

# Capitol Region Fire Chiefs

## Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

**Next Meeting: January 15, 2015 Newington Fire Department 1485 Main Street**

**Attendance:** Lapierre, Trick, Farr, Barton, Nelson, Rykowski, Riley, Regina, Flynn, Provencher, Arcari, Feldman

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes were sent via email, motion to accept minutes as presented, Nelson seconded by Riley, motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** All invoices for yearly dues have been sent out. Checking account balance is 4156.75, Savings account balance is 4175.36, for a total of 8332.18. Motion to accept report as presented Regina, seconded by Flynn, motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

Educational committee- D.C. Regina reported that he is working on getting Lt. Paul Vance from C.S.P. More information as it becomes available.

Fees exploratory committee- At a standstill.

Fire Captain Update- President Barton suggested we get a new point person for this committee, anyone interested please contact him.

Command Boards- they are close to being delivered to departments.

Task Force Activations/Duty Officers Still working on setting up a joint meeting between us and Hartford County.

### **New Business:**

Legislative Big push coming up from E.M.S. on medical command and control at scenes. We will need to watch this carefully. Remember if we work under Unified

Command, they will have control of medical situations through the command structure.

Ted Schroll is stepping down from the Legislative committee at the end of the year. Chief Flynn stated if you need any issues brought up to please contact him.

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### **Chiefs Round Table:**

Mike Trick -Encourages all to attend VCOS for great information and programs.

Has heard that Firehouse Software is coming out with some updates.

House fire in Canton was through the roof on arrival and Avon was called for mutual aid.

Jim Barton- Thank you to Chief Arcari for a great dinner, all agreed.

Bob Regina- Grants are open for submissions, we have until December 05, 2014 to complete. We will be submitting for SCBA replacement. We have found that contact to your Senators and Representatives is helpful.

Bill Riley- Hartford County attendance is slipping just like our organization. People's time is very valuable, as we see tonight, attendance is way down from previous years for this great dinner. T. Lapierre commented that he is concerned with the attendance at the last three meetings and wants to discuss the expenditure of funds for the Holiday dinner. The average cost has been about 700.00 dollars and if we only have 12-15 members attending, it is a lot of work and too high a cost to pass on to the organization. A motion was made to skip the December meeting and dinner and to reconvene in January. Motion passed. Newington will host the January meeting.

Earl Provencher- Enfield is experiencing numerous arson fires. They have a suspect and are watching no further details at this time.

General discussion from the floor is that we need to research combining /merging our groups together. Most of the same players are in multiple organization, and we need to remember we are the Chiefs of the organizations we are representing.

There was a good amount of discussion on the duty officers and Hartford County. There seems to be duplication of efforts and can get confusing. J. DiPace feels the officers of this organization need to meet and state how this body would like the system to work. He feels we are the Chiefs and it we should be calling the shots on what we want and need, not the duty officers. J. Barton will contact County to set a meeting so we can review procedures.