

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
July 23, 2009 Minutes

Next Meeting: September 17, 2009
Location: East Hartford FD, School St

Convene: This meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Art Gold (BHFD), James Barton (WPFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Larry Skilton (SWFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Bob Walsh (HFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Mike Trick (AFD), Gary Ruggerio (WLFD), Robert Farmer (BHFD), Robert Walsh (HFD), Robert Bycholski (MFD), William Perez (EHFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Thomas Bellmore (SFD).

Public Comments: no public comments

Guest Speaker- No Guest Speaker

Minutes of previous meeting: June Annual Meeting minutes- postponed until September meeting (Perez/Nelson). Approved

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$2051.00 Savings account \$1796.97, 1yr CD \$5,180.06. Motion to accept report (Zessin/Gold) Approved.

Old Business:

Coordinating council meeting minutes- no report

New Business

Task Force 52 drill- Task Force 52 will be conducting a drill on August 10th at a vacant office building on Nicholson road at 6:00pm

Task Force 56 & 54 reassignments- UCONN FD is now reassigned to task force #56 and will provide the EMS support for that task force. Lost Acres FD (Granby) will be part of Task Force #54. All of these changes are now in effect.

Springfield Drill grounds- Some Capitol Region FD's are securing the Springfield Training grounds for Class A fires. The cost for a full day of

burning is \$275.00. If there are any departments that are thinking about renting but do not have enough staff a notice can go out to other departments to participate.

Citizen Corp Council Conference- there will be a 2-day citizen corp conference at Watersedge, Westbrook, T on September 14th & 15th. You can register on-line at CRCOG.org

South Windsor Incident- the hostage and house fire in South Windsor will have a review of the incident at a later date.

Bradley Drill- the 3-year FAA certification drill at Bradley Int'l Airport will be conducted on September 26th from 7am-12noon. Task Force 52 will be utilized and the "red plan" will be contacted for representatives from ESF-2,4,5,6,& 8. It will be up to the ESF-5 staff to actually activate other units or role play through phone calls.

Regional full scale drill- the regional full scale drill scheduled for 9/23 will be postponed until March/June 2010.

Tolland County apparatus designation- the apparatus designation for Tolland County apparatus is being changed to Squads for extrication apparatus, Trucks with a straight stick and Towers with a platform. Once they finish the designations Chief Barton will provide CRFCA with the new wording.

GPS tracking units- it was discussed that the future of the fire departments using GPS tracking is here and we should look at ways GPS tracking can assist FD's in many functions. It was discussed that possibly we could have a vendor come in to a meeting to show the uses and types of GPS units being used now with the Army. These units are the size of a flashlight and can work just like the thermal imaging camera's we now use inside fires.

State Police Communication unit- the State Police communication unit primary mission is to support the State Police but can be used in other types of emergencies. This unit can be utilized during a major incident for a complete communication system that will connect everyone involved with the incident and the command post.

Blue Hills FD NIMS 300/400 class- Blue Hills FD will be conducting a 300/400 class and is offering seats to any CRFCA department. Further information will be sent by Email to CRFCA departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer