



# MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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## District 7 Chiefs Meeting Minutes May 23, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. Auburn/Webster Elks, 754 Southbridge St, Auburn

**Call to Order – 19:15 by Chairman Belsito**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**27 in attendance from 15 Towns/Cities and 3 Organizations**

### Treasurer and Secretary Report

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

**MASSPORT/WORCESTER AIRPORT:** Deputy Chief Jay Drumm was present at the meeting to introduce himself and explain the changes that have taken place at the Worcester Airport. He gave his background, the updates on the Massport locations (Boston Logan, Hanscom and Worcester), Chief Joe Degrace will be in charge at Worcester, there will be three deputies (one for Hanscom/Worcester, one for Logan and a planning deputy), a dozen assistant chiefs, six stations (Worcester is Station 6), full staff of five on 24/7 soon, consistency (3-year shift bids), all FF I/II/ EMT/ some hazmat, Massport Communications division at Logan, full time radio shop, dedicated FD IT person, starting in August they will have a greater staff, want to get more involved with D7, they will have resources available to D7, presently 1 truck that needs to stay on site, after August a crash truck will be available with 3,00 gallons of water and foam that can respond to D7, Massport has a foam task force available to respond anywhere in the state 24/7. Annual FAA tabletop drill at Worcester Airport June 27<sup>th</sup>, they will start training with Worcester Fire but would like to work with all towns.

**MEMA:** Kristen Jerome: EMA conference in Marlborough, Competitive EMPG Grant available (leftover 2018 funds up to \$10,00 per community and can combine with other towns for more), call Kristen with any questions June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**DCR:** Roy Liard: Mostly class 1 & 2 days, most likely will stay that way for a while, prescribed burning units for the Douglas State Forest, still searching for excess equipment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Training: No report
- Radio:  
Chief Hamilton: Committee met at the Worcester Regional Dispatch and should be able to make that the backup control point. More work will be done there to be sure it has everything that is needed.
- FCAM: Nothing new to report.
- Homeland Security: Nothing new, meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> then off for the summer, will resume in September.
- Tech Rescue  
Chairman Belsito: D7 met with D8 & D14 today, a few units from the district will be participating in the drill at Joint Base Cape Cod, they will not be stripping the district, they will be gone from 5 am to 5 pm, the new Public Safety Secretary and Undersecretary will be there.
- State Mobilization: No meeting
- EMS:  
Chief Normandin: CMED dues going out, FCAM EMS funding has increased and in process.
- Communication Team: No meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**TRADE SCHOOLS:** From Chief Coleman: Baypath expecting news story next week

**RESCUE UNIVERSITY 2019:** No update

**PIO CLASS:** In the fall, most likely October.

**AIR/ LIGHT TRUCK:** Chief Wilson: Testing done on 45 bottles, good for the next four years.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**Good of the Organization**

None at this time

**M** – Chief Gauthier: To adjourn

**S** – Chief Parsons

**V** – Unanimous

**Adjourned 19:45**

**Next Meeting:** June 27th, Auburn

**Dates to Remember**

June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – MEMA 2-Day Conference in Marlborough

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – EMD meeting

June 24<sup>th</sup> – Hazmat meeting in Leominster

October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Rescue University in Grafton