



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2015
Oxford Senior Center, 323 Main St., Oxford MA
6:30 p.m.

Called to order by Vice Chair Parsons at 1907hrs.

Secretary's report had been emailed prior to the meeting.

Treasurers Report read by Chief Kessler. Motion made and seconded to accept.

MEMA Update: No reps from MEMA

Committee reports:

Training Committee: No meeting since the last meeting. Recruit class update. At 27 students but appears to be coming to 26. Tonight's class is #11. Three week progress reports went out today. Class average is an 81. One snow day so far, building construction class, due to the Blizzard on 1/27/15. Will be made up on April 2nd. Thank you to the Departments that filled the openings for apparatus. Reminder to make sure your recruits PPE is all set and that the mentors are working with them.

Radio committee: Still working on the Orange Channel issue, will need to wait for the weather to break to make the needed repairs. Comm Class 5 is tonight and the class is down to 12 people. Still need to work on the details on activation/deployment etc.

FCAM Update: Chief Cloutier is seeking the endorsement to have Chief Bemis and Belsito the D7 reps for the State Tech Rescue Itac team. They both have agreed to be on the team. They will submit their resume's to Chief Cloutier to submit.
Sprinkler bill has been refilled.
Credentialing bill has been refilled.
Marshal's office is looking at the permit fee issues with NFPA 1.

Homeland Security: Chief Kochanowksi had emailed the District his information. Next training committee meeting is Feb 10th and Chief's Bemis and Belsito need to be there regarding their submittal of their grant for the Tech Rescue Team training.

Both Chief's have concerns with Homeland regarding issues with Chief Roy the Chair and the ability to get funding for these trainings. Also great concerns on being forced to purchase items for the tech team from Grainger that is inferior or not suitable for tech rescues. Most do not meet OSHA or NFPA standards which is stated on most of the equipment. The state has also grouped them with District 8 for response and there is no movement from D8 regarding any intra District training. May need the E boards of both Districts to sit down to iron out the differences.

Tech Rescue Committee: Currently the training is scheduled for April 14th in Charlton. There will be dive/tech rescue presentations going around the District in early May.

Call Chief's/State Mobilization: no rep

EMS committee: No reps

Old business:

Hardwick Fire is still inquiring if we would be interested in having them, join District 7 without New Braintree. Members agreed to stay with the earlier decision regarding this. No change.

Don Wicher EMS Association: No Reps from EMS committee here.

Tech Team Awareness Trainings: spoken already under Tech Rescue.

Good of the Organization:

Uxbridge Fire will be going to VHF very soon. They will get the frequency out to the District soon.

Next meeting: Charlton Fire Department, February 26, 2015

Adjourned at 1950hrs.

Members Present: Chief Kessler, Uxbridge, Asst Chief Johnson, Auburn, Asst chief's Hamilton and Hobin, Millbury, Chief Hickey, Webster, Chief Bemis, Oxford, Chief Gannon, North Brookfield, Chief Parsons, Spencer, Chief Cloutier, Charlton, Chief Zinther, Sturbridge, Chief Belsito, Sutton, District Chief Roganz, Worcester.