

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
January 25, 2007 Minutes

Next Meeting: February 22, 2007
Location: Avon Fire Department, 25 Darling Dr., Avon

Darling Dr is off Rt44, ½ mile west of the intersection of Rt 44 and Rt 10 north. Look for "Avon Park South" sign

Convene: Called to order at 7:15pm by President William Austin

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Steve Brown (WLFD), Vinny Palmeri (EHFD), Chris Schroeder (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Jack Farr (RHFD), Tom McMahon (KFD), William Perkins (UCONNFD), Eugene Cieri (HFD), Chuck Flynn (WFD), Michael Ciccarelli (HFD), Raymond Shed (MFD), William Perez (EHFD), Matt Nelson (GFD), Robert Cross (CTAGFD), Matt Nelson (GFD), Willie Perez (EHFD), Chuck Flynn (WFD), Tom McMahon (KFD)

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the November 26, 2006 meeting were approved (McMahon/Perkins)). The December 2006 meeting was cancelled.

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$5,216.76, Savings account \$4,283.57, Motion to accept report (Perkins/Czlapinski)) Approved.

Old Business:

Project P/Salamander technology discussion- After the November CREPC meeting it was discussed that the sub-committee meet again to discuss the options for an accountability system. If the Capitol region would like to purchase an accountability system with Federal grant money it must purchase the salamander system. The committee has agreed to purchase the salamander system and use all of the funding in project P. Chief Chris Brewer will be working with Cheryl Assis to get the purchase together and when he has some dates of purchase he will present it to the CRFCA. The committee also displayed an accountability board that was designed by Chief Gary Ruggiero from Windsor Locks FD. The Board will be built by

the State of CT Corrections department at a cost of approx \$50.00. 150 accountability boards will be build and build and distributed to every fire service in the region to be used for routine single alarm responses. Fire Departments will be able to purchase more boards if requested, the procedure for the purchase of more boards will be discussed at future meetings. The information sheet to produce a firefighter tag will be distributed at the February or March meeting for discussion. Once the data sheet is approved each department will be required to have each firefighter fill out a data sheet and submit the sheet with a digital photo of the firefighter to a location TBD. Information will be entered into the system and a tag will be produced and sent to the Department.

Ad hoc nominating committee for 2007- Bill Perkins will provide a notice of intent for anyone wishing to run for President, Vice President & Secretary/Treasurer at the February or March meeting for elections in June 2007.

RCC A05 Project- the regional communication center (RCC) project has \$400,000 for upgrading regional communication centers in the Capitol Region. Manchester (\$250,000, Manchester is providing matching funds); New Britain (\$50,000) and Windsor Locks (\$100,000) are in the process of having upgrades put in place. A fourth location, Rocky Hill, is being reviewed.

MDT/Captain System- Bid was received and the contract signed with IIT and Tele-partner for application software. All contracts were approved by DEMHS, the kickoff meeting with the technical committee will be 2/22/07, the project has authorization for \$581,500.00 for laptops, \$453,445.00 for software applications. The system will have Automatic vehicle locator(AVL), mapping, computer assisted dispatch access, integrated messaging, managed mobile internet access, FIREHOUSE mobile preplan & Incident Command software. The timetable for this project is rollout in 120 days with completion by July 1st. More information will follow after the 2/22 rollout meeting. All municipalities will have to sign an agreement with CROG in order to obtain equipment & services.

New Business:

Alerting system- The State & Capitol Region are in the process of completing the reverse 911 system project, a final product is approx 6-months away. In the interim there is a product for alerting which is called Global Connect. This product is being used in some CREPC Fire

Department with good success & minimal cost. The contact for Global connect is Melanie Zappone, her Email is melanie@gc1.com.

Intercity UHF repeater- There is a new UHF repeater frequency that will be available at the March meeting. This will provide all intercity frequencies with repeaters. The VHF frequency is based in Avon, 800 frequencies is based in Glastonbury and the new VHF repeater will be based in Glastonbury. All mutual-aid responses are asked to use intercity for initial communications and the talk group frequencies for on-scene communications.

Incident Management Team Training- There will be some FEMA incident Management Team training in April 2007. This 6-day training program will be part of the IMT training for the Capitol Region Incident Management Team.

Grant Updates- There was a series of stakeholder meetings related to the 2007 grants. Vulnerability & response will be how the Federal Government distributes grant monies. There was some discussion centered on the preliminary information that Connecticut will have a serious cut in funding. When monies arrive to the State it will be distributed through regional programs and not to individual Towns.

Special Needs Training program- The Federal Government EMI has a special needs training program (Course #197). If anyone is interested they can access this program through the web (training.fema.gov). The Capitol Region Special needs pilot program has been presented to West Hartford Fire Department and was well received. More special needs training opportunities will be available to fire department in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer