

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
October 22, 2009 Minutes

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2009
Location: Cromwell FD, Coles Road

Convene: This meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President William Austin.

Attendance: Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), William Austin (WHFD), Art Gold (BHFD), Robert Farmer (BHFD), James Barton (WPFD), Dave Czlapinski (FFD), Bob Walsh (HFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Tom Bellmore (SFD), Gary Ruggerio (WLFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Larry Skilton (SWFD).

Public Comments: no public comments

Minutes of previous meeting: June minutes were presented, motion to pass minutes (Czlapinski/Barton) minutes approved. July minutes were presented, motion to approve (Czlapinski/Riley) minutes approved. September minutes were presented, motion to approve (Czlapinski/ Riley) minutes passed.

Treasurers Report: A bill for \$303.51 for yearly billing and 2009 Quickbooks program was presented, motion made to approve bill (Czlapinski/Barton) motion approved. Treasurers report presented-checking account \$3,547.49, savings \$1,873.12 and CD \$5,221.50 for a total balance of \$10,642.11 Motion to accept report (Czlapinski/Barton) Approved.

Old Business:

Coordinating council meeting minutes- Coordinating council report was discussed and available for anyone to review

Bradley Drill- it was discussed that when the "RED" plan was activated nobody was notified. After some discussion it was agreed that the drill did notify players but they were already at the Airport so a formal notification was not needed. This caused some confusion and it would be better in future drill not to have staff pre-staged so the confusion of who is or is not playing and real time deployment would make for a better drill.

There was more discussion about Command in general from other Towns/Cities not understanding the "RED" plan and with more real time

activations and education of command staff could lead to a better “RED” plan program. IMT should shadow the IC for at least ½ hour then they would be able to plug in to the program much easier.

IMT staff needs time to analyze the incident and compile information to plan for the next operational period.

“RED” plan needs better marketing program to include what resources are available and how the “RED” plan can assist an IC at any scene.

The Bradley drill could use controllers to keep the drill on track and use injects or cards to bring them back on track if they stray from the operational goals of the drill.

October 10th there was an S&R drill at the MDC reservoir with ESF-9. Ham operators were used along with the regional ESF-9 team and local FD’s. There was some discussion to have the State USAR & regional ESF-9 teams to get together to discuss CORE functions of each unit and discuss how they can work together. Each team has different reporting structures.

Salamander system- it was discussed that the budget cycle the region is now working on for grants has some money set aside for the salamander system. More stock and a new camera were discussed.

The West Hartford community accountability team that is available can do some quick cards with just a name and disk with the person’s picture as a jpeg, their name, and DOB and SS #. This team usually meet Monday’s from 4-6. The accountability team can also do rapid tag if called upon at a large scale incident or drill.

New Business

Some discussion went into the accountability system and some task forces would like to upgrade the accountability system within the task force and get the command module software to install in a task force computer to receive electronic accountability out in the field. It was agreed that if there was some money left over we would purchase (2) command modules and modems to allow for the electronic PDA to send the electronic accountability to a command post. Doug Whalen will talk to Cheryl regarding this request.

The H.C.F.E.P. thanksgiving meeting (Turkey dinner) will be November 18th at Avon FD 7pm.

“RED” plan issues were discussed and the thought was to have a “RED” plan resource guide in a condensed format laminated for IC to review when

at a scene so resources could be requested at an early stage of the notification process.

MDT's were sent out and only 7 were connected.

Command post committee stated each command post will have a phone system in each command post and this phone system will be able to link to each command post.

STOC's box issue still up in the air, John Gustafson is the STOC box coordinator and his cell is 860-538-9432.

Tolland County is not changing over to codes after consulting with the statewide fire plan.

WEB EOC has shelter lists and resource lists for Fire, Police & Public works

Task Force 57 will be having a drill on Saturday October 24th.

There was a presentation on the Capitol Region Capabilities and the consultant discussed; regional plans should address fire suppression more, define regional event chain of command, review mutual aid agreements and have more regional mutual aid agreements, establish regional mutual aid agreements, utilize drills to experience regional command.

Next meeting – November 19, 2009 Cromwell FD, Coles Rd, December 17th Newington FD (holiday dinner meeting).

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer