

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
April 26, 2007 Minutes

Convene: Called to order at 7:10pm by President William Austin

Location: East Hartford Public Safety Complex

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Art Gold (BHFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), William Riley (BFD), William Perez (EHFD), Jack Farr (RHFD), Rich Frohock (NBFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), William Perkins (UCONNFD), Chris Marvin (8th Dist. FD), Jim Bllamo (CFD), James Barton (WPF), Hillel Weisel (AFD), Chris Brewer (BFD), Mike Eremita (EHFD)

Minutes of previous meeting: March 22nd meeting minutes, motion to pass minutes (Papa/Gold). Approved

Treasurers Report: Suspended to May meeting

Old Business:

Project P/Salamander technology discussion- The Project P sub-committee chairman Chris Brewer provided a report to the secretary which advised the group the equipment is in and stored at Burlington Fire Department. Training for the system will be set-up with Salamander and announced at the May meeting. There was some discussion regarding the ID cards and how they would look. It was agreed that the ID number would be the same used at the CFA the persons first three letter of their last name and last four digits of their social security number. A color coding system for the type of agency will be used on the ID card (example-red=fire). The CAID team trained on 4/25 with the system and will be available in the future to assist at major events once the system is in place within the region.

AD HOC nominating committee for 2007- The form were sent to the Association members on the mail list and put on the www.crfca.com website. Nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary/treasurer will be put forward and voted on at the June 28th annual meeting.

CREPC Website- The Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association Website is up and running at www.crfca.com. Anyone that has some ideas or information to place on the site for the CREPC Fire Chiefs can send it to the Secretary at dwhalen@bradleyairport.com.

MDT update- Chief Willie Perez updated the group on the CAPTAIN system for the fire service. Go to the following website to review the CAPTAIN program for the fire service- http://www.crcog.org/public_safety/captain_fire.html. Please provide Cheryl Assis or Chief Perez (EHFD) with the number of laptops that your Town is expected to activate with the region so the region can get a handle on the quantity of start-ups for the CAPTAIN system. The cost for the yearly fees to activate the whole system will be \$1,000.00 per year per computer. The State agencies in the region are looking to get financial support form DEMHS for their share in the CAPTAIN system. Bridgeport & some other agencies outside the region will be on board with the system and will be purchasing the supplies on their own.

IMT 6-day program- NFA has 2 contractors that teach this program in the United States and a class consists of 40 people maximum. Applicants must have ICS 300 & 400 training prior to taking the class. CRCOG will be putting out an RFP to have this class conducted for the region in September 2007. Stephen Foley from NFA will be working with CRCOG to put a regional class together.

New Business:

Enhanced 911 bill- The Senate panel has approved a bill that addresses a number of obstacles to the Enhanced "911" (E911) services for internet protocol (IP) enabled voice services. The IP-enabled voice communications and public safety act (S 428) addresses a lack of access by IP voice providers to 911 communication facilities controlled by incumbent telcos.

GETS Cards- The Government emergency telephone system (GETS) cards are available through the Capitol Region. There is no cost to get the cards and you may contact Cheryl Assis for the form.

National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Tour- the Tour will be proceeding through the area on May 9th at 10:00am with a classroom at Blue Hills FD from 1230 -1630. A review of the 16 safety initiatives will be reviewed.

COMMANDER- There will be a display of the COMMANDER command post at West Hartford Fire Station #4 Albany Avenue on May 2nd at 2:00pm.

Shelter Drill- There will be Operations orders for the May 26th & 27th Shelter drill that is being conducted at the Elmwood community center in West Hartford. The region will stand-up the shelter program and try to have at least 400-500 people go through the shelter operations. The drill will activate at 8:00am on 5/26 and will work with emergency managers, cert teams and the Red Cross. 100,200, 700, 800 & Red Cross shelter operations classes will be conducted during this drill. Student victims are needed to participate in this drill. If anyone has questions or volunteers please contact Chief Austin at West Hartford Fire Department.

Next Meeting: May 24, 2007 7:00pm

Location: East Farmington Fire Department, 94 South Road, Farmington
I-84 to exit 39, end of exit take right onto Farmington Ave, take first right onto South Road, firehouse on right.

Future meetings: June 28th annual Dinner meeting, Bloomfield Center FD
please RSVP for proper meal count*
July 26th Blue Hills Fire Department

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer