



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Minutes October 26, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. Spencer Fire Department

Call to Order – 19:00

Secretaries Report

- M – Chief Parsons: to accept as emailed
- S – Chief Lavoie
- V – Unanimous

Treasurers Report

- M – Chief Parsons: to accept as read
- S – D7 Warden Liard
- V – Unanimous

MEMA Update

Kristen Jerome: upcoming conference at the DCU Center in Worcester 11/1 and 11/2. Registration is still open even though it shows closed on the website. There will be two sessions for the FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement November 14th: 8:30 am in Leominster and 1:30 pm in Spencer, each about two hours long. You must register to attend. The application is new, and all online. David Bryant is the new training coordinator. Chief Martell questioned the state equipment list cut down from the federal list for the EMPG grant. Kristen stated sometimes you can get something else approved if you e-mail a request.

DCR Update

District 7 Warden Liard: seasonal staff ended about 3 weeks ago. We were in a dry spell until these recent days of rain, the KBDI will probably change a lot due to that. There are interviews for a new position, that should help with grants.

Committee Reports:

- Training

Chief Vinson: the training committee met today, they discussed Capt. Brigham's mayday presentation for the district. We need to get members of the call force to attend. They also

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discussed Dr. Griffin's presentation of the S. Carolina furniture store fire that killed 9 firefighters. Possibly a night presentation in March or April. MPO training is in the works with several options. Chief DiFronzo working on strike team leader training, trying to get someone in for new chiefs and deputies, it would be used for strike team or task force activations. Chief Coleman asked to identify members to put on a list, get the names to Chief Wilson or Chief DiFronzo. Chief Coleman would like a date set for the *Working with the Media* class, he has close to 20 people interested. Chief Vinson stated active shooter and active threat training are big right now. Chief Coleman stated that the MFA is working with other agencies and made a guidance document. He feels there should be a class for the district to get familiar with it first and then present it to the police departments. We need to preplan for EMS going into the warm zone. They are looking at the "Stop the Bleeding" class, which is open to the public. Chief DiFronzo suggested a sub-group be formed to put together multi-agency training.

M – Chief Parsons: to have the Capt. Brigham presentation 12/7 with the D7 meeting.

S – Chief Lavoie

V – Unanimous

This would be open to all department members, possibly have the D7 Chiefs meeting first, with a meal from 5:45 to 6:45, then move somewhere for the presentation.

M – Chief Parsons: to set a date for Dr. Griffin's class in March or April

S – Chief Gauthier

V – Unanimous

- Radio

Chief Hamilton: update from the last meeting, they purchased a radio for FC-1 and some antennas for the fire towers so they can monitor the district channels while still having their primary channel on another radio.

- FCAM

Chief Cloutier was no present but Chief Coleman explained with the pending retirement of Chief Cloutier, we will need to fill that position. Chief Coleman is running for 1st Vice-President, but if he doesn't get that position he would be willing to be the D7 representative. Chief DiFronzo felt we should put it out to the district to see if anyone is interested. The group was in agreement. Night meeting, November 15th 6 to 9 pm at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

- Homeland Security

No report

- Tech Rescue

Chairman Belsito: the last round of structural collapse training is complete; reimbursement paperwork should be completed. Reminder that each member should have a medical folder in sealed envelope ready in case of a deployment. Chief Sullivan is writing a PJ for D7 / D8 training. Chief Fleischer stated the training certificates from Westover had the wrong date, you can request a new one with the correct date.

- State Mobilization

Chief Wilson: the last meeting was cancelled.

- EMS

Chief Martell: protocol changes, cases need to be in by the end of the year.

- Communication Team

Chief DiFronzo: they will be having a meeting soon. FC-1 is coming along nicely, they have many good ideas. Jim Wilson reported they are putting all the ideas together, they have some donations from several people and companies. The counter tops would be a big step to get done. The lettering came off good. They will need a 7 logo.

Old Business:

Old SAFE trailer: Chief Wilson reported it will be in N. Brookfield for the winter. Some housekeeping items need to be done.

District credit card: Chief Kessler talked to Savers, he is working on details.

Mayday Policy: Chief Coleman said it needs work, the policy is older and needs more work than originally thought. He will get it done before the December meeting.

Worcester tanker strike team drill: Chief Hamilton stated the drill went well. The run card needs some adjusting, we should add another engine on each card, in case a drafting site is needed to fill tankers and add another tanker to the Central card to balance them. Grafton agreed to provide an engine in place of their tanker and Uxbridge would provide a tanker. After a question about the additional engine, Chief Fleischer explained the 3-tier water system in Worcester. They will also talk with the adjoining towns to use their water systems.

New Business:

Central location for meetings: Chairman Belsito had a chief inquire about this. The Board of Directors didn't have a problem with it. He discussed with Chief Coleman about having them in Auburn, maybe at the Auburn Elk's. Chief DiFronzo didn't see a need. Chief Martell stated we had done it in the past in Oxford, he felt attendance was up, he's not sure why it ended. Chief Gauthier stated it was his suggestion, he felt if a meeting is at one end or the other of the district, it's a long ride for some.

M – Chief Kessler: to have centralized meetings

S – Chief Parsons

V – Unanimous

District PIO: Chairman Belsito brought up the idea. He has put together a job description. Chief Coleman stated a lot of data is requested from the district. This person can work with all the data.

M – Chief DiFronzo: to post to the district

S – Chief Parsons

V – Unanimous

To be posted on the website along with the job description. We can also post the FCAM rep position. To be posted for 2 weeks, maybe have interviews.

District air/ light truck: Chairman Belsito questioned if there had been a formal vote to move the truck. He was informed there was not. Chief Goodale is looking to move it out of Upton. Chief Wilson is interested in taking it in Leicester.

M – Chief Coleman: to move the truck to Leicester

S – Chief DiFronzo

V – Unanimous

District Website: Chief DiFronzo stated the ambulance strike team card is up on the website. A couple of pieces are missing. He waited on putting up the Worcester tanker card with the potential changes, he will get it on there. He explained the 3 ways an activation gets sent out. If any chiefs want to be added, let him know.

Good of the Organization

W. Brookfield Fire: Chief DiFronzo brought up the changes, Paul Foster is Acting Chief now. Discussion about the change in acting chief and some potential issues that may happen in the district.

Chief Wilson reminded everyone that if you haven't completed the survey from W. Barnstable to please complete them and return them to Chief Maruca.

District Assist Team: Chief Parsons questioned what the status was. Chief Coleman stated the team is formed, he's not sure of the status or the training. The functions have been established. He will set up a meeting with the team.

A reminder that Chief Gannon's retirement party is November 11th, tickets are \$50. Chief Coleman suggested a standard practice be established to get a gift and a member of the District E-Board attend to present it to them. Anyone that hears of a Chief retiring in the future should make sure the district knows about it.

M – Chief Coleman: to purchase a bugle award when a chief in the district retires and present it.

S – Chief Parsons

V – Unanimous

Chief Coleman: Charlton Fire has posted the chief's position internally for 7 days, they should have a chief in place when Chief Cloutier retires.

M – Chief Coleman: to Adjourn

S – Chief Parsons

V – Unanimous

Adjourned 20:39

Next Meeting: December 7th, Auburn

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**District 7 Chiefs
Meeting Sign-In
October 26, 2017**

Name	Affiliation
RICH HAMILTON	MILLBURY FIRE
Hent Vinson	DOUGLAS FIRE
Bob Parsons	Spencer Fire
Kristen Jerome	MEMA
MATT Helsito	SUTTON FIRE
GARY FLEISCHER	WORCESTER FIRE
Stephen Coleman	Avburn
MARK DiFrenzo	SOUTHBURYS
Joseph Holway	W. Brookfield
Dan Anderson	N. Brookfield
Adam Lawrence	Warren
DAN SANTOS	WEST BROOKFIELD
Jim Wilson	Radio Committee
Bill Kessler	Uxbridge
Bill Locke	Spencer
James Barr	EAST BROOKFIELD
Micky Gauthier	W. GRAFTON
Bob Wilson	Leicester LEICESTER
Peter Martell	Brookfield
Roy Lillard	DCR
Steven Furwo	millville

