

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
September 17, 2009 Minutes

Next Meeting: October 22, 2009
Location: Blue Hills FD, Bloomfield

Convene: This meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Art Gold (BHFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Gary Ruggerio (WLFD), David Billings (MFD), Jay Silver (EHFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Keith Victor (ESF-2), Chris Schroeder (NFD).

Public Comments: no public comments

Guest Speaker- No Guest Speaker

Minutes of previous meeting: June/July Meeting minutes- postponed until October meeting.

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$3376.00 Savings account \$1847.74, 1yr CD \$5,208.26. CD will mature on 9/29/09, suggest we redo the CD for 6-months. Motion to accept report (Riley/Ruggerio) Approved.

Old Business:

Coordinating council meeting minutes- The meeting had a speaker from DEMHS that discussed the grant process. The FY09 process is just beginning. Interoperability is still a concern so some dollars is being held out for that area. "Everbridge ENS" which is IT based is replacing the reverse 911 system at a cost of 1.3 million statewide. There will be local training on the everbridge system in the next 30 days. This system has unlimited call time and is much easier to operate. The State will send out regulations on the system soon. There was a presentation on the H1N1 program and it is now believed that you will only need 1 shot due to possible antibodies already in your system. Infants may need 2 shots because they do not have the antibodies yet. Everyone should pay attention to H1N1 as it will have an effect on the region and we may need to implement regional responses to fire calls.

Citizen Corp event at Watersedge- the 2-day citizen corp conference was a great success and Chief Austin thanked everyone who attended.

FF 1 reimbursement- The FF 1 reimbursement was put back into the CFA budget and departments will be reimbursed as they have in the past before it was suspended. Any classes before July 1st may not get reimbursed if it was during the time reimbursement was suspended.

New Business

Department of Labor ruling- Chief Austin distributed a letter from the department of labor regarding minors. The letter dated August 10, 2009 signed by special investigator Janes Fusaro outlines the type of work employees from 16-18 years old can perform. A copy of the letter will be included in the minutes.

FY07 grant dollars- the FY07 grant had 40k dollars set aside for the upgrading of the salamander system. Chief Austin asked if someone could put an order in to Cheryl at CRCOG before the money is lost. A new camera and added supplies should be purchased.

Narrow banding for radios- Keith Victor presented an overview of the new narrow band policy and asked all departments to review their frequencies to make sure they are set-up for narrow band. Intercity is being completed and some departments may need to purchase other equipment to comply with this FCC requirement.

STOCS box report- Gary Ruggerio reported that there was a drill between Rhode Island and Connecticut with three STOCS boxes being used. Everything worked well and it was good to have 3-boxes at any major event. WEB EOC is up and running very well. HCFEP was shown STOCS box but there is no list of who has the boxes in the region. Bill Austin stated the Duty Officer has a list and anyone needing a STOC's box they should call RICS. ESF-5 will call ESF-2 to get a box to your event.

Salamander system- Asst Chief Billings asked who was using the CAPTAIN system and how can a department get their system active?

DEMHS Merger- Some discussion was floating around that DEMHS may be merged with the Department of Public Safety but it was stopped. DEMHS is a major player with emergency services and regional planning and we need to monitor these actions to make sure DEMHS stays as their own agency. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer