



## MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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### District 7 Meeting

**October 24, 2013**  
**Senior Center, 36 Main St., Uxbridge**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order – 1858 hrs.**

Introduced Jack Grant FCAM 1<sup>st</sup> VP

FCAM to come out to District meetings as time permits to get more insight into issues and concerns.

Fire Chief Credentialing is still pushing for legislation to require credentialing. MMA still blocking. The PFFM is now coming on board to support the legislation.

Police Chief to Fire Chief . . . FCAM working with the Police Chiefs Association to come out with a joint statement citing differences between the jobs.

Chief Mentoring Program available to assist Fire Chiefs for all needs . . . If assistance is needed please request from FCAM Rep. Chief Cloutier.

Introduced MEMA representative Kristen Jerome

ICS 300 courses are continuing. There are some evening classes scheduled. Check the MEMA website for details.

Resource Management System (RMS) courses are continuing. This is the new software the State is moving towards.

EMD quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday 10/30 at Worcester Red Cross. Email Kristen if attending.

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## Secretary's report

Minutes from the September meeting were e-mailed to the district.

Motion to accept as presented	Chief Hickey
Second	Chief Belsito
Vote	Unanimous

## Treasurer's report

Accounts to be moved to Savers Bank for easier use by the Treasurer and Chairman.

Treasurer's report read

Motion to accept as presented	Chief Belsito
Second	Chief Gauthier
Vote	Unanimous

## Committee Reports:

- Training Committee  
CPR training tonight and Saturday will be 1<sup>st</sup> Responder for those recruits that need it.  
Information meeting was held in Spencer to review program with recruits and Chiefs.  
Program will start on Nov 5, 2013.
- So. Worc. County Radio Comm.  
No Report at this time  
Next meeting scheduled for November 7, 2013 at 4:00pm at Oxford Fire Dept.
- Back Up Control Point Committee  
  
No meeting scheduled

Northbridge to go Public Safety combined dispatch with a target date of July 1, 2014. Chairman asked that the backup control point committee convene a meeting to begin to discuss options.

- Homeland Security  
No Dive Truck – Due to decreasing funds at Homeland Security it was the feeling of the group to not pursue this endeavor.  
  
Tech Rescue Training was voted and approved at the Homeland meeting.

- Tech Rescue Training

Committee: - Chief Bemis ( Chair ) / Chief Belsito / Chief Gannon / Chief Vinson / Deputy Chief Jolda

Received \$243,200 for training members of D-7 to the Technician Level. Originally proposed over \$400,000.00 and the request were cut in half.

Chief Bemis recently received a quote from DFS to deliver the training. The committee will meet on Monday 10/28. Costs are reasonable and DFS is trying their best to keep costs down. Chief Bemis pointed out that other teams have failed to get together collectively and become part of a unified/collective team. Chief Bemis gave an overview of what is going on with the statewide meetings for tech rescue. That committee is still meeting and is the very early stages.

Chairman advised all Chief's that if they have an interest in tech rescue they need to contact Chief Bemis ASAP.

- Call Chief's Committee & State Mobilization

Call Chiefs will meet on Tuesday 10/29.

Next Mobilization meeting November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Paxton to stay in D-8. They advised the Chairman they had no intentions of filing the paperwork with MEMA to move districts. Chairman advised that they have been removed from all strike team cards.

**New Business:**

Meeting dates / times - Suggest E-Board meet at 17:45 prior to monthly meeting. We will see how this works out, if need be we can meet earlier or call a special meeting.

District Mentoring Program - Any interest in Company Officer mentor program? New Company Officer Mentoring program? All in attendance at the meeting thought it was a great idea. It was suggested that we move the concept to the Training Committee for development and implementation.

Motion to have the next business meeting be a combined Nov/Dec meeting. It will be held on December 5, 2013 in Sutton.

Motion	Chief Belsito
Second	Chief Vinson
Vote	Unanimous

## New EMS Committee

The Chairman established a new EMS Committee. Most Departments provide EMS and we should have a group to work on EMS issues.

The E-Board will be looking for a “White Paper” on the various issues. The Chairman will be providing the committee with a written charge prior to their first meeting. The Committee will consist of five members. The Chairman has selected Chief Martel and Deputy Chief Normandin; looking for three more members. They do not need to be a chief officer. Looking for those with extensive knowledge in EMS.

Communications Operators - Dave Clemmons to present a program for our consideration  
This program would be a training program for those interested in operating the District Comm Units.

Discussion of realignment of Strike Team areas;  
Options are to move Spencer to Central, Webster to Central, or eliminate Central. Due to the complexity of the issue a special meeting of the E-Board will be scheduled in late November to discuss our options.

### Meeting with D-8 & D-14

Discussed meeting with D-8, very good meeting, want to work more together. They are also looking for joint training sessions. Discussion on D-7 Strike Teams responding to D-8.

Vote to allow Strike Teams to respond out of District. A concern was raised about liability. Most if not all D-8 Towns have signed the state 59A agreement. This alleviates the liability. Current vote of the district only allows in district response.

Motion to allow the D-7 Strike Teams to respond to D-8 if requested.

Motion	Chief Belsito
Second	Chief Kochanowski
Vote	Unanimous

Meeting with D-14 will be held on Thursday 11/14 in Hudson.

Assistant Chief Zarella from the Mendon Fire Department announced to the District that after the June meeting in Webster he contacted the state ethics commission regarding his involvement with Chief Horns consulting company. He stated that the ethics commission stated there was no violation and if people wanted to contact them to confirm they could.

**Next Meeting: December 5, 2014 in Sutton**

**Adjourn 20:04 hrs.**