

**Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association**

**ESF-4**

**September 15, 2011**

**Next Meeting: October 20, 2011 East Granby Fire Department**

**Meeting called to order at 1900h**

**Attendance: W. Perez, T. Lapierre, C. Schroeder, G. Ruggiero, J. Farr, B. Rykowski, A. Gold, R. Giansanti, D. Lockwood, J. Oates, B. Austin, J. DiPace**

**Public comment: none**

**Minutes of previous meeting: Motion to accept as presented, Lockwood/ Farr, motion approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Savings 2454.25, checking 682.57, CD 5294.52 motion to accept Gold/Austin, motion approved.**

**Old Business: Fire Captain update: New maps are out, HFD wants to come aboard on this system. They have met with Teleprompter and are working on schedule.**

**Salamander update: Train the trainer class will be a two day class. Bill is looking for thoughts on the training class, the first day a few hours could be for admin. overview to see what it can do. Discussion continued from chiefs on their concerns one of them being command officers need to know the capabilities of the system and that it needs to be used always so when needed for a large scale incident it would be able to be utilized to the best needs of the incident. Motion made, Lapierre/Lockwood to have Higgins send a representative to our next meeting to address the chief officers concerns, and make sure this is the accountability system that best fits the Regions needs. All in favor motion approved.**

**Joint meeting with the Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan: Will will contact them and try to set a date for the January or February meeting.**

**New Business: Operational threat exercise planned for October 28th. ESF 13, ESF2, ESF 10, ESF 5 to be the main agencies in this exercise.**

**ESF 5 update Hurricane Irene: operated in three phases, 1st being tracking and updating forecasts. 2nd was the operational phase, Ham operators, CERT folks and web EOC opened. 3rd was the recovery phase that was started several days after , all went well we were spared in the Capitol Region, the shoreline experienced heavy damage.**

**Chiefs roundtable: John Oates, East Hartford experienced a vehicle strike incident on the highway while operating at an accident scene. No personnel injuries occurred. The new firehouse is almost completed. John Kelly from ISO has been out and has started inspection. Reminder of Ed Oherliy retirement dinner on October 6th.**

**Dave Lockwood: Found that there were many deficiencies in his towns plan during the hurricane.**

**Art Gold: Good results during hurricane. New firehouse about 50% complete. Task force 52/54 to have joint drill on October 23rd in Avon.**

**Gary Ruggiero: Used firehouse for family shelter during hurricane and it worked very well. New appratus has been delivered. September 25th is fallen firefighter ceremony.**

**DiPace: Avon's EOC opened for the first time during hurricane. Placed public works and PD in each firehouse during storm. Lost a 27 inch sewer line during storm which caused added concerns.**

**Next meeting : October 20, 2011 East Granby Firehouse, 1900h**

**Future meetings: November 17th Broad Brook, December 15th Newington.**

**Motion to adjourn: Schroeder/Oates 2055h**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Thomas Lapierre**

**CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer**