



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Meeting Agenda May 22, 2014 Douglas Fire HQ - 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – 1904

Secretaries Report

- M** To accept Chief Hickey
- S** Deputy Chief Furno (Millville)
- V** Unanimous

Treasurers Reports

- M** To accept Chief Zinther
- S** Deputy Chief Furno (Millville)
- V** Unanimous

MEMA

Trainings ICS 300 Oxford PD Jun 10-12
ICS 400 Ware Jun 16 -17
CERT Quart Jun 17
EMPG Workshop May 27 at Red Cross Worcester Century Drive 10 – 4 pm
EMD Conference next Wed / Thu

Committee Reports:

- Training Committee

Met about Recruit Program completion. Approx. cost of the program (actual) \$9500 true cost approx. \$12000.

Met with the Instructors for review / improvements / adjustments to be out late Aug
Starting Class sooner first week in Jan and end in May still offers one attempt for retake thru DFS
First aid / CPR to be done in Dec before class starts . . . may be a requirement for program
Billing / Invoicing will be streamlined (books, fees, shirts, etc)

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Training Survey reviewed

Officer programs were high on the list

Tactics was also on the list, will be discussed in the future

Personnel issues will be researched and presented first

Jun 23 – 26 Jim Rowan will be in area offered to do program at no cost Date TBD

- So. Worc. County Radio Committee

Met to review draft proposal of merger

Draft was reworked and sent out for final review/comment it will then be forwarded to D7 Chair for the Districts review

Radio Committee Merger

The District is waiting review proposal. Proposal was designed to protect their interests.

M Chief Cloutier to have E-Board review, send out to District for comment for one week if no opposition, E-Board to approve and move forward.

S Chief Vinson

V Unanimous

- Back Up Control Point Committee

No meeting

- FCAM Update

May 19 was the meeting Jack Grant is the new President

Application for membership on web site and has been updated with changes

Credentialing meeting between D-7 Officers and the Mass Fire Service Commission still in the works

- Homeland Security

Webster's PJ was not approved

Next meeting in June

Safety Officer Program has been reauthorized to be run through DFS

2012 to review minutes for "Brookfield" Fire Dept radio project. The radio distribution is not going as planned. Chief Kochanowski and Deputy Chief Normandin to review with Mike Dunne at CMRPC

- Tech Rescue Committee

District

- All reimbursement paperwork has been submitted to Homeland for:
 - Rope Ops
 - Rope Tech
 - Confined Space
- Chief Bemis is working on collecting paperwork for the first session of Trench Rescue
- We do not know when checks will arrive. I have asked but have not been given an answer. I do know that Rope Ops and Rope Tech paperwork has all been approved and submitted for checks to be cut.
- If anyone is interested in what their approved reimbursements are please contact Chief Bemis.
- Second session of Trench Rescue (also the last class!) will complete Friday
- Please get paperwork in for the last two classes in a timely fashion so we can get this done!
- The original list of interested firefighters who signed up for classes has dropped from 70+ to approx. 50. Several communities have not submitted for reimbursements for any of the sessions. This has resulted in some excess funds.
- With the excess money left, we have received verbal approval to request use of the excess funds to purchase equipment. Chief Coleman is working with the Team Coordinator and the Team Training Coordinator on a list of equipment.
- Once the training is complete the Tech Rescue Committee is scheduled to meet to discuss the next steps to include on-going training, equipment needs and locations, dispatching, etc. May 30
- Chief Bemis and Chief Belsito attended a drill on the Cape May 7 -8. We should look into doing something similar very soon. This was truly an amazing session.
- Swift Water and Structural Training is in the future.
- Approx \$40,000 left over. This will be converted to equipment with Homeland approval. An equipment list is being developed with priorities.
- District Tech Team After receiving info from Spencer and Leicester the Eboard voted to have Dive become part of the Tech Team. This is the Statewide model as well as nationally. We knew we would need to look at this in the future but given the current state of the district and communities it was decided to bring everything under one operation.

State
No meeting

- Call Chief's Committee
No Meeting

- State Mobilization

- Training continues to be needed at all levels. They are looking to coordinate with the 9-1-1 trainers for dispatchers; providing additional Task Force Leader Training and District Coordinator training. There are a number of new people in different positions. This training will be coordinated with DFS, not sure what funding is available.
- Go Kits There are some final details to be worked out before delivery. Each Leader and Asst Leader for each of the response cards will be given these kits.
- Dispatching Finalization of the procedures and changes needs to be reviewed by Steve Staffier. Also continuing to research a secondary (back-up) dispatch center.
- G.I.S. Dep Marshall Ostroskey was not present to inform the group of the status
- Recent Activity Marathon overall went well. There is still some concerns/confusion on what cards were used and who was in control of the different disciplines.
- Plan Updates Districts were asked to review and forward updates to Regional Coordinators.
- Resource Cards Discussion on development of Foam Resources (and types)
- Next Meeting May 28, 2014 10:00am in Milford

- EMS Committee

New Protocols are out (both of them !) In effect starting Sept 6, 2014. Testing is required paperwork will need to be kept

ALS Equipment list has changed

Behavioral Emergencies has changed please review

Rehab protocol modeled after FCAM model.

A policy will be developed to manage MCI response

Old Business:

Officers Training Survey
Discussed under Training Committee

Discussion regarding CMED automatic response during MCI
EMS Committee still working on a response model.

Update on Communications Team
Monday was a meeting for the team. About 30 people signed up. About 25 attended. Overview provided.
Radio Committee will be the oversight for the group. Sept will start the Comm T training.

ByLaws

To be sent out with changes

New Business:

Regional FF Exam
Proposed by Chief Zinther.
Many Dept run exams. Proposal for 2 tests to be coordinated by the District.
Looking for feedback on idea
Maybe expand to do promotional exams as well

M Chief Hickey to move forward

S Chief Gannon

V Unanimous

Good of the Organization

Update on District tracking program
Lt Kokernak came out to Southbridge to “test” the program on our system. There are some adjustments that need to be done for viewing the site. We are ahead of D-8 as far as data input goes. He would like us to test the program and put it to the “test”.

Mike Dupuis resigned from Training Committee. It is with the regret that the Chairman accepted his resignation. Asst Chief Dupuis has done a lot for the Training Committee and will be missed.
Capt Ed Knopf will be appointed to the Training Committee (only app)

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As an FYI – HGAC (Houston Galveston * *) This a national bid process for fire equipment. The vendor works with you and the HGAC. The final price is developed through a national survey of costs.

“Pass the Hat”

We have in the past passed the hat for donations to offset food costs.

M Chief Parsons District to Pay “x” dollars (to be decided by Officers of District)

S Deputy Chief Furno (Millville)

V Unanimous

Next Meeting: June 26, 2014 – Millbury Fire HQ

M To Adjourn Vinson

S Chief Parsons

V Unanimous

21:00