



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Minutes December 6, 2018 - 6:30 p.m. Dudley-Gendron American Legion Post, Sutton

Call to Order – 19:00 by Chairman Belsito

Pledge of Allegiance

36 in attendance from 14 Towns/Cities and 1 Organization and Chaplains

CHIEF UPDATES: Chairman Belsito gave updates on the chief changes in the district, including Dudley Asst. Chief Paul Konieczny and Charlton Deputy Chief Jason Cantara.

Treasurer and Secretary Report

M – Chief Kochanowski: to accept both as emailed

S – Chief Vinson

V – Unanimous

MEMA: Kristen Jerome: They have boxes of sandbags at Headquarters if anyone wants some let her know.

DCR: D7 Warden Roy Liard is not home, he will e-mail a DCR update.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Dr. Miller and Dr. Sabato gave a presentation on their initiative, through UMass, *Prescription CPR Collaborative Project*. They are trying to save lives with the project which utilizes bystander CPR and Dispatcher assisted CPR. The MA survival rate now is 4% and the national average is 8%. Less than 1% get CPR before EMS arrives. They found people remember as much with a 2-minute program or a 2-hour program. They are working on speeding up State 9-1-1 protocols. They are also working on getting a high-risk patient's family to learn CPR. The doctors would like to partner with District 7 communities to get the message out about Hands Only CPR. They would like Massachusetts to rival Seattle with results. Just a "handshake" with UMass is needed to start the program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Training:
Chief Vinson: No meeting, they booked Dr. Griffin.
- Radio
Chief Hamilton: No updates
- FCAM
Chief Coleman: OSHA updates e-mailed to everyone with a short PDF slide program included. Scheduled to go in effect February 1st. Draft regulations have not been submitted yet. DLS is not in a position yet to do any pro-active work. Bill Skobell asked for home addresses for each Chief to receive Government affairs e-mails.
- Homeland Security
Chief Kochanowski: Hired Conor McCormack, they interviewed three, he was on top. Everything else moving along
- Tech Rescue
Chairman Belsito: November 3rd & 4th Paratech training went well. Tech Rescue meeting coming up.
- State Mobilization
Chief Wilson: No meeting.
- EMS
Chief Normandin: Meeting next Monday, State EMS. Ed McNamara is retiring from CMEMS in October of 2019. Tina Dixson will take the position.
- Communication Team:
Chief Adam Lavoie: Comm. Team met to review the new FC-1, it was well attended, it's a huge asset to the District. The Comm. Committee met with the Team Leaders yesterday. The team is requesting safety vests, they would like 12 (6 on each truck). They also requested to purchase frequency identifiers, two at \$70 each. They would like Identification cards for all members.

M – Chief Kochanowski: to purchase vests for \$183 and frequency identifiers for \$140

S – Chief Normandin

V – Unanimous

Chief Kochanowski asked how someone can get on the team. Chief Lavoie is looking at making a form and will get it sent out. Chief Coleman felt there should be a standard “Special Teams” form. He said it comes down to coverage, exactly what group will cover them. He also stated they would be making cuts to the team.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM: In the Training Committee hands.

RIT TRAINING: Captain Brigham finishing report from the RIT weekend.

CHALLENGE COIN: Chief Coleman: Coins came in and he had them tonight. Every Chief and Delegate will get one and the remaining can be purchased for \$10 each. Each Chaplain would also receive one for attending tonight.

TRADE SCHOOLS: Chief Coleman: They are meeting in January. Anyone that has input should get it to Chief Coleman. Chief Lavoie informed the group Quaboag has added a course. Meeting January 9th, if any Chief wants to attend. They need to find a funding source.

AUDIT LETTER: Chairman Belsito: Not ready yet

RESCUE UNIVERSITY 2019: Chairman Belsito: Meeting in January.

CHAPLAINS: Chairman Belsito thanked the Chaplains for attending tonight and asked that they meet each other that are here. Chief Coleman explained the changes in times that could add to the Chaplains roles. Chaplain Chase (Charlton) discussed CISM meeting in Baltimore every other year, is the week of May 20th. It good to attend (ICSF.org)

NEW BUSINESS

MENDON: Chief Harris (Outgoing interim Chief) thanked the District for all the support.

FIT TESTER: Chief Hickey discussed SCBA mask fit testing to stay in line with OSHA requirements. He felt if the district purchased one, it would save money for everyone. He had a quote of \$12,800 which included 5-year maintenance (it does most brands) The base cost is \$9,295. Chief Coleman thought we should have capital plan for district equipment, maybe every 2 or 3 years a capital fee for each town, to support things each town couldn't do on their own. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Good of the Organization

FCAM CANDIDATES: Chief Coleman stated he is not running for 2nd VP right now and asked that we support Chief Winn.

DISTRICT FIU: Chief Silver mentioned the 3 recent activations and that they are looking for new members.

Chairman Belsito wished all members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

M – Chief Vinson: To adjourn

S – Chief Coleman

V – Unanimous

Adjourned

Next Meeting: January 24th, Auburn

Dates to Remember

None at this time

