

**Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)**  
**ESF-4**  
**November 20, 2008**

**Next Meeting:** December 18, 2008 “*Dinner Meeting*”  
**December meeting Location:** Newington Fire Department, 1485 Main St

**Convene:** Called to order at 7:05pm At Avon FD by Vice President William Perez

**Attendance:** Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int’l Airport FD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Dave Tobias (NBFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), Bob Walsh (HFD), John Horr Jr. (LAFD), Mike Trick (AFD), Robert Cross (CTANGFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), William Perez (EHFD), Jim Bellamo (CFD), James Barton (WPFD), Art Gold (BHFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Bill Riley (BFD)

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting approved (Dipace/Perkins)

**Treasurers Report:** Checking account: \$4,045.63, Savings account \$1,594.09. 1 year CD \$5,071.46 Motion to accept report (Perkins/Barton). Approved.

**Old Business:**

**MDT/Captain System report-** Chief Perez reports that the pilot Towns have the system up and operational. Pilot Towns will be meeting Monday 11/24 to discuss any problems with the testing. East Hartford has the full system working with dispatch sending out the calls from the dispatch center. The only issue that needs to be discussed is the position of the mapping. The issue is to have the vehicle icon always going up and forward and have the maps adjust to the vehicle. The group agreed that this should be the same for all systems, a motion was made (Papa/Gold) to have the vendor adjust the system to have the maps adjust to the vehicle. Motion passed. A question was asked if other Towns could start installing the modems while waiting for the testing to be completed. There was not an answer available at this meeting but Chief Perez will ask CRCOG if this is possible. When units are installing modems it is important to install a CAT 5 or CAT 6 line along with the modem line for future expansion.

**Salamander system update-** the salamander system is getting an upgrade the first week in December. All PDA’s, Host programs and ID systems will be upgraded at no charge. There will be training available for all Connecticut Fire Services that use salamander while their equipment is being upgraded. The training will be conducted at the CT Fire Academy

**By-Laws committee-** Nothing to report

**Task Force & Strike team updates-** the capitol region ESF-4 duty officers have put together some strike teams to expand on the taskforce program already in place. Pumper

strike teams, aerial strike teams and rescue strike teams have been identified and more information will follow at future meetings.

### **New Business**

Decon Trailers- The Manchester DECON Unit is being transferred to Hartford FD. When another unit becomes available it will be issued to Enfield FD.

Medical Monitoring program- the medical monitoring program for the region is being presented to ESF-4 (CRFCA) for implementation. Once this procedure is accepted by the CRFCA it will be distributed to all of the area Fire & EMS programs. Chief Dipace asked to have the program outline reviewed over the next month and vote on it at the December meeting. ESF-8 has already reviewed this program and will provide their staff with the procedure.

Tax registration- Doug Whalen reported that he registered the CRFCA with the State Department of Revenue services as a service provider for a State tax registration number. This was needed for the bank when we took out a CD.

CREC donation- a letter was received from CREC which is a public safety school in the capitol region requesting donations for school uniforms. A motion was made (Perkins/Bellamo) to donate \$250.00 to the school from CRFCA. Motion passed. It was suggested to have a letter go out to each department in the Capitol Region for donations from each department social organization. Doug Whalen will contact Wayne Rioux and have a letter sent out.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Whalen  
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer