

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
January 15, 2009 Minutes

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2009
Location: Wethersfield FD, 171 Main Street

Convene: This meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Art Gold (BHFD), James Barton (WPF), William Perkins (UCONNFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Larry Skilton (SWFD), Dave Tobias (NBFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Bob Walsh (HFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Jim Bellamo (CFD). Mike Trick (AFD), Peter Vernison (CERT), Don Miner (CERT), Don Janelle (CERT), Brian Schroll (WFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), Frank Papa (NFD), Kurt Wagner (CERT), Michael Pollack (CERT).

Public Comments: no public comments

Guest Speaker-

Minutes of previous meeting: December 18th 2008 minutes, passed (Flynn/Perkins)

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$3,589.48, Savings account \$1,644.86, 1yr CD \$5,098.62. Motion to accept report (Flynn/Riley) Approved.

Old Business:

Coordinating council meeting minutes- Minutes passed out to members present. Coordinating Council voted on a draft Connecticut NIMS plan. There was also a credentialing document draft discussed at the council meeting. The local fire chief will be the person who will approve credentialing for their employee.

Region 3 IMT meeting- there will be a meeting on January 26th of the full IMT team for region 3 at the East Hartford Public Safety complex.

MDT Update- A poll was taken at the meeting and a majority of the members present stated their department will be installing the MDT system

in vehicles within their department. If there is anyone that would like a live demonstration as to how the system works they should contact Asst Chief William Perez and he will set-up a demonstration. Officially the system will be approved within a week by CRCOG and FD's will start receiving the information to bring the MDT up live within the vehicles. If any Town would like special layers for their mapping they need to contact CRCOG for assistance.

Resource typing- Resource typing for the regional fire department should be submitted to Kerry Flaherty as soon as possible. This is a requirement from DEMHS and there could be some delays in grant dollars from DEMHS if we do not complete this project. Kerry has received many lists but still needs approx 6-8 Towns.

Grant Funding out of the 19 rounds of grant funding by the federal government there were only 14 department in the State that received grant \$.
Goodwin College- the college is looking to build a facility in East Hartford for a 2-yr degree program that will be expanded to a 4-yr degree program in Homeland Security.

Salamander system- the company needs to send enough stock to make 3200 tags which will be distributed to the departments that are already in the system. Each Department that already has staff entered into the system should get the updates (if any) so when the system is making over the tags for the department we will be able to update the existing staff in the computer.

New Business

14th civil support team – Chief Robert Cross gave a brief overview of the 14th Civil Support team located at Bradley Int'l Airport and what they can do for the region. The team at Bradley is a 33 person deployment team with a 90 minute response time to get equipment and deploy. They have \$94,000.00 of hazmat equipment and are trained and certified at the technician level. A Commander and full communication team will come out to the scene to meet with an Incident Commander to see what resources the IC needs. To call for the team you call 860-524-4951, Joint OPS center.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer