

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
December 18, 2008 Minutes

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2009
Location: East Hartford Public Safety Complex

Convene: This Dinner meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by President William Austin

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Art Gold (BHFD), James Barton (WPF), William Perkins (UCONNFD), Robert Cross (ANGFD), Chuck Flynn (WFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), Chris Schroeder (NFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Larry Skilton (SWFD), Dave Tobias (NBF), Roger Nelson (BFD), Bob Walsh (HFD), William Perez (EHFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), Michael Trick (AFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Jim Bellamo (CFD).

Public Comments: no public comments

Minutes of previous meeting: November 20, 2008 minutes, passed (Flynn/Barton)

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$4,145.84, Savings account \$1,619.48, 1yr CD \$5,084.80. Motion to accept report (Flynn/Zessin) Approved.

Old Business:

Coordinating council meeting minutes- Minutes passed out to members present
EMS Rehab policy- A motion was made to adopt the regional EMS rehabilitation policy that was reviewed at the November meeting. (Lapierre/Perez) motion passed
Interoperability- Keith Victor is still monitoring the interoperability programs both locally in the State and Nationally.

IMT- The IMT program for the State is still in a draft form and being submitted to the coordinating council for approval. The regional IMT program is up and running and a team is being formed. The IMT program should be available for large events some time in January. A presentation on the IMT program will be presented at the January 15th meeting.

MDT Update- Chief Perez reported that the pilot towns have completed the testing and are ready to accept the Captain system as designed. They are looking at February/March for the system to be distributed to other Towns. It was discussed that CP-8 is a regional asset and should have the captain system installed in the vehicle. The region should pick up the cost of installing this system in CP-8.

Resource typing- Resource typing for the regional fire department should be submitted to Kerry Flaherty as soon as possible. This is a requirement from DEMHS and there could be some delays in grant dollars from DEMHS if we do not complete this project.

CREC- there are 105 students presently enrolled in the regional magnet school CREC. We may have a speaker come to a future meeting to explain the school and how it

interacts with public safety programs. This school will be providing future firefighters to the region and they are looking for our support to assist them with field trips or fire related programs.

Website- there has been some updates to the website, crfca.org. You will see who the duty officer for ESF-4 is on the front page of the site. There is a calendar that will provide information to anyone who looks at the site.

Grants- there has been 14 rounds of grants awarded from the fire act grants. With 9 in-state departments receiving money, Waterbury (2), Bristol and Somers to name a few that received grant money.

DEMS meters- DEMHS is providing updates to the meters they sent out a few years ago. Apollo Company has been contracted to go through the State by region and service the meters. Region 3 should be called in February to have meters serviced. Gary Allyn has taken the lead for the region to assist Apollo once they get to our region.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer