

**Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)**  
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**February 18, 2010**

**Next Meeting:** March 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Blue Hills Fire Department

**Convene:** The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President William Austin

**Attendance:** Bill Austin (West Hartford); Roger Michalman (Bloomfield); Roger Nelson (Bloomfield); Chris Schroeder (Newington); Tom Accaur (Broad Brook); David Lockwood (Broad Brook); James P. Barton (Warehouse Point); John Oates (East Hartford); Don Zessin (East Granby); Art Gold (Blue Hills); Robert Farmer (Blue Hills); Bill Riley ((Bloomfield); Jamie DiPace (Avon); John Horr, Jr. (Granby-Lost Acres); Robert Cross (CTANG)

**Public Comments:** No public comments

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting were unavailable and were tabled until the meeting of March 18, 2010.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurers report was unavailable, however it was noted that as of January 21, 2010, there was a total of \$10,662.72 in checking, savings, and CD's.

**Guest Speaker:** Chief Bob Cross of the CTANG briefed the association on his recent tour to Kuwait and the Air Force firefighting operations in the country, which supported aircraft missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Old Business:** The minutes of the DEMHS Coordinating Council from February 11, 2010 were distributed and discussed.

The Regional PSA's Honor Guard was featured live on Fox61 News on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

The chairman advised members that information about the recent chemical and detergent suicides was available at [eric.stratton@sdh.state.ma.us/](mailto:eric.stratton@sdh.state.ma.us) .

**New Business:** The new Regional Coordination Center on Olcott Street in Manchester was opened today at 3:00 p.m.

The Chair asked that comments in reference to the Middletown Explosion be held until Chief Badamo of the South District addresses the association or George Dunn provides a report.

Chief Oates gave an update on proposed legislation that would removal of the termination protection for Fire Marshals in Connecticut.

A general discussion of upcoming budget preparations was held and the consensus was that all chiefs should be vigilant and active in those discussions.

East Hartford will be hiring in the spring as are twelve other departments. The registration deadline for the spring CPAT examination is February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Some discussion was held on the impact of the State of Massachusetts buying the fire training facility in Springfield, MA. and the effect on Connecticut.

A general discussion was held on the \$125 EMT recertification examination fee. What happens when someone fails the test and who pays for the additional examinations?

There is still some confusion over the FLSA impact on the fire recruit class at the CFA, which started on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The course contains 22 night classes and no final decisions have been made by the municipalities involved. Milford is the only known City that already pays the required overtime under FLSA.

The Ever Bridge Reverse 911 System training course is 2 days long and can be obtained by going to their website for the schedule of classes.

The CTANG has taken its tanker out of service until certain safety and training issues have been resolved.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

William Austin  
CRFCA President

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