

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
November 29, 2007
Meeting

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

Location: East Hartford Public Safety Complex

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), Chuck Flynn (Wethersfield FD), Richard Giansanti (South Windsor FD), Jack Farr (Rocky Hill FD), Tom Gill (Newington FD) Chris Marvin (Manchester 8th District), David Celapinski (East Farmington), Stephen Bianchi (Windsor FD), Gary Feldman (EFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), William Perez (EHFD), Mike Eremita (EHFD)

Minutes of previous meeting: October 18, 2007 meeting minutes, motion to pass minutes (Celapinski/Marvin). Approved.

Treasurer's report: D. Whalen reported savings account \$4,305.58 & Checking Account \$5,496.69 motion to approve (Lapierre/Gold) Approved. Doug Whalen reported 26 departments have not paid the yearly dues of \$50.00 a second notice will be sent out to those agencies.

Old Business:

CREPC website – the website is working with no issues. This item will be taken off the old business agenda.

Captain's MDT Project – there will be a review of the CAPTAIN system on Tuesday December 4th at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex. Pilot Towns are installing hardware and ready to test system.

Incident Management Team Project- there will be some training in April for anyone interested in the IMT program. Some prerequisite classes must be taken prior to attending this 6-day training session. All 6-days of classes will be approved refundable training programs.

EMS coverage for Task Forces- Chief Perez has talked to ESF-8 group and we have the support of the EMS community to include EMS to each task force. A guideline for EMS coverage will be reviewed and discussed at a future CRFCA meeting. There was discussion on the floor to adopt a medical monitoring system for the Task Force teams, Chief Gold & Perez will look into program. This will also impact callouts in Region/State/out of State responses.

New Business:

PDA's for Task Force Teams- Each formed Task Force in the Region will receive (2) PDA's for electronic accountability monitoring. There are 26 PDA's that the Region purchased as part of the program, 10 task forces will receive (2) PDA's and (6) PDA's will reside on CP-8 for dispatch anywhere in the region. A host program will accompany each PDA for event downloads on computers at the firehouse.

Salamander ID tag system for Hartford FD- After some discussions with CRCOG and the Hartford FD it was determined that Hartford FD has all of the equipment to make ID badges for the department but need the software to produce the same badges as the Region. CRCOG will purchase the software for HFD and will work with them to get the Department operational with the accountability system adopted in the Region.

SFMO- Rob Ross from Middletown South District FD has taken the place of Wayne Maheau in the State Fire Marshal's office.

Governor Rell resolution- There was a Connecticut Firefighter Day resolution from the Governor.

New ID Unit- There is a new ID unit within the CAID team. This citizen Corp program will be practicing with the salamander/Rapid Tag system and would like to be included when agencies are conducting drills. Information will follow regarding a contact number.

Citizen Corp conference- The Citizen Corp meeting was held at Mohegan Sun with registration at over 250.

Fire Corp registration- There are 8 Fire Corps in the State with 2 located in our Region (Avon & Burlington). Each program is eligible for \$1,000.00 grants every 6-month. Anyone interested please sign onto firecorps.org for more information.

Meeting notices- Starting in January the CRFCA meeting notices will be sent to the CFA server for distribution to those on their mail list.

Other New Business- Chief Whalen thanked the Capitol Region Hazmat Team for their assistance with a Hazmat call at the Airport.

Next Meeting: January 24th Blue Hills Fire Department. Take Exit 35B off I-91, Rt218 west to Route 187. Right on Route 187, Firehouse on left.

Future Meetings: February 21st Avon, March 20th South Windsor.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

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