

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
October 26, 2006 Minutes

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 30, 2006
Location: New Britain Fire Department

Convene: Called to order at 7:00pm by President William Austin

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Gary Ruggiero (WLFD), Steve Brown (WLFD), Dave Montemerlo (WLFD), Vinny Palmeri (EHFD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Bob Bycholski (MFD), Ray Shedd (MFD), Dave Billings (MFD), Robert Dipetro (MFD), Jim Brown (MFD), John Littell, (TFD), Peter Delap (AFD), Hillel Weisiel (AFD), Tom McMahon (KFD), John Shaw (MMRS), Art Gold (BHFD), Gary Ouellette (MFD), Tom Bellmore (SFD), Tom Romano (SFD), Mike Ciccarelli (HFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), James Barton (WPFD), William Perkins (UCONNFD), Robert Cross (ANGFD), Mark Carr (NBFD)

Minutes of previous meeting: September 28th minutes, passed (Perkins/Lapierre)

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$3,366.76, Savings account \$4,283.57, outstanding bills: \$2,550.00 Motion to accept report (Ruggerio/Carr) Approved.

Old Business:

Salamander technology discussion- There was a 1 ½ hour presentation on the salamander system with active discussion regarding the accountability system (inter TRAX), patient tracking (med TRAX) and inventory tracking (asset TRAX). The salamander sub-committee will have 1 or 2 meetings to discuss the region accountability system purchase and will provide a report to the regional chiefs at the November 30th meeting in New Britain.

Training report- Dan was not available to provide a report but there are numerous training programs available in the region. The training reports are listed on the CREPC website, or departments can call Dan Scace for more information.

Task Force discussion- Chief Austin distributed a draft policy & operation guide for Task Force #56. Task Force #56, consisting of Hartford, West Hartford & East Hartford fire departments will be operational within the regional task force concept. Chief Carr advised New Britain will be working on Task Force #55. As of this date the following Task Forces are operational Task Force #51,52,53,54,56 & 57. Task Force #55 is being worked on with the fire chiefs of that area and Task Force #58 which includes Middletown will be researched by the Middletown Fire Chief.

MDT update- There was some discussion to research having the salamander technology on the MDT system for Command & Control accountability. Chris Brewer has been informed to research this with his sub-committee.

Project P – this project is still active and will be included when discussing the salamander study.

A person with disability training program- nothing to report, will discuss at the November meeting.

Spring 2007 drill- there is planning for a major regional drill in the spring of 2007. More to follow as information becomes available.

EMS summit meeting- the regional EMS chiefs had a summit meeting on October 24th in New Britain. EMS are looking to use the SMART tag system for mass casualties and will be looking to start an inventory system for the regional EMS programs. DPH & MMRS were in attendance and will be supporting this program.

Citizen Corp Council meeting- there are over 160 registered for the conference at Mohegan Sun on October 30th. If anyone is interested they can still register, there is no cost to attend this conference.

New Business:

Chief Gill (NFD) asked if there were any Fire Departments that have information or conducted studies for payment or incentives for retention of firefighters in the volunteer service. This would include pay per call, stipend or yearly payment to a retirement account. Chief Gill asked for the information to be emailed to his office tgill@ci.newington.ct.us

The next meeting will be hosted by Chief Mark Carr, New Britain Fire Department on November 30th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer