeting Minutes January 28, 2016 Oxford Fire Department - 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – 1901 hrs.

#### Secretaries & Treasurers Reports

Secretary's Report was emailed to all

M Chief Parsons  
S Chief Gauthier  
V Unanimous

Treasurer's Report was emailed to all

A brief synopsis was presented

M Chief Wilson to accept as presented and emailed  
S Chief Hamilton  
V Unanimous

**MEMA update:** Kristen Jerome updated everyone on upcoming ICS 200-400 classes. Have to have 15 people. John Ruda is the new Communications person taking over for Steve Staffier. They have a new exercise coordinator. EMD essentials course will be out soon. Next EMD meeting will be at DFS in Springfield. EMPG grants are out now, it took a while longer than expected. Snow money from FEMA out now as well.

**DCR update:** Emailed out by Chief Coleman.

#### Committee Reports:

##### - Training Committee

Chief Kessler: No report, Mass Call class complete next month.

##### - So. Worc. County Radio Committee

Chief Hamilton: Frequency update is out. Want everyone to try and use Fire ground Red more for incidents. Fire Towers will use F/G Orange to communicate to field units.

- **FCAM Update**

Chief Coleman: Professional Development next month at the DCU center.

- **Homeland Security**

Chief Bemis: \$120k grant approved for equipment for Tech and another \$3k for tower equipment. Boat was taken out to be done separately for \$9k.

- **Tech Rescue Committee**

Chief Belsito: Ice Dive class in Auburn Request to split the cost with the towns that had divers in the class. Cost to the District, \$2,140. MM Gauthier, seconded by Lupachinno. All in favor. Swift water class coming up in August. Tech Rescue will do demos during the Professional Development Conference at the DCU Center.

- **State Mobilization**

Chief Wilson did not attend.

- **EMS Committee**

Chief Martell: The new MCI plan is out. Please review as there are changes. GM chassis are having issues with General Tires.

- **Communications Team**

Chief Hamilton: Final training is being held on February 11.

### **Old Business:**

Regional Hearings Officer: 6 towns have responded so far.

### **New Business:**

A request from Chief Luppachino for a letter of support to Homeland Security for a trailer for their ARGO unit. \$15k. MM by Belsito and seconded by Bemis to send a letter of support. All in favor.

Two Salary surveys out now. Chief Hickey for Chief's and Chief DiFronzo for FF's.

## **Good of the Organization**

Fire and Ice are looking to do a demo for District 7. Decided to invite them but in the warmer months.

Mentioned by Coleman if any district assets are to use on any incident that the Incident command system must be used and a Unified Command in place.

Mentioned that the Auburn Fire Dept did a great job honoring retired Chief Belhumeur that is ill with their spaghetti supper.

Chief Martel requested a letter to the new Marshal congratulating him on the new position.

Chief Bemis advised they will soon have a 300 gal diesel tank on a trailer if needed for large scale incidents.

Chief Belsito and Gauthier will work on honoring the previous members of the E Board that have retired.

Chief Zinther looked back on this being his 3<sup>rd</sup> year here and what was he thinking. In all seriousness he thanked all the Departments that assisted at the Public House Motel fire.

## **Adjourn**

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