



# MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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## **District 7 Meeting Agenda March 23, 2017**

**EMD Mtg. – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**D7 Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Imperial Chevrolet, Mendon**

### **Call to Order – 1922**

### **Secretaries Report**

**M** – Chief Cloutier to accept as emailed

**S** – Chief Hamilton

**V** – Unanimous

### **Treasurers Report**

**M** – Chief Belsito to accept as emailed

**S** – Chief Cloutier

**V** – Unanimous

### **MEMA Update**

- Fire Mob radios have been updated to be returned shortly
- Presentation on MEMA support functions to assist communities' at large fires (Cambridge, Holyoke)
- Discussion on EMPG grants

### **DCR Update**

- Seasonal staff has started
- Apr 2 will be at full staff
- Drought is being monitored – prediction is to be somewhat the same
- New tower maps in place for West Brookfield and Charlton
- Excess property – DCR doing audit of equipment out to communities – expect a visit/call  
Program is on hold due to inaccurate paperwork
- Training – basic wildfire training is available – call the office

## Committee Reports:

- Training
  - No meetings
  - Looking for direction on trainings – nothing yet
  
- Radio
  - Still researching trucks
  - New vehicle preferred – to still be brought to Homeland
  - Looking at vehicles through Accelerated Media
  - Field Comm question to be moved ? Due to the vehicle being owned/registered/licensed by Southbridge it can't be easily moved due to Insurance Liability questions.
  
- FCAM Update
  - No meeting due to weather
  
- Homeland Security
  - No new information
  - Jim Barclay spoke on behalf of the radio replacement request for FC 2 at SIEC in Framingham. Project approved pending adjustment of equipment to APX6500 radios.
  
- Tech Rescue
  - Met and went through equipment needs
  - Updated team members
  - Awaiting confirmation of dates of Structural Collapse Training issues were found and are being corrected
  - The State MOBEX Drill is planned for September. Updates will be coming.
  
- State Mobilization
  - No report
  
- EMS
  - No report
  
- Communication Team
  - Training is scheduled for April 29.
  - Still some issues concerning the team (East vs West) – E-Board to attend the April training to speak with the team

## **Old Business:**

- Regional Hearing Officer  
Millbury is still offering to be a host community for those in need
- Mendon 350th Anniversary Parade
- Homeland request for upgrade to Field Comm. 2 radios. (Inter-op committee)
- Request to ask CMEMS Board of Directors to lower our CMED Dues (no news to report)

## **New Business:**

- Organizational Legal Structure  
Chief Kessler met with the attorney who represented and assisted D-8 with the same type reconfiguration. It has been determined that the in order for D-7 Chiefs to be a non-profit type business and operate as such we need to rework some of our current by-laws. The attorney was impressed with our language and it just needed some minor adjustments. The costs for the changes would be less than what they had to do for D-8. Chief Kessler then requested a motion for the district to contract for these legal services.

**M** – Chief Belsito – to authorize up to \$4000.00 to contract for legal services to bring our organization to a 501c3 Corp.

**S** – Chief Cloutier

**V** – Unanimous

In order for all of this to be correct, the name of our organization will need to change.

**M** – Chief Belsito – to change the name of the organization to “**Massachusetts Fire District 7 Mutual Aid Association**”

**S** – Chief Belsito

**V** – Unanimous

Chief Kessler will contact the attorney and provide updates as needed.

## **Good of the Organization**

- Charlton St in Oxford will be under construction for most of the spring/summer/fall
- Rt 9 and Rt 31 in Spencer will be under construction for 2 years expect delays
- Thoughts on District 7 Fire Investigation Team from A/C Silver from Millbury  
A/C Silver spoke with DFS’ FIU and they have no issues with the District creating the team. He just thought with the limited fires we all have that putting a team together would help improve the skills of each person, assist DFS FIU when possible and be available for those towns that don’t have anybody.

**M** – Chief Cloutier to create a District Arson Investigation Team

**S** – Chief Hamilton

**V** – Unanimous

- Chief Nestro retire May – Party is June 9 details to follow
- Millbury will be flushing water tank in town and be down 1 million gallons

**Next Meeting:** April 27, 2017 – Dudley (location TBD)

**M** – Chief Cloutier to Adjourn

**S** – Chief Hamilton

**V** – Unanimous

**Adjourn 2020**

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