

**Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)**  
**ESF-4**  
**May 24, 2007 Minutes**

**Convene:** Called to order at 7:00pm by President William Austin  
**Location:** East Farms Fire Department, Farmington

**Attendance:** William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Art Gold (BHFD), William Riley (BFD), William Perez (EHFD), Jack Farr (RHFD), William Perkins (UCONNFD), James Barton (WPFD), Hillel Weisel (AFD), Russell Nelson (EFFD), Ed Richards (EFD), Chuck Flynn (WFD), John Shaw (MMRS)

**Minutes of previous meeting:** April 26, 2007 meeting minutes, motion to pass minutes (Czlapinski/Perez). Approved

**Treasurers Report:** Saving Account \$4,294.80, Checking \$5,068.11 Motion to pass treasurers report (Richards/Czlapinski) Approved

**Old Business:**

**Project P/Salamander technology discussion-** Training for the Salamander system is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a day & night session. Training for the Higgins system will follow the salamander training. The Command Boards are in and will be distributed to (3) boards per Town.

**AD HOC nominating committee for 2007-** The form were sent to the Association members on the mail list and put on the [www.crfca.com](http://www.crfca.com) website. Nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary/treasurer will be put forward and voted on at the June 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

**CREPC Website-** The Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association Website is up and running at [www.crfca.com](http://www.crfca.com). Anyone that has their department website and would like the CRFCA to place it on the link page can send it to the Secretary at [dwhalen@bradleyairport.com](mailto:dwhalen@bradleyairport.com).

**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](http://www.crcog.org/public_safety/captain_fire.html). There will be choices available and each department will have a shopping list with a \$ amount available to each department. More information to follow.

**IMT 6-day program-** still in line for a late summer early fall class in the Capitol Region.

**New Business:**

**Fire Captain Grant-** there was no application filed this year due to the complexity of the application and the deadline time.

**GETS Cards-** The Government emergency telephone system (GETS) cards are available through the Capitol Region. There is no cost to get the cards and you may contact Cheryl Assis for the form.

**Waterbury Firefighter Death-** a moment of silence was observed for the death of Captain Keane from the Waterbury Fire Department.

The CREPC meeting will be held on the grounds of St. Joseph College in West Hartford inside the Medical reserve corp. special tent.

Shelter Drill- The shelter drill will be this weekend at the Elmwood community center.

The city of Hartford is getting a command post for the city. Enfield is also getting a command post and the Enfield command post was purchased with Town & CCROG matching funds. The Enfield Command post will service the northern part of the Capitol Region if requested. If there are any deficiencies with the existing command posts in the region ESF-4 or ESF-2 should generate a list of items that need correction and send the list to Cheryl or Bill.

Chief Richards discussed the “OPT OUT LEGISLATION” which requires Towns to submit a resolution to opt out of a mutual aid provision in the State. All Towns are automatically in the mutual aid program unless the Town CEO passes a resolution to OPT out. This also includes interstate mutual aid, and does not impact existing agreements between Towns.  
House bill 7024

Command Boards- a motion was made to distribute (3) command Boards to each Town. (Richards/Flynn) motion passed.

Salamander PDA’s- a motion was made to distribute (2) PDA’s to Task Force 51,52,53,54,55,56,57, Middletown & Tolland. Place (8) on CP-8 and allow a maximum of (4) PDA’s from CP-8 to be available for training by departments in the capitol region. (Papa/Richards) motion passed.

John Shaw- MMRS informed all present that the “PUSH drill” which is a program to get medical information from 1<sup>st</sup> responders and family out on a form for medical supplies in a timely fashion at a POD, is still active and he hope to have more information at a future meeting.

**Next Meeting:** June 28, 2007 7:00pm  
**Location:** Company 3 & Drill Tower, 370 Tunxis Ave. Bloomfield  
Bloomfield center go north on Route 189 approx 3 miles. Firehouse on right.

Future meetings: July 26<sup>th</sup> Blue Hills Fire Department  
August- NO MEETING  
September 20<sup>th</sup> TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Whalen  
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer