



# MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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## District 7 Meeting Agenda October 22, 2015 Spencer Fire HQ - 6:30 p.m.

### Call to Order – 19:10

#### Secretaries Report – Emailed to all

M Chief Belsito to accept as emailed  
S Chief Parsons  
V Unanimous

#### Treasurers Report – Emailed to all

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S Chief Parsons  
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#### MEMA Update

- Reminder to all of the Conference at the DCU Center
- ICS 400 in Oxford Dec 9 & 10
- ICS 300 still in the works

#### DCR Update

- Seasonal staff done for the season . . .
- Hoping for an earlier start next year with same staffing levels
- W Brookfield Tower – still working on better electrical power to operate the tower
- Oxford Tower – power is still being provided by poles. Still trying to work out final plan with solar panel company
- Conditions still dry
- Training needs – should any department have any training needs contact Warden Liard
- DCR Wardens still unable to cite

## **Special Guest Presentation – State Mobilization, Dave Frizzell & Dave Hurlbut**

A review of the State Fire Mobilization plan was presented.

- Chief Dave Frizzell (Belmont) is the Chair of State Mobilization
- Chief Dave Hurlbut (Sterling) is the Regional Coordinator
- Requests should be managed by our District Coordinator Chief Wilson (Leicester) or Alt. Coordinator Chief DiFronzo (Southbridge)
- They will also respond to the incident and report to the I.C. to provide any needed assistance or additional State Mobilization requests.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Training Committee
  - Brief meeting today
  - Programs coming for DFS Instructor / Officer / seminar
  
- Radio Committee
  - No Meeting
  - 33.62 issue – It appears as though there was a problem in Mendon at their old fire station
  
- FCAM Update
  - No info
  
- Homeland Security
  - No report
  
- Tech Rescue Committee
  - Check email
    - Atlas Crate – to partner with D7 for materials response. Cache of materials available 24 hours a day can deliver most times.
    - Nov 12 media event for recog

- State Mobilization

- Steve Staffier has moved from MEMA to EOPPS for a full time SWIC position. He will be available for interop issues
- Dispatch Secondary: Waiting on Blair Sutherland's approval for Northampton Dispatch location. Steve Staffier is meeting with Steve Hooke next week to discuss Norfolk county.
- Activations Haverhill – partial activation only. No issues
- Reports needed to memorialize and justify the Strike Team/Task Force Fire Mobilization Program.
- District Coordinator Document – This document was designed to help Coordinators resources for activations, including roles and responsibilities.
- District Briefing Meeting – Discuss the overview of Fire Mobilization and the activation process for Chiefs.

It is important to present to all of the Districts and Chief organizations in the State so that the local IC/Chief has an understanding of this mutual aid program. If the Chiefs have any questions during an activation the Chair, District Coordinator, and Regional Coordinators are available for consult.

- DFS IDs Currently being printed. If DFS doesn't have a picture they will be reaching out to members for photos.
  - Run Cards/Inventory Updates Structural updates are being provided then forestry will be updated blank forms will be sent out for completion
  - Vacancy Process: The District submits the names to FCAM who sends that request to the MEMA Director to appoint.
  - Director Schwartz wants to change the activation procedure due to the reasoning that it is not in the duties of dispatcher's job to evaluate an ICs request. Chief Frizzell will meet with him over this request. Steve Staffier was very active in ensuring that the correct resource was being dispatched in that he confirmed with the Committee Chair or designee that the correct action is being taken. Chief Frizzell would like to stay with the process, and requests any input from the committee. Chief Jones highlights that the committee has created the system to ensure that decisions are made by committee members not dispatchers. There was a long time without a formalized process and policies that produced an inefficient result and now there are checks and balances to ensure that the proper procedure is followed. The dispatchers are not deciding on resources, they are following agreed upon procedures and the only changes approved in that procedure must be initiated by the appropriate Fire Mobilization contact.
- Chief Frizzell highlights that in addition the MEMA Communications Center has statewide situational awareness for other incident in order to assist.
- There are some issues from the meeting attendees that Steve's position won't be filled in a timely manner.

Chief Frizzell will follow up with Director Schwartz.

- Tech Rescue – Chief Frizzell has had conversations with Chief Nord about the proper location for the tech rescue program. The committee needs to decide if tech rescue is appropriate for the Fire Mobilization Program.

The Tech Rescue committee is looking at either a HazMat model or Fire Mobilization model. They are leaning toward Fire Mobilization.

There are issues in consistency in what the teams are qualified to be called for.

Chief Jones states that there is complexity in dispatching these resources which is a concern of the MEMA Director. Dave Clemons said that the HazMat teams are funded especially for that and Tech Rescue can't be added to the HazMat operations without additional funding.

Chief Jones asks if MEMA can handle the dispatch response.

Chief Frizzell will reach out to the stakeholders and find out which model is in the works and how Fire Mob is involved.

- Website – the Fire Mobilization Page on the MEMA website has been updated. There is now a section for Resources which contains reports and instructions as well as the District Coordinator Introduction guidebook. will send out the current link for Fire Mobilization
- OEMS – Ambulance Task forces need to be updated. OEMS members will update the run cards and work with Chief Jones to achieve this.
- Next Meeting December 09, 2015 at MEMA HQ at 1000 hours.

- EMS Committee

- FCAM meeting EMS mobile integrated healthcare

**Old Business:**

- District Assist Team  
Info has been sent out for interest please email  
Training to follow
- Website update  
Being worked on  
Could be operational by December

**New Business:**

- Swift water trailer  
Trailer to be sent out for lettering  
This unit will be hosted by Auburn Fire Rescue

### **Good of the Organization**

- MFA class in Spencer has 40 students currently registered
- Auburn Spag Dinner for R. Belhumer  
Sat Dec 5 time to be determined \$10/at door invite only
- N. Brookfield said thank you to all who assisted and showed up for PFC McIlhenney it was overwhelming for the family and much appreciated

### **Items not Known at the Time of the Agenda Posting**

None

**Next Meeting:** December 3, 2015 – Halligan’s Sports Bar

### **Adjourn 2030**

**M** Chief Gannon  
**S** Chief Kessler  
**V** Unanimous