

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
October 18, 2007 Minutes

Convene: Called to order at 7:00pm by President William Austin

Location: Wethersfield Fire Department

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Rich Frohock (NBFD), Frank Papa (NFD Art Gold (BHFD), William Riley (BCFD), Roger Nelson (BCFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Vin Palmeri (EHFD), Stephen Brown (Windsor Locks FD), Chuck Flynn (Wethersfield FD), Brian Schroll (Wethersfield FD), Raymond Shed (Manchester FD), Richard Giansanti (South Windsor FD), David Papp (South Windsor FD), Larry Skilton (South Windsor FD), Chris Schroeder (Newington FD), Keith Victor (ESF-2), Jim Bellamo (Cromwell FD), Jack Farr (Rocky Hill FD), Tom Gill (Newington FD) .

Pledge of Allegiance;

Minutes of previous meeting: September 20, 2007 meeting minutes, motion to pass minutes (Flynn/Skilton). Approved.

Treasurer's report: D. Whalen reported savings account \$4,294.80 & Checking Account \$4,721.69 motion to approve (Gold/Riley) Approved. Motion to donate \$200 from CRFCA account to Chief Mike Varney Reception for Fire Chief of the year award. (Gold/Riley) approved.

Old Business:

CREPC website – Al Roberts is the Webmaster and will place information related to the CRFCA on the site. If anyone has information they can Email the webmaster or any of the CRFCA officers on the website. Emails are available on the website- www.crfca.com.

Captain's MDT Project – Version 2 of the CAD system was delivered on 10/17 and installed. There are 3 hazmat websites installed and available on the CAPTAIN system. On 11/5 there will be a CAPTAIN live DEMO during the day, Location & Time TBD. A request to have the CAPTAIN system demo conducted during the evening for other Chiefs was addressed. Chief Palmeri will send this request to Willie Perez.

EMS Coverage on each Task Force- Moved to next month

New Business:

Executive State Interoperability Committee- Keith Victor advised all Towns to make sure they are in compliance with all of the services for interoperability. The State has 104 channels and voice over in the 700 range to tie-in at a later date.

Mobile Communication units & strategic reserve program- each region will have (1) mobile communication unit (Van) assigned to a specific area in the region. This unit will have a stand alone PSAP center inside with 2 console stations. The State will receive 13 million for this project and the interoperability coordinator will be assigned to run this program. Chief Schroll & Chief Gill agreed to head a committee for the capitol region to review the specifications for this program.

STOC's boxes- there will be 100 STOC's boxes distributed throughout the State. It will be done by homeland security through a form that each Region & Department will have to fill out. The distribution will go to regional assets first then individual departments.

NFPA 1221 certification – Keith Victor advised all Chiefs when they go for an ISO rating inspection the dispatch center that is connected to the FD will be reviewed under NFPA 1221 certification. All 1221 guidelines should be reviewed at each dispatch center.

DHS adoption of NFPA standards- the federal department of Homeland Security has adopted 11 more NFPA standards; this brings the total to 25 NFPA standards that have been adopted by DHS.

Controversial legislation related to Volunteer Firefighters- Chieftain.com has reported that congress is about to shut down many American Volunteer Fire Departments. There is an act, Public Safety employer-Employee Cooperation Act, which would make it significantly easier for the IAFF to shut down volunteer department.

Connecticut Firefighter Day- Governor Rell has declared October 21, 2007 as Connecticut Firefighters Day. A proclamation was read at the meeting.

Air support with brush fires- Chief DiPace has notified fire chiefs at the meeting that while fighting a very hard brush fire in his town he requested air support from Trooper 1 (CSP). Even though the helicopter arrived at the command post the pilot was not able to get permission from his superior to assist in fighting the fire. Jamie was told the CSP do not use the water buckets anymore with Trooper 1. Doug Whalen will look into the availability of the Army National Guard with their Air support. Chief Austin will bring this issue up at the next coordinating council meeting.

Upcoming programs- Altered standard of care in a pandemic scenario October 25th 1:30 -4:00 Hartford Hospital. Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan (HCFEP) Thanksgiving dinner at Avon FD November 14th.

No further question or new business.

Next Meeting: November 29, 2007 East Hartford Fire Department

Future Meetings: December 20th West Hartford, January 17th Blue Hills, February 21st Avon.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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