

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
March 22, 2007, 2007 Minutes

Convene: Called to order at 7:00pm by President William Austin
Newington Fire Department, 1465 Main Street

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), Chris Schroeder (NFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Tom McMahon (KFD), Art Gold (BHFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), William Riley (BFD), William Perez (EHFD), Jack Farr (RHFD), Mike Boucher (BFD), Ray Shedd (MFD), Rich Frohock (NBFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), William Perkins (UCONNFD), Rich Frohock (NBFD),

Minutes of previous meeting: February 22nd meeting minutes, motion to pass minutes (Gold/Lapierre). Approved

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$5,418.11, Savings account \$4,289.51, Motion to accept report (Zessin/Lapierre). Approved.

Old Business:

Project P/Salamander technology discussion- The Project P sub-committee chairman Chris Brewer provided a report to the secretary which advised the group a purchase order has been secured by CROG and the company will be shipping the equipment to the region in the near future. Included in the Purchase is a toughbooks laptop to go with the ID system to make the tags. Other items included in the Project P program are command boards for each Town.

AD HOC nominating committee for 2007- Bill Perkins put together a nominating form that was distributed to everyone present. The form will be sent to the Association members on the mail list. Nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary/treasurer will be put forward and voted on at the July annual meeting.

Alerting systems- nothing to report.

RCC upgrade- The regional communications center upgrades will include \$90k for Windsor Locks which includes backup power supply to the RCC center. New Britain will have an update to the RCC center. Manchester will have an entire regional operations center designed at a cost of ¼ million dollars. All of the RCC upgrades will cost over ¾ million dollars which includes Regional & Town funds.

Training report- There is a special needs training program that will be available to any department that would like to have staff trained in this area. The training is free to any Capitol Region Fire Department through a joint effort with CROG & UCONN, the class is 4-6 hours long and anyone wishing to have this training delivered to your Department should contact Cheryl Assis for dates after April 15th.

MDT update- Chief Willie Perez updated the group on the CAPTAIN system for the fire service. Go to the following website to review the CAPTAIN program for the fire service- http://www.crcog.org/public_safety/captain_fire.html . Newington was awarded a Fire Act grant to outfit apparatus with the CAPTAIN system that were not included in the initial program through CREPC.

New Business:

CAID Training- 12 people are trained in the CAID system training. These computer specialists will be an asset for the CREPC program and part of the Citizen Corps program.

Website for CRFCA- there was some discussion to get the website (crfca.com) back operational for better access to all of the Regional Fire Chiefs. Doug Whalen discussed he received (4) prices ranging from \$100.00 - \$800.00 to have a website designed and hosted. A motion was made to have a website for the Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association. Motion (Shed/Farr) Approved unanimous. Motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 to get the old website redesigned and operational (Gold/Perkins) Approved unanimous. Doug Whalen will contact Al Roberts of AWR Design to get the site up and operational.

FY07 Grant- DEMHS coordinating council has identified 9 major projects with a value of 27 million dollars. This proposal will go forward and there should be some information available at the April meeting.

Fire /Citizen Corps- there is a national fire/citizen corps program that is starting to get some activity. Chief Austin has advised that if a department would like to look into this program there are funds available to offset some of the cost. There may be as much as \$1,000.00 every 6 months to help offset some of the costs for this type of group. Contact Chief Austin if anyone would like to get more information on the citizen corps program or go to www.citizencorps.gov.

Bernie's Private Sale- Bernie's in Enfield has put together a special sale for the Capitol Region Firefighters at their Enfield Store, 1559 King Street from **8:00am – 11:00am Sunday April 22, 2007**. During this event there will be numerous items at 12% above store cost and special financing available. ALL REGIONAL FIREFIGHTER ARE INVITED TO THIS EVENT.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2007 7:00pm
Location: East Hartford Public Safety Complex

Future meetings: May 24th East Farms FD, Farmington
June 28th **annual Dinner meeting**, Bloomfield Center FD
July 26th (Open)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen

CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer