

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF -4
October 16, 2008

Location: Bloomfield F. D.

Convene: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Austin. Introductions were made

Attendance: Jamie DePace (Avon), Michael Trich (Avon), Bob Walsh (HFD), Chris Schroeder (Newington), Roger Nelson, (Brookfield), Art Gold (Blue Hills), James Barton (Warehouse Point), John Shaw (ESF 8), William Perkins (UCONN), Bill Austin (West Hartford), David Celapinski (East Farmington), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Michael Varney (Ellington), Chuck Flynn (Wethersfield), Don Zessin (East Granby), Rich Frahock (New Britain), and Steve Bianchi (Windsor)

Public Comment: None

Minutes of last meeting: a motion was made to accept the September 18, 2008 minutes (Roger Nelson/James Barton) *approved*.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Treasurer Whalen in memo form. Checking account balance is \$2,220.63; savings account balance is \$1,568.70; and CD balance is \$5,057.44. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report (Roger Nelson/Bill Perkins) *approved*. Additionally, a motion was made to pay \$65.00 for six-months of domain service for our CRFCA.org web site (Bill Perkins/Art Gold) *approved*.

Guest speaker: None

Old Business: Minutes for the October 9th DEMHS meeting were distributed and not discussed. An incident management team training meeting to be held October 24th, to kick off team training activities. Tanker strike team 54 is the only tender strike team in the region and operates out of the Farmington Valley. The team is under the control of Chief Roger Nelson and is dispatched through "Farmington Dispatch."

New Business: The December meeting in Newington will be a diner meeting. Email your intentions to attend to dwhalen@bradleyairport.com to keep the attendance and food straight. Salamander updates and training are were conducted this week and task force PDA's that were turned in will be available for pick up after October 20th. A brief discussion took place about the use of borrowed fire apparatus and MOU's to cover liability and damage to the apparatus – no decision was made. Attendees were briefed on the November 15 training on Freedom of Information, explorer guidelines, and firefighter near miss presentations at the Chesser Fire Department. North Central EMS protocols have been updated for EMT, EMR, and Paramedic effective August 2008. The updates are available on the NCCMED web site. A brief by-laws discussion was held and Art Gold of Blue Hills made a motion to visit the by-laws and make needed updates. The motion was seconded by Chuck Flynn of Wethersfield and *approved*. Proposals will be presented by the March 2009 meeting. Chief Varney advised that the Tolland

County Mutual System had a trained swift water rescue team of approximately 20 personnel that had received training in Massachusetts and they are available for mutual aid.

Future Meetings: December 18, 2008 – Newington F. D.; January 15, 2009 – East Hartford F. D.; February 19, 2009 – Wethersfield, F. D.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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