Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
January 21, 2010 Minutes

Next Meeting: February 18, 2010
Location: Bloomfield Center FD, Bloomfield
<u>Convene:</u>   This meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

<u>Attendance:</u> William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Will Perez (EHFD), Dave Lockwood (BBFD), Tom Arceri (BBFD), James Barton (WPFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Art Gold (BHFD), Chris Schroeder (NFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), John Oates (EHFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), Jack Farr (ESF-10), Gary Ruggerio (WLFD), Tom Durkin (BDLFD), Bob Walsh (HFD), Wayne Bindas (EGFD)

<u>Public Comments:</u> no public comments

Guest Speaker- No Guest Speaker

<u>Minutes of previous meeting:</u> December minutes not available.

<u>Treasurers Report:</u> Checking account- $3,472.49, Savings account $1,949.31, CD $5,240.92 TOTAL= $10,662.72. (1) bill= December holiday dinner bill- 30 people x $15.00pp = $450.00.   MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURERS REPORT (Riley / Perez) motion passed.

<u>Old Business:</u>
<u>Homeland Security / DEMHS-</u> this program is being viewed during the State budget crisis and everyone should continue to monitor since there has been talk about merging DEMHS into DPS. DEMHS should stay in their own department.

<u>Ever Bridge system-</u> the ever bridge system has a 2-day training session being set-up for future training. A committee was formed to set-up policy *& procedures for the system.

<u>New Business</u>
<u>Recruit overtime payments-</u> Due to the CFA course schedule that includes night training there is some issue related to overtime payments for recruits. Due to the recruits training nights and evenings on some of their training time they are entitled to overtime for the extra hours. All departments that

send recruits to CFA for recruit class should take this into consideration during budget times.

RCC needs- The RCC is in need of some items to complete the center. Some of the items needed are chairs and tables. The RCC center received a grant for technical equipment but we could not purchase tables & chairs. If anyone has a conference table or good condition chairs & tables please contact Don Janell or Bill Austin. There will be some RCC training in the future by a group that operates in a RCC program. There was a motion on the floor (Zessin/Whalen) to donate $1,000.00 to the RCC from the CRFCA account. Motion was approved, a check will be sent on behalf of the CRFCA.

Salamander system update- The Capitol region is looking to get someone to go around to the different departments to take pictures and make the ID tags. This will move the accountability system a little faster than it has been going. As more information becomes available it will be brought up at the next meeting.

EMS legislation- there is some EMS legislation that wants to remove the fire chief from being in charge of a medical call. Unknown where that stands in the capitol.

Communication - Art Gold was asking if there was a way to improve communications between public safety departments. There was a hazmat call that could have lead to serious injuries to first responders and there seemed to be information out in the law enforcement area that sometimes does not trickle down to FD.

Mutual Aid updates- John Oates advised everyone present that East Hartford is re-writing the mutual aid agreements in East Hartford. The goal is to have a current up-to-date mutual aid agreement in writing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer

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