



# MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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## District 7 Chiefs Meeting Minutes March 28, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. Auburn/Webster Elks, 754 Southbridge St, Auburn

**Call to Order – 19:22 by Chairman Belsito**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**29 in attendance**

### Treasurer and Secretary Report

M – Chief Gauthier: to accept both as emailed  
S – Asst Chief Barker  
V – Unanimous

**MEMA:** Pat Carnevale attended the meeting stating he is still with the Governor's office  
Kristen Jerome: EMD meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>. Still have sand bags available. Boston Marathon planning on going taking up everyone time currently. There will be a 2 day conference in June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Marlboro.

**DCR:** D7 Warden Roy Liard: Seasonals started and Firefighter I start Monday. Fed Excess property is complete. If you're not sure if a piece of equipment is federal or not please call them. Any afterhours fires please call them in the next day. Any property damage they need a dollar figure. Class 3 today that went to a 4. On/off rain forecasted coming. Any fire prevention needs, ie: Smokey give them a call. /

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Training:  
Chief Vinson: Not much, good turnout for Dr Griffin's presentation.
- Radio  
Jim Wilson: Grant submitted to Homeland. Tri Band radios for the air and light truck are ordered. Work being done on the Orange Channel.
- FCAM  
Chief Coleman: Sent out the email regarding the OSHA committee. If willing to serve send him and email.

- Homeland Security:

No report

- Tech Rescue

Chairman Belsito: Wide area search training completed today. Heavy extrication class still slated for the fall. Chief Fleischer believes the dates are Sept 26, 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>. Not set in stone yet.

Chief Belsito: FEMA type 2 to be stood up by the tech team, another 3 day class and additional trainings. Best to select the people you want going to the class, 15 spots for the class decided by the Tech Committee. Worcester Fire also advised they can make repairs to the scba the tech team is using.

- State Mobilization:

Chief DiFonzo: Going away party for the outgoing MEMA Director Swartz April 25<sup>th</sup>. They have hired a company to review the mobilization plan, trying to type everything the national model.

Any run cards or inventory will be hold for the time being until this is complete. Team Leader and control point training still available. For the marathon district 14 will be black for the day. Lots of mutual aid will be pre staged for the day.

- EMS: Chief Coleman advised that OEMS is moving to Marlboro so they will be closer to us. They are doing spot checks again. If any crews get checked please let him know.

- Communication Team:

Jim Wilson: had the activation to Douglas, very helpful with all the mutual aid especially from Rhode island. Still getting dribs and drabs of the info for the comm trucks. Would like to train each strike team areas to show the trucks and what they can do between now and the end of May. Chief DiFronzo suggested a strike team drill and Chief Coleman suggested we could incorporate into comm team training. Chief DiFronzo will send out an email to Chief Hamilton.

## OLD BUSINESS

**RIT TRAINING:** Chief Coleman advised not much to report. Only heard from one Chief.

**TRADE SCHOOLS:** Chief Coleman will be meeting with Bay Path on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Last one was cancelled due to snow day. Chief DiFronzo advised at the last call/vol meeting the state realized the need for kids doing the public safety classes. Reached out to Blackstone Valley Chief's to see what type of interest is out there. All the towns said they were interested. Will try to schedule a meeting soon.

**RESCUE UNIVERSITY 2019:** Chairman Belsito : October 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. 4 per towns per day. Will open to D7 towns on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sept 20<sup>th</sup> will be open to all. Deciding if there should be a cost to D7 towns \$50-\$100 suggested. Pick of 3 different classes total. Will need cribbing, training dummies and easy ups for the day as well.

**ADDING OUT OF DISTRICT MUTUAL AID TO BY-LAWS:** Chief Parsons advised the committee advised to leave it as is.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

PIO class: Chief Coleman has received requests from within and outside the District. He will send out some dates.

M- Chief DiFronzo to charge \$25 per person for D7 towns and \$50 for outside towns.

S-Chief Vinson

V- 1 opposed

Chief Fleischer advised Massport is taking over fire/rescue protection at Worcester Airport on Monday. May seek them out to join the District. April 13<sup>th</sup> security will be no one either MSP taking that over. They will have 1 chief and 2 FF's 24/7 for 4 months then going to 1 Chief, 1 Lt and 2 FF's 24/7. They will be able to move off the airport if needed mutual aid as well. All current members have been absorbed into Massport and will start recruit school. It will be Massport Station 6. Chief Belsito will reach out to Massport.

Chief DiFronzo looking on the status of an officer class? Training Committee will look into it.

### **Good of the Organization**

Deputy Chief Dupuis advised when the air/light truck went to Douglas the compressor kept shutting down. Looking to see what the District wants to do. Advised to seek out getting it fixed either through Fire Tech and Safety or reach out to the company Upton used. Also 50 bottles will be coming due on hydro dates. Advised to not get them done and speak to homeland about disposal of them.

Chief Coleman: A benefit for the Tuttle post will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>, a motorcycle ride by halligans.

Chief Hickey: Getting prices on cancer screenings from Beth-Israel. \$850. Chief Coleman will get prices from Lifescan.

Chief Coleman advised that District 8 has asked to use the forcible entry prop. Boylston looking to use it. No objections from the body.

M – Chief Hickey: To adjourn

S – Chief Vinson

V – Unanimous

**Adjourned 20:40**

**Next Meeting:** April 25th, Auburn

[Auburn-Blackstone-Brookfield-Charlton-Douglas-Dudley-East Brookfield-Grafton-Leicester-Mendon-Millbury-Millville-Northbridge-North Brookfield-Oxford-Southbridge-Spencer-Sturbridge-Sutton-Upton-Uxbridge- Warren-West Brookfield-Webster-Worcester](#)

## **Dates to Remember**

May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – FPAM Educational Conference, Southbridge

May 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative Breakfast in Shrewsbury

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Tri-State Firefighters Meet in Webster

October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Rescue University in Grafton