

# Capitol Region Fire Chiefs

## Meeting Minutes

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June 27, 2019

**Next Meeting:** September 19, 2019 UCONN Fire Farmington

**Attendance:** Lapierre, Perez, Barton, Schroeder, Renshaw, Regina, Nelson, Rykowski, Barco, Sessa, Kolakoski, Freeman

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentation:** None

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**Minutes of last meeting:** No minutes due to attendance to joint meeting with Hartford County

**Treasurers Report:** Checking account balance is 3101.57; Savings account balance is 4179.47, for a total of 7281.04. Motion to accept report as presented Barton, seconded by Nelson, motion passed.

### **Presentation:**

HFD Fire Chief Reggie Freeman started the meeting off with a shortened presentation he delivered at the Hartford County meeting. Chief Freeman spoke about the condition of HFD upon his arrival and how he has used initiatives as benchmarks with his command staff and rank and file. He stated that he has many new firefighters and are all working hard to represent the HFD well.

Hartford County Fire Police John Sessa informed the group that they are delivering training for both the career and volunteer fire departments.

**Old Business:**

Educational committee- No report

Captain System- No formal report.

Task Force Update-Task Force 55 has been training together and will be testing group out very soon. They are working with Bill Higgins to complete the process.

**New Business:**

Election of officers will take place in 2020, if interested in any post please contact Chief Barton.

**Chiefs Roundtable:**

Perez: Good to be back and representing the UCONN FD as their Chief. Work continues on cross training the members. Waiting to get final word on a new fire truck for UCONN Farmington. Having a great time in new position learning and improving a great department.

Schroeder: Feels these meetings are important and we need to all work together to get the attendance up. If we work as a large unit we will be able to get more things accomplished, and support each other better.

Rykowski: Busy with continued training. Happy to work with Chief Freeman on the HFD, feels the moral has improved and less of a divide between the older and newer firefighters.

Kolakoski: Thanks to Chief Freeman for hosting and the presentation. Bristol is happy to be working with the area departments to make the region stronger. Bristol is also working on career development

Nelson: Farmington has purchased second hoods for firefighters hoping to work towards a safer cancer prevention model. Was wondering if any departments are having the apparatus professionally cleaned after large incidents to lessen the risk of cancer causing particulate in the crew areas. I also agree with Chief Schroeder on passing the word to get better attendance, we are all coming into

tough budget times and we are going to be working to support each other more and more as time progresses.

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Respectfully Submitted;

Thomas Lapierre- Asst. Chief

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