



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 18, 2019 14:00 Auburn Fire Headquarters

Present: Chairman: Chief M. Belsito, Vice-Chairman: Chief R. Parsons, Treasurer: Chief W. Kessler, Secretary: Chief R. Hamilton; Chief B. Hickey, Chief M. Lavoie, Chief P. Normandin, Chief Kochanowski, Chief R. Wilson, Chief R. Parsons, Deputy Chief M. Dupuis

Air/ Light Truck: Chairman Belsito reviewed the history of the issues with the truck. There were problems with the compressor shutting down at recent fires. Deputy Chief Dupuis gave an update on the actions Leicester have taken to determine what issues there may be. He read a letter from Independent Compressor which stated there are many problems and to expect expensive repairs. They are a Mako compressor dealer. There is an Eagle Compressor in the truck. Fire Tech and Safety is an Eagle dealer and they took a look at the system. They had a letter from them which stated 1) they drained the oil, which was the wrong type for that unit; 2) No particles were found in the oil; 3) The third stage pressure gauge was not reading properly; 4) The filtration system was modified and should be returned to original; 5) Some training should be done on the use and maintenance on the system; 6) System manuals should be located; 7) Air quality should be done every 90 days. No life ending problems were noted and the system unlikely will shut down again.

Motion: Chief Parsons seconded by Chief Kochanowski: To bring the system back to original and for the district to cover the costs: Unanimous. It was agreed the air quality tests should be done every quarter and the district would pay for that.

IamResponding and District 7 Control Point Dispatching Upgrades: Chief Normandin stated it is ready to go. He explained how all the Chiefs and delegates of each town requested would be alerted to assure they can cover the requested units. If would go out different, the IamResponding would go first followed by the county radio announcement and then they would go to the Orange channel. The run cards would need updating. Chief Hamilton passed out a set of Strike Team Cards and also Task Force cards. These cards match the present ones and can be loaded onto our website independent of the console program. The Board determined a goal will be a June 1st cutover. It was agreed not to pay the invoice for the console system.

Letter of Support: Worcester Fire is applying for Homeland Security funds for a communications upgrade that would connect frequencies in the district to city talkgroups for mutual aid into Worcester and for Worcester to the towns in District 7. Chief Belsito read a letter of support from the district he wrote. The Board approved of it. He will read it at the full group next week.

Tech/ Dive Budget Request: Chairman Belsito explained a request received by the Tech/ Dive Teams to fund a line item in the District's budget for consumables such as special gas for saws, chains, etc. They are requesting \$1,000 annually. The proposal was discussed.

Motion: Chief Wilson seconded by Chief Parsons: to add the line item into our budget: unanimous.

Homeland Funding Increase: Chief Kochanowski explained the increase in Homeland funds they were just made aware of. They based their decisions on last years funds, which was \$720,426. The new figure should be \$978,375, for an increase of \$257,949. They will have a meeting to determine how that should be allocated.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Kochanowski and seconded by Chief Normandin: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 15:30